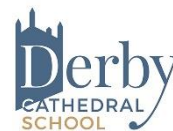


This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 20th November 2023



Proverbs 14: 23 says: **“Hard work always pays off; mere talk puts no bread on the table.”**

For us at DCS this is a reminder that no matter how job roles may change in the future, it is still important to try your best and that hard work is what leads to rewards.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been great this week to see student leadership in action. Our participation in Derby's white ribbon campaign was started by one of our year 7 students – see article for more details. One of our year 11 tutor groups carried on their year group's focus on social action by doing a staff car wash to raise money for their chosen charity. This was especially appreciated given what a cold day it was! They did a great job and helped many of their teachers as well as their charity. Our year 12 students have started their 'Endeavours' too. Endeavours are different activities that provide opportunities for the Sixth Form to develop skills and experience that support their personal development. We really appreciate the support from staff in setting these up; the students have 47 different activities to choose from! We will feature more of this in a future newsletter.

Attendance to school is absolutely critical for learning. Whilst we are proud that our school attendance is above national levels, we still have just over 20% of students with an attendance of 90% or less. An attendance of 90% means that they lose an average of half a day every week and an attendance of 80% or less means that they lose an average of at least a day a week. It is extremely difficult for students to catch up on their learning from missed lessons. We urge all students to try their best to be in school and to strive to have an attendance of at least 95%. As we move into December next week, we know that students can sometimes be more prone to winter coughs and colds so please take care to look after yourselves and avoid illnesses and time off school. Our attendance team do regular home visits and will visit students if we haven't heard from them after 3 days.

The Bible verse of the week will certainly have meaning for our year 11 students who have now finished their first round of mock exams. A big well done to them all for showing tenacity over the past three weeks. It is really important that they use the results to identify exactly what they need to focus on with their future revision and prepare for their next mocks in February.

As a final reminder, school finishes early at 2.10pm on Tuesday 28 November due to the year 12 parents' evening. Friday 1 December is also an INSET day where school is closed for all students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

White Ribbon Campaign

This week we have been supporting Derby's 'White Ribbon' Campaign. Derbyshire Cricket club and Derby County Football Club are key supporters of this campaign that is about men/boys raising awareness to stop violence against women and girls. Derby Youth Alliance has made a short video (See link below) which features local sportsmen and Derby youth giving their voice to the campaign phrase of: **'stand up, speak out, change the story'** in regard to violence against women and girls.

The film was made by young people from Derby in conjunction with Derby Youth Council, Derby Youth theatre and the city council.

We are really grateful to one of our year 7 students who has been a strong supporter of this campaign and helped us with highlighting this to all of our students too.

Please do take a few minutes to have a look at the video below. It would also be great to watch this with your child at home and/or discuss the content with them.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hWHtB8qnlM>

Year 10 Information Evening

This week we held our first information evening for year 10. It was great to see both students and parents/carers support this. The evening consisted of the opportunity to collect the latest report for their child and receive a short talk from Miss Nicholson (Head of Year) and Mr Emberley (Assistant Headteacher). Their talk highlighted the importance of year 10 and how this year has more content and teaching towards their GCSEs than year 11 does!

It is really important for students to get into good study habits at the start of year 10 to make sure that they keep up with their studies and learn how to revise regularly rather than leave this to the last minute.

Parents/carers also received some important information about revision guides and helpful websites.

Parents/carers were able to ask questions and speak to Miss Nicholson and Mr Emberley. A big thank you for coming to support.

This information will be provided for those who were unable to attend.

Free Winter Fair

Saturday 2nd December 2023 – 11am – 4pm

ENTRY – FREE

Landau Forte College's Winter Fair is back, bigger and better!

Landau Forte College invite you to this exceptional event which will have lots of stalls showcasing a large variety of products. This is a free event, open to the general public. The extremely popular Santa's Grotto will return for those magical Christmas moments, with access to crafting tables, where you can help the elves create a variety of Christmas decorations, write and post your letter to Santa, a snowman hunt, gift and printed photo with the big man himself.

There will be over 50 stalls, to shop and browse from including lots of festive food and drinks to enjoy throughout the day.

Come along and use the money off voucher to get £1.00 off the grotto price.

These are available on the day or from the College between 3:30 – 5pm.

For more information regarding the event please e-mail; winterfair@landau-forte.org.uk

Landau Forte College – Fox Street – Derby, DE1 2LF



Dates Ahead

Key Dates in the Autumn Term

28 November: Year 12 Parents' Evening (early finish of 2.10pm for all students)

29 November: Year 7 – 11 Flu Immunisations

1 December: INSET day. School closed for all students

20 December: Christmas Dinner day!

Term Dates

Friday 22 December: break up for Christmas holiday (12pm early finish for all students)

Monday 8 January: return to school

Friday 16 February: break up for Spring half term

Monday 26 February: return to school

Thursday 28 March: Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 15 April: return to school

Friday 24 May: break up for Summer half term

Monday 3 June : return to school

Tuesday 23 July: break up for Summer holiday (early finish for all students, exact time tbc)

INSET Days – school closed to all students

Friday 1st December

Monday 5th February

Friday 28th June

Term and key dates can also be found on our calendar and terms dates sections on the school website.