This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 21st October 2024

In the Old Testament (Psalm 33) it says:

"Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for you to praise him. Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre. Sing to him a new song; play skilfully, and shout for joy."

For us at DCS this is a reminder that God has given us the skills and abilities to make music and that He enjoys it when we do!

Dear Parents/Carers,

This half term seems to have gone very quickly. We've definitely moved into Autumn weather and are in the full swing of school life. Our students have had seven weeks of getting used to school routines, meeting expectations and focusing on their studies. The definitely deserve a rest over half term!

I know that our year 11 students will be doing some important revision ready for their PPEs (mock exams) when we come back after half term. They will also need to ensure they get a good balance between rest and revision next week.

Our Bible verse of the week is a lovely reminder of the importance of song which often enables us to focus on joy, praise and positivity. This week DDAT had a special day to celebrate its 10th year anniversary. Pupils from all DDAT schools came together to form a trust choir where they same and signed (using BSL – British Sign Language) together. We're really looking forward to seeing the video which showcases the rehearsals in each school and the final result! A great reminder of the power of music to bring life and joy to all of us; a great support for our wellbeing.

Please do take some time to read the article about 'Ada Lovelace' day; a day for our female students to experience STEM activities together. We were so impressed with how they conducted themselves and we hope that this inspired them to consider a career in STEM.

Just another reminder that next week is half term (Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November) and Monday 4 November is an INSET day. School is closed to all students on those days and we will re-open on Tuesday 5 November.

I wish you all a good week.

Yours faithfully

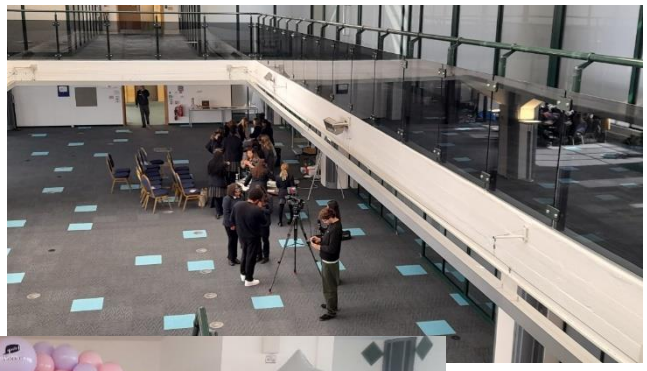
Mrs Brown

Ada Lovelace Day

Every 2nd Tuesday in October, the world celebrates Ada Lovelace Day; a day in which we champion women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). As part of this day, the Nottingham based charity Pioneer held their annual Ada Lovelace Day event, which we were lucky enough to be invited to.

13 of our female Year 9 students travelled to Nottingham to meet women who work on different areas of STEM and get hands on with some activities. Our young women really enjoyed the day, saying it exceeded their expectations, and the staff at the event commented on how lovely our students were, so much so that we were chosen to be interviewed throughout the day to document it for future advertisements (keep your eyes peeled!!).

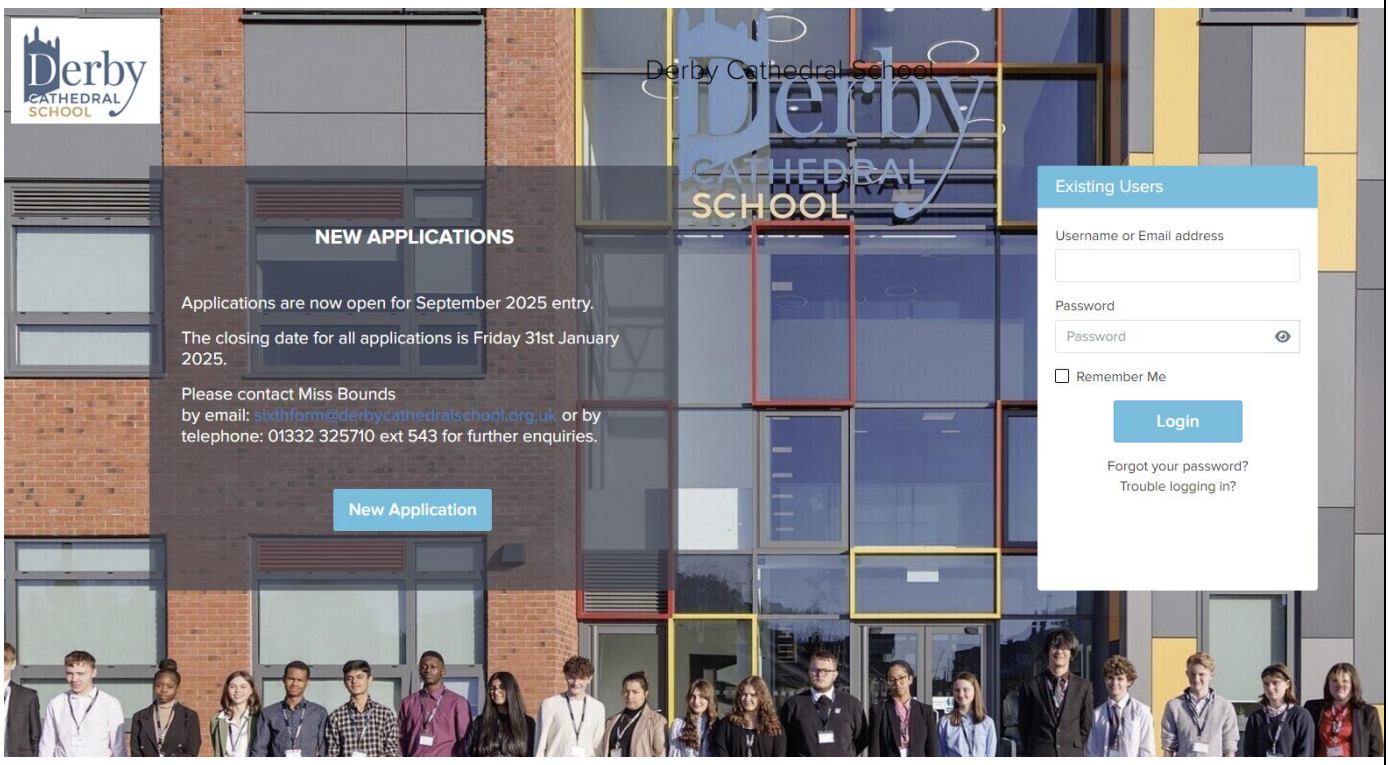
What a great day! Well done girls 😊



Sixth Form Applications

Applications can be made directly on our website: https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions

If you click the 'Application' link it takes you to the page below.
Our current students are already in the system and just need to enter their school email and password in the 'Existing Users' box to start their application.



If you weren't able to make it, or you want to investigate a few more courses, don't forget to look at our prospectus and subject videos on our website. They can all be found on the Sixth Form Admissions page (see link above).

The deadline for applications is **Friday 31st January.**

Flu Vaccine – December 2024

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/568cf314

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on Tuesday 3rd December 2024. The link will close on the 19th November 2024. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2024, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5.

Free English Classes for Adults

Derby Adult Learning Service are offering a range of free (funded by UK government) English classes to support parents/carers improve their English skills within a family context such as the school system, healthy eating, parents' roles and responsibilities to support their child, keeping healthy, wellbeing, making appointments, engaging with their child's school.

Classes are available in Family Hubs around Derby. Please see below:

Osmaston Allenton Family Hub, 60 Cockayne Street North, Allenton, Derby

DE24 8XB. Starting Monday 16th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 956850

Rosehill Family Hub, 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby, DE23 6WY.

Starting Tuesday 17th September, 12.30-2.30pm. Phone - 01332 641315

Becket Children's Centre, 35 Stockbrook Steet, Derby, DE22 3WR.

Starting Wednesday 18th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 640250

Sinfin Children's Centre, 345 Sinfin Lane, Derby DE24 9SF.

Starting Thursday 19th September, 9.30-11.30amPhone - 01332 956967

Mackworth Morley Family hub, Reigate Drive, Derby, DE22 4EQ.

Starting Friday 20th September, 9.30-11.30am. Phone - 01332 208175

Community Pharmacy First Services

NHS
Providing NHS services

Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment

- **Sinusitis**
  (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**
  (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**
  (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**
  (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**
  (adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**
  (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

NHS Cadets Opportunity

St. John's Ambulance and the NHS have partnered up to offer an exciting free programme called the NHS Cadets.

NHS Cadets' mission is to attract young people to careers in healthcare and develop their skills to the point where they are self-sufficient in health volunteer opportunities.

The programme will assist young people in not only acquiring new skills and knowledge but also gaining hands-on experience in the NHS through a 36-week programme (2 hours per week, not including work experience).

There is currently an Advanced Programme starting soon in Derby aimed at 16-18 year olds.

Pathways into healthcare | sja.org.uk/nhscadets

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Join NHS Cadets today

Reach your potential with NHS Cadets and learn the skills you need to support vital healthcare teams across the country.

NHS Cadets is a Programme created by St John Ambulance in partnership with the NHS. It's designed to provide you with the opportunity to explore roles in healthcare and prepare for volunteering.

The programme consists of two pathways: Foundation (for 14–16-year-olds) and Advanced (for 16–18-year-olds). You'll learn about a range of exciting healthcare topics, develop your leadership and communication skills, and gain insight into volunteering within the NHS.

It is a free programme consisting of 2-hour weekly sessions over 36 weeks. You'll be supported throughout your journey by our NHS Cadets Team.

Who can get involved?

Our Cadets come from a diverse range of backgrounds - there is no 'typical' NHS Cadet. If you identify with one or more of these statements, our programme would be a good match for you.

- I'm from a minority ethnic group
- I consider myself part of the LGBTQI+ community, or I'm questioning
- I'm not in education, employment or training, or I'm at risk of this
- I'm struggling with my progress at school or college
- I live in care, or I've recently left care
- I provide regular care or support for someone
- I receive free school meals
- I have mental health concerns
- I consider myself to have a disability or impairment
- I consider myself neurodivergent, or I have special educational needs
- I am seeking asylum, or I'm a refugee

If you're unsure whether you fit into one of these categories or wish to discuss something else, please don't hesitate to email one of our friendly team at nhscadets@sja.org.uk

How do I get involved?

New programmes are opening all the time and even if we don't currently have one in your area you will be added to the waiting list ready for when we have one close enough to you. Or we may be able to put you on a virtual group so that you can take part from the comfort of home.

To learn more, find your local programme and apply, please visit https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/.

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Dates Ahead

Term Dates
28th October – 1st November – Half Term
23rd December – 3rd January – Christmas Break

INSET Days – School closed to all students
4th November

Parents Evenings / Opening Evenings
19th November – Y10 Information / Parent Evening
28th January 2025 – Y11 Parents Evening 3-6pm – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

Other Key Dates

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