

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 22 May 2023



In the New Testament book of Hebrews 13:16 it says:

“Do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

Here at DCS this encourages us to do good things and to share these with others. This includes making sure the content we put on-line is positive, caring and helpful.

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

We've had a good final week of this half term and we've all enjoyed the beautiful weather and being able to be outside more during breaks and lunchtimes.

You will see that our bible verse of the week was focusing on 'integrity' this week and in particular how we behave online. A few weeks ago, we gave some information about support for parents in negotiating the online world for young people. The NSPCC have some excellent, up-to-date information on about online safety. We'd also always recommend that parents/carers monitor their child's online usage especially on platforms such as Tik Tok, SnapChat, Instagram and WhatsApp. These all have age restrictions with most of them at least only allowed for those aged 13 and above. You can check these restrictions online.

As a reminder:

In order to keep up to date and enable yourselves to keep your child/children safe, please have a look at the following websites which provide helpful information for parents.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The following page contains many helpful guides for parents on all sorts of topics relating to how young people use their devices, apps, games and various content on the internet

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

If you are concerned about any online communication your child has been involved with, then you can report this directly to the police or here: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

As we move into the final half term of the year, we'd also like to remind parents/carers about our uniform rules and changes from September to black skirts and trousers. We understand that some parents/carers have needed to buy these now but please be aware that the style of skirt allowed has not changed. More details on the style of skirts, trousers and shoes will be sent out soon as we are aware you will be thinking about uniform for the new academic year.

I wish you all a very happy, relaxed and sunny half term. Many thanks again for all of your support for DCS, it makes a real difference.

Mrs Brown

Meet The Team

Meet The Geography Team!

Left – Right:

Ms Woodward, Mr Attenborough, Mr Capon

Ms Woodward, who is Head of Geography, and Mr Capon, who is also Head of Year 11.

Ms Woodward is a human geographer, who has particular interests in resource management and environmental geography. Away from school, she enjoys sports and runs, cycles, and plays and coaches cricket and hockey.

Mr. Capon is a physical geographer who is particularly interested in the weather and weather forecasting, and seeing just how easy it is to get it wrong. Outside school, he enjoys the outdoors and spends time away whenever he can, enjoying the amazing countryside that the UK has to offer.

Together, they both run our Duke of Edinburgh scheme. We currently deliver both the Bronze and Silver awards. As we open our sixth form, we are hoping to run the Gold award too.

You can also see that they are joined in the middle by David Attenborough – don't get too excited though, he is a cardboard cut out who was bought as a gift from one of Ms Woodward's groups and has pride of place in her classroom!



Year 8 eNuture Computing lessons

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Year 8 had a special double computing lesson delivered by a Computer Science lecturer from the University of Derby. They worked in groups to create a computer game plot and set. They modelled the characters out of clay and built the set and background out of Lego.

The games, characters and sets are now going to be taken back to the university to be made into animated computer games.

We're really grateful to the university for providing this experience and to Mrs Edwards for organising and supporting it.

Year 8 thoroughly enjoyed the experience and have a new insight into how this technology can be part of a career pathway.

Year 11 update

Year 11 had a great time on Friday morning as they had their year group photo taken. It was fantastic to have such glorious weather for it and the whole event had a lovely feeling of camaraderie. We will be in touch when the photo is ready for purchasing.

In the afternoon, they also had an information session that covered their celebration morning (Thursday 22 June), their prom (Wednesday 28 June), some top tips on how to keep going for the last 2 weeks of their exams and visit from the National Citizen Service.

Just as a reminder, the majority of the year group will have their final exam on 16 June. They will leave site straight after their exam on that day. There are different timings for the different physics and geography exams so they will leave at different times. After this day, they only need to come back into school if they have another exams (Food and/or Further Maths) and for their celebration event on 22 June.

They also received an information session from the National Citizen Service (NCS). This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to take part in some excellent activities over the summer that help both themselves and others. They take part in team building activities as well as a social action project. The NCS website is: <https://wearencs.com/> and Miss Rowley, our careers advisor, has sent more information to all year 11 parents/carers about how to sign up. This is a national scheme which always has fantastic feedback so we hope many of our year 11s are inspired to join in.

As you turn your thoughts to leaving, we'd really appreciate any uniform donations of blazers, jumpers and PE kits. After their final exam, please can any donations be taken to main reception where they'll be received with gratitude.

Food Banks and 0-16yr old Clothes Banks

0-16 Clothes Bank – TOGS – Tel Anthea on 07989 117929.

TOGS is situated at 11-12 Friargate (opposite the Smith Partnership Offices) DE1 1BU.

Food Banks – Derby City Mission, 10 Normanton Road, Derby DE1 2GW.

Community Shop (no money needed) and Café on - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to midday.

Food Bank and Debt advice (no appointment needed):

Tuesday 10 to midday St Peters Church, DE1 1NN

Wednesday 10am – midday St. Augustine's Church, Normanton, DE23 8BP

Wednesday 10am – midday West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road (next to Britannia Mill). DE22 3BL

Thursday 11am - 1pm St Phillips Church, Taddington Road, Chaddesden, DE21 4JU

Thursday 11:30am – 1:30pm Osmaston/ Allenton Children's Centre, 60 Cockayne St N, Allenton, DE24 8XB
(2nd and 4th Thursday of the month only)

Thursday 10am – midday Bramblebrook Community Centre, Stockbrook St, Derby, DE22 3WH

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance – Tel 01332 346266 – Emergency Food Assistance

Derby City Life Links - Tel 0800 0322202

Springwater Charity Chellaston – Tel 07832 653255 / 07311 465841

Keeping Safe in the Holidays

Safeguarding concerns

If you have any concerns related to safeguarding then please do contact either social services or the police. If you feel that a child is in immediate danger then call 999.

Derby City Children's Social Care First Contact Team: 9am to 5pm 01332 641172 or out of hours 01332 956606

You can also report non-urgent concerns online

https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/report_concerns_about_a_child

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should **call the police on 999 or if less urgent 101**.

Alternatively if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 0845 123 33 33

You can also keep the safeguarding team informed of any concerns or issues. However, please note that they are not in work so should not be used to report safeguarding concerns to over the holidays. Please feel welcome to email just to keep them informed of any situations but be aware that they may not respond until school begins again on 17 April. safeguarding@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

The following helplines give support and advice on a number of issues including personal safety, mental health and well-being.

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC – 0800 028 3550 www.nspcc.org.uk

Samaritans – 116 123

Shout – www.giveusashout.org Text Shout to 85258 This is a text helpline for anyone feeling anxious, worried or stressed and needing to talk to someone about it.

Kooth – www.kooth.com This is an online counselling service for young people

Relate counselling – 0808 178 9363 (free helpline for couples, children and those affected by Autistic Spectrum Condition. Available: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am – 1.00pm. The helpline gives people the opportunity to speak directly to an experienced Relate trained counsellor, without having to make an appointment. For further information contact 01332 349177 or 07741193484 or email info@relatederby.org.uk www.relatederby.org.uk

Online Safety Parent Support www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/

ChatHealth – For students aged 11-19 needing advice around emotional health, contact ChatHealth on 07507327104

Dates Ahead

For all key dates please see the calendar on the school website under the information tab:

<https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/calendar>

Holiday & term dates

School closes for half term: Friday 26 May

School opens for summer half term 2: Monday 5 June

Year 12 Induction day: 26 June

Year 11 Prom: 28 June

Year 6 transition days: 4 – 6 July

School closes for summer holiday: Friday 21 July (early lunchtime finish)

Parents' Evenings and INSET days:

Tuesday 27 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

Friday 30 June: INSET day – school closed for all students

Year 11 exams start on 15 May (the art exam is earlier than this) and continue into the end of June. 28 June is the 'contingency day' which may be used if exams have to be postponed for extreme reasons such as the Covid pandemic. Individual timetables will be provided to students soon.

The term dates for next academic year are now available on the school website on the 'Term Dates' page.