

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 22 April 2024



In Romans Chapter 5 it says:

"...we know that suffering (and challenge) produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope."

For us at DCS, this is a reminder that when life is at its most difficult and challenging, if we show tenacity and persevere not only will our characters develop, but we will also create hope.

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of the month of April, we're looking forward to getting stuck into exam season!

Our year 9 and 11 students impressed us this week with their attitudes and conduct towards their exams.

Year 11 had a week of their Spanish speaking exams. Although many felt a little nervous, they tried hard and showed how organised and focused they are towards their exams.

Our year 9 students experienced exams in the Sports Hall in English, Maths and Science. This experience is really important each year as it helps them to get used to the examination environment.

The students' experiences with assessments and exams link to the verse of the week. In life, we often face some difficult circumstances that we find very challenging. It is always very tempting to do what we can to avoid the difficulty. However, as the Bible verse says, working through our challenges does build our character. It helps us to become more resilient and to be able to face other difficulties in the future. Our FAITH value of Tenacity is therefore really important for our students to focus on as they face challenges with exams. We're so proud that many of them do so and we can see how they are growing and developing in their character.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork

Our Year 12 A Level Geography students went to the Rosliston Centre this week to complete some fieldwork activities.

The pictures below show them undertaking their water and carbon fieldwork. After lunch they worked in the centre on some analysis and write ups which are essential exam skills. They also saw some day-old goslings (see the picture below) – how cute! The young dragonflies they spotted were far too quick for them to capture on a photo but it's great to see the signs of nature in Springtime.

As always, our students do us and themselves proud; a rambler came up to ask which school they were with and commented on their exemplary behaviour.

A big thank you to Rosliston education @RoslistonEnvEd for their support and obviously Mrs Woodward and team Geography for their support.



Fabulous Sporting Success!

A huge congratulations to the year 8 boys in the picture below. They won the county finals in the Sports Hall championship this week. Having got through the first round well, Miss Woodward was feeling hopeful for the finals but also recognised what a stiff competition it is. The boys were incredible and came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all of the competitions!

Miss Woodward commented: 'Super proud of these boys today. They were an absolute privilege to take to this event, bursting with every DCS FAITH value!'



Derby Cathedral School Year 8 County Sports Hall Champions 2024

Well done boys – we're all really proud of you!

Year 12 History Visit

Mr Adler, Mr Keene and Year 12 historians were treated to a talk about ancient history and archaeology by Dr Jack Lennon who works at the University of Leicester. Dr Lennon is a specialist in Roman religion and magic. The students were fascinated by the stories that he told about the ancient world and the influence that it has had on modern societies. They particularly enjoyed the chance to discuss the significance of Roman artefacts one of which was a translation of the last will and testament of a piglet!

Dr Lennon also explained what university was like, the types of careers that would be open to graduates and the opportunities that were available. We were surprised to hear that graduates of ancient history go into careers as diverse as accountancy and video game development. He also explained to students what a typical week in the life of an ancient history student would involve and inspired us all to find out more about the benefits of a university education. The students have been invited to a University of Leicester open day in the summer which is open to all prospective students.

More details can be found here: <https://le.ac.uk/open-days>

For those of you unable to travel that far, the University of Derby is also holding several open days and more details can be found here:

<https://www.derby.ac.uk/open-days/undergraduate/>



SUMS Nottingham University Trip

A group of Year 12 girls attended an event at Nottingham University this week all about SUMS (Steps to University for Mathematical Students)!

This event is for enthusiastic Year 12 female Maths students who are considering studying Maths or a closely related subject at university.

The programme included the following sessions:

Slow Maths – Working in small groups on an extended problem.

Speed Networking – An opportunity to quiz current university students about aspects of university life.

Early Career Showcase – Presentations from young women using Mathematics in their jobs.

Applying to University – Information about the additional requirements for studying mathematics at several universities.



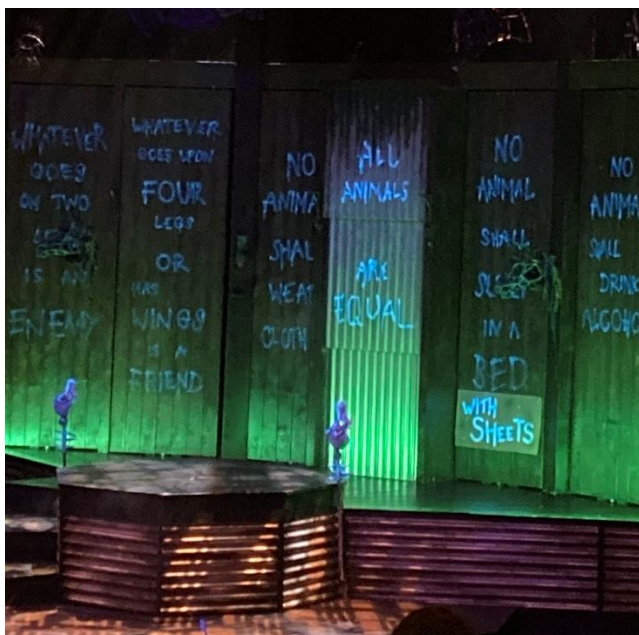
Derby Theatre Animal Farm Visit

On Thursday 29th February Y10 GCSE drama students, along with some Y9 students who had opted to take GCSE drama, went to Derby Theatre to watch a production of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*.

It was a brand new production of the chilling and timeless classic, which included a clever and gritty use of the set; effective staging and props to help bring the animals and location to life; lighting and sound to add to this and the intense atmospheres, and a very tight ensemble of actors who successfully multi-rolled. It was the physicality of the actors that instantly allowed you to understand their animal character – and it seemed to be this talent in front of them that impressed our students the most.


What was most pleasing, was that this tale about the corruption of power, translated so well to the students (who had not previously studied the text). The conversations they were able to have and the observations they made, showed just how much they understood and were able to articulately question elements in our own society (I'm sure Orwell would have seen it as an injustice of the production if this had not been the case).

It was an enjoyable and thought-provoking visit – and I think the Y9s are excited for becoming GCSE drama students!



New Zealand Community Association

The local New Zealand Community Association has given us their community events and support leaflet to share with parents and carers which features a number of local events and support available for families. Please have a look below and feel free to share.




PANTRY SUPPORT

NZCA
At the heart of our community

If you are feeling the squeeze at this difficult time, why not pop along to our Pantry Support Project at the Lonny Wilsoncroft Community Centre on Stepping Lane, DE1 1GL. Every Wednesday 1pm-5pm

Please bring 2 forms of ID with you, (one photographic if possible) to verify that you live in the Morley/New Zealand area, and you can become a member.

There is a small charge of £1.50 to use this service.



PANTRY SUPPORT



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday 18th May | Doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start

Join us and try your luck in a friendly environment!
Come along and bring your friends!
Refreshments on sale

Hosted By: NZCA

The Lonny Wilsoncroft Centre,
Stepping Lane,
Derby,
DE1 1GL



(Corner of Bass Street and Radbourne Street)

EVENTS IN MAY & JUNE 2024

Open Door @ Barney's: Wednesday 1st May and Wednesday 5th June

2 – 4 pm

If you would like some company, a cuppa and an opportunity to chat, come along to Open Door.

Drop in anytime between 2pm & 4pm on the above Wednesdays.

Everyone is

welcome come on your own or bring a friend. Board games will also be available.

Toddler Group: Thursdays 9.30 – 11.30 am (term time)

Free play, songs and snacks for under 5s, parents/carers. £1 per first child, siblings 50p, under 9 months free. No need to book, just turn up.

FAB Club: Fridays 5.15 – 6.45 pm (term time)

Stories, crafts, games, refreshments & fun! For children aged 4 – 12 (reception to year 7)

**Litter Picking: Saturday 18th May and Saturday 15th June
10 – 11 am**

Meet at church for a 10 am start and wear suitable gloves. Anyone is welcome to come along. A great way to clean up litter in our local area and enjoy fellowship with each other at the same time.

For more information on the above events, please contact the church office on (01332) 370035 or email: office@stbd.org.uk.

Our main service is at 10.30 am each Sunday. For other services and activities, please visit our website: stbd.org.uk.

'To know Jesus as Lord and to share His love with our local community'

Word of the Week

Our 'word of the week' this week is: **Feature**

Please do speak to your child/children about this word. Challenge them to use it in a sentence or explain its meaning to you. The information below will hopefully help!

Feature means: A distinctive attribute or aspect of something OR A newspaper article devoted to the treatment of a particular topic.

Etymology: The study of the origin (beginning) of words:

Late Middle English (originally denoting the form or proportions of the body, or a physical feature): from Old French *faiture* 'form', from Latin *facture* (see *facture*).

'Feature' in Spanish – Característica / Artículo

Other similar words are:

Characteristic

Attribute

Trait

Hallmark

Examples of how to use Devote in a sentence are:

- It may even **feature** a sky-high hotel on its top floors.
- There was a ten-minute short before the main **feature**.
- Her huge round eyes were her most prominent **feature**.

Staying Mentally Healthy During Exam Time

As we head towards the main exam time, it's worth revising how we can support young people at what can be a very stressful time.

Young Minds have a series of support pages aimed to help with exam stress and anxiety. Their advice is available to help parents and carers and, of course, young people themselves. You can find this helpful advice at the links below:

[Parents](#)

[Young people](#)

These links have also been added to our school website under Information – Exams and Performance.

Holiday Cycling Activities

Please see posters below for Cycle Derby Holiday activity posters for the May half term.



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MAY HALF TERM
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
2024

Holiday Club £25
Markeaton Park **6-12 Years**

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride

29th May
10.30am - 1pm

New to two wheels
Markeaton Park **4-8 Years**

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

£10

Wednesday 29th May
10am - 11am

All activities must be booked in advance
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

www.cyclederby.co.uk







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MAY HALF TERM
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
2024

Trackdays
Day Session at Derby Arena
9-16 Years **£35**

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

28th May
9am - 2pm

All activities must be booked in advance
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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MAY HALF TERM
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
2024

Learn to Ride
at Markeaton Park

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time or those who have *almost* mastered it. Own bike preferred but not essential. **£20**

50 Minute Sessions available

29th May 1.30pm or 2.30pm
30th & 31st May
10am, 11am, 12noon
1.30pm or 2.30pm

All activities must be booked in advance
To book sessions please email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk or call 07972 268171

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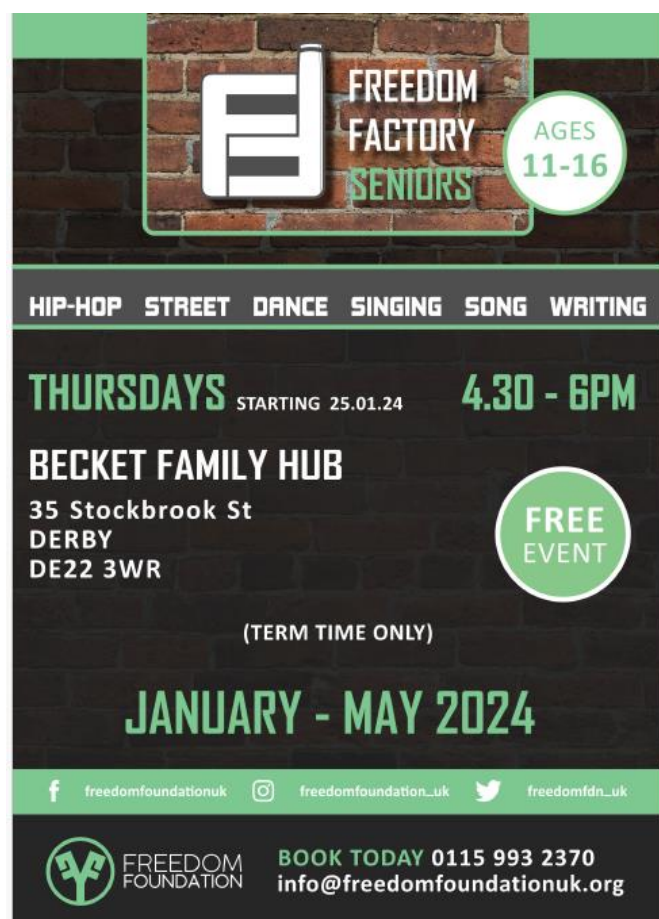




Performing Arts Workshops

Freedom Foundation is a local workshop run by the Becket Family Hub that works to improve the mental well-being and resilience of young people using Performing Arts.

They run a series of free workshops every Thursday at the Becket Family Hub and have invited Derby Cathedral School students to attend. These workshops are beneficial for any student who is interested in the performing arts, looking for more experience in the arts industry, struggling with mental wellbeing, looking for new opportunities, interested in music/song writing and wanting to have fun! They are limited to only 20 places from Derby Cathedral School so do get in touch with them if it is something your child may be interested in!



FREEDOM FACTORY SENIORS AGES 11-16

HIP-HOP STREET DANCE SINGING SONG WRITING

THURSDAYS STARTING 25.01.24 **4.30 - 6PM**


BECKET FAMILY HUB
35 Stockbrook St
DERBY
DE22 3WR

FREE EVENT

(TERM TIME ONLY)

JANUARY - MAY 2024

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 **FREEDOM FOUNDATION** **BOOK TODAY 0115 993 2370**
info@freedomfoundationuk.org



FREEDOM FACTORY SENIORS

 **BOOK HERE**

FREE EVENT

Derby City Council  **FREEDOM FOUNDATION**  **Family Hub Derby**  **Community Action**

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 **BOOK TODAY 0115 993 2370**
info@freedomfoundationuk.org

National Saturday Club

NSC (National Saturday Club) is a free group that runs every Saturday for students ages 13 – 16.

<https://saturday-club.org/subject/society-change/>

Their theme this year is 'Society & Change.' The group is a powerful and positive experience for students and offers some wonderful activities, including a trip to London and workshops with notable artists.

"From climate change and conflict to new technologies and taking action, at the Society & Change Saturday Club you will explore the forces that are shaping the world today and discover how young people have a voice to influence the future. Club members will find out about different cultures and life in other countries, including what it is like to be a young person in other parts of the world, and will also be introduced to a range of jobs and careers from foreign policy and diplomacy to journalistic reporting and international charity work."

Have a look at the poster and Derby group schedule below, and use the link above to sign up if you are interested!



National Saturday Club Derby Schedule - Society & Change

Week #1 (02/03/24): Introduction at the University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB

Week #2 & #3 (09/03/24 & 16/03/24): Derby Theatre

Week #4 (23/03/24): Derwent Family Hub

Week #5 (20/04/24): Becket Family Hub

Week #6 to Week #9 (27/04/24 to 18/05/24): University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB
Including week 7 (04/05/24) Masterclass with breakdancing Derby legend Kid Karam!

Week #10 (25/05/24): ArtCore

Week #11 & Week #12 (08/06/24 & 15/06/24): Baby People

Week #13 to Week #15 (22/06/24 to 06/07/24): University of Derby (UoD) Kedleston Road Derby, DE22 1GB

Week #15 (03/07/24): Pop-up exhibition at the UoD, Kedleston Road, DE22 1GB

Week #16 (Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July): SummerHouse Exhibition with trip to London

T: 07769 301 863

E: derbysatclub@derby.ac.uk

Dates Ahead

Term Dates

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 28th June

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 25 June: Year 8 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Other Key Dates

Wednesday 8 May: GCSE written exams start

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