

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023



In St Paul's letter to the Galatians (Chapter 3: 28-29), he writes:

**"In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal".**

For us at DCS this is a reminder that we live in a diverse, vibrant community where everyone must be treated as equals and where our differences should be celebrated.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start by saying well done to all of our students for their hard work this half term. Eight weeks is our longest half term and we worked out that our year 10 students have completed just over 10% of their whole GCSE course and year 11 have completed 25% of their final year!

It is important for all students to get some good quality rest over the half term. We also reminded our year 11 students that they have mock exams as soon as they return and so they also need to keep revising over this half term week.

Our students have been very busy this week and many of their activities are highlighted in this week's newsletter. On Friday year 9 were really privileged to have a visit from a Holocaust survivor. It is an incredible experience to have someone come and talk about such a significant event for their life and the whole world. We are really grateful to our visitor to come and speak to our students. Year 9 learn about the holocaust as part of their RE and history curriculum and this visit really enriches their understanding.

One of the articles highlights the visit of 'the moon' to Derby Cathedral. This is available for anyone to go and visit up to 11 November. There is a small entry charge; all details can be found

<https://derbycathedral.org/events/events/museum-of-the-moon/>

This is a great event for the city so please do investigate!

Just as a reminder, we will return to school on Monday 6 November for the second half term. The term dates and key events can be found at the end of this newsletter but also on the calendar on our website. Year 11 parents evening is now on Tuesday 7 November. This will be an early finish of 2.10pm for all students. An email has been sent to all year 11 parents/carers so please do book your appointments if you haven't yet done so. This is a really important time to discuss such an important year.

I wish you all a relaxing half term break.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

## England Football Match

A group of students travelled to the city ground in Nottingham on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October to watch England u21's take on Serbia in the European u21 International qualifiers. The students were able to see the young Lions convincingly win against Serbia 9-1. The students were impeccably well behaved and demonstrated our schools FAITH values.

The trip was very popular and we hope to be able to take students to more games later in the year.

"It was our first time watching an international game live and it was nice to see the England players play and score. It would be nice to go watch more games as a school again". And thank you to the PE staff for setting this up.

-Elyes and Finlay.



## Year 7 venture to Antarctica again!

Y7 have been learning about Antarctica in geography lessons this week and designing their own Antarctic flags. We are hoping to have another winning entry sent down to the UK Polar Network research teams.

Last year Penny and Elias had their designs chosen (right) and were photographed by researchers at Signy research station. Closing date for entries is 10<sup>th</sup> November and there are more details in the geography homework section of Classcharts.



## Year 12 and Remembrance Art

Our year 12 artists are supporting Remembrance Day with a mini exhibition in school after half term. We're also hoping to be able to loan them to the Cathedral too. The students have been enjoying painting large pieces at easels and we can't wait to see the finished pieces!





## Year 12 Cathedral Welcome Service

On Tuesday, Year 12 all went to Derby Cathedral for a special service of welcome. It was a very special time and we were so proud to see our students involved in giving readings and saying prayers. We were also treated to two beautiful performances on the piano and the organ. A huge well done to Hazel, Milly, Najma, Kevin, David and Robert for their confident participation. Year 12 were treated to some interesting and wise words from the Dean who welcomed and celebrated our new Sixth Form. We all felt very touched as he described our students as the Cathedral's pride and joy. An exciting addition was that all of this took place under the moon! Derby Cathedral are currently hosting the museum of the moon. This is a fabulous spectacle and is available for any member of the public to visit. Please see <https://derbycathedral.org/events/events/museum-of-the-moon/> for more details. This exhibition is available until 11 November.



## Year 11 Charity Bake Sale

It was great to see two of our year 11 tutor groups take on some social action this week and raise money for a children's cancer charity. They were really well organised and many other students enjoyed the delicious cakes and the opportunity to support a great cause. Well done!



## 11P & 11B Charity Bake Sale

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Grand total £106.50



## Equipment Reminder

Just a reminder that the following items are essential to have every day in school. Please let us know if you need support with any of these.

- School bag
- Pencil case
  - Black pens
  - Purple pen
  - Pencils
  - Rubber
  - Ruler
  - Pencil sharpener
  - Whiteboard pen
- Reading book (this can be borrowed from the library)
- Calculator

## Dates Ahead

### Key Dates in the Autumn Term

7 November: Year 11 Parents' Evening (early finish of 2.10pm for all students)

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 27 October: break up for Autumn half term

Monday 6 November: return to school

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.