

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 23rd September 2024



In Proverbs 18:15 it says:

“Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights.”

For us at DCS this shows the real value of learning, listening and growing in knowledge for everyone.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been great to see our students continue to settle into life at DCS. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents/carers this week to our year 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor events.

We're looking forward to opening up the school again for year 6 students and their families to come and have a look around. Our open evening is on 2 October from 5.30 – 7.30pm. The deadline for completing the admission for secondary schools is 31 October. Please do pass on this information for anyone you know who has a child in year 6.

As I mentioned last week, we always take opportunities to celebrate diversity at DCS and this week was no exception. To celebrate the annual 'European day of Languages' the language department set a challenge for students to identify as many different countries as they could from clues created by tutor groups. Please see the article for more information and pictures! This links to our Bible verse of the week too which reminds us of the value of learning. It was fabulous to see so many students get involved in the challenge.

This next week sees the end of September and start of October in which we celebrate Black History month. Students will start to see some key information around school relating to this event and will have a Collective Worship on that theme too.

Just a reminder of a few key dates to be aware of:

Year 6 open evening: 2 October 5.30 – 7.30pm

Sixth Form open evening: 10 October 5.30 – 7.30pm

Flu vaccination consent – please complete this by 19 November (see link in this newsletter)

We look forward to another successful week at DCS and hope to see some of you at our open evening events in the next few weeks

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

European Day of Languages

On Thursday we celebrated the annual European day of languages. Various tutor groups picked a country and displayed their flag and some key images or clues about the country on their tutor room door. Our students were then tasked with working out as many of them as they could. I wonder who guessed all 23 correctly?



Here are a few of the doors for you to have a go at!



We need your help!

Tesco grant

Last year we applied for a Tesco charity grant to cover the cost of cooking club ingredients so more students can cook and take food home.

We are very excited that Tesco have set up a box in their Mickleover store to collect blue tokens. If we receive the most blue tokens by the 30th September, we will get £1,500 to fund ingredients. If you shop in Tesco, please can you place your blue tokens in our box! This is only at the Mickleover store.

Thank you for your support 😊



Card games

Our students love playing games at break and lunch. If anyone have any card games that they would be willing to donate to the LRC, we'd be extremely grateful. Uno is a great example, but anything that can be played in 20 or 30 mins would be gratefully received. Please can any donations go straight to main reception. Thank you in advance!

PE Kit

Our PE Department has put in a plea for any spare shorts and jogging bottoms.

If you have any old / spare kit, please hand it into Reception.

Many Thanks

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.

Equipment Reminder

In order to ensure that each student can start the day ready to learn well it is really important that they have the correct equipment with them.

It's a great support for your child/children to check that they have the following with them every day:

- A school bag
- Their reading book
- Their planner
- A pencil case complete with the following equipment:
 - Pencil
 - Black pens
 - Purple pen
 - Whiteboard pen
 - Ruler
 - Rubber
 - Protractor
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- Calculator – this must be a scientific calculator that is available to buy on ParentPay/ClassCharts Reward Shop
- A paper copy of their timetable

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, 9.30-11.30am Phone - 01332 956967

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

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



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



Ask us how young people can volunteer in healthcare

sja.org.uk



Join NHS Cadets today

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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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.

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

2nd October – Y6 Open Evening 5:30 – 7:30pm

10th October – Y12 Open Evening

19th November – Y10 Information / Parent Evening

28th January 2025 – Y11 Parents Evening 3-6 – 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.