

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 24<sup>th</sup> April 2023



*Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.*

*Proverbs 1:5*

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week has seen the first 25% of the Spanish GCSE completed with all of the speaking exams held throughout the week. The Spanish department were really impressed with the tenacity of our students, some of whom have said that they enjoyed the experience! Nationally, it is one of the more challenging exams and it is great for our students to have completed this and be able to focus on the last couple of weeks of lessons before the written exams begin. We wish all of the GCSE Art students all the best as they take their practical exam on 3 and 4 May.

Whilst the focus on academic achievements has to be a strong focus of our school, we are always conscious of making sure that our students also have a wide variety of experiences that enrich their lives. As part of this, our form tutors discuss a relevant topic with their tutor groups at the end of each day. These topics follow themes such as: building relationships, safeguarding, wellbeing, community and careers. These short information sessions give us the opportunity to share relevant information with our students that impact their lives and enable us to respond to issues that are very current.

We also have a responsibility to help our students know what is happening in the UK and the wider world. Last week, for example, we discussed the national alert that was sent to all smartphones. We are also delivering a collective worship in the morning tutor session on the forthcoming coronation of the King. This is a historical moment in the life of the country and important for all of our students to understand all the parts of the event. More information on this is in the article below as well as an advert for a local coronation celebration.

Finally, this week Mr McIntyre conducted most of the remaining Sixth Form interviews. The senior leadership team have been really impressed with the maturity of both our internal and external applicants. Our FAITH values have shone through in our students and it is delightful to see how aspirational they are for their futures. Our Bible verse of the week (shown at the top) is a helpful reminder of how wisdom and learning are linked and how we all benefit from receiving guidance. We saw this in abundance during these interviews.

I hope that you all have a great week and enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Brown

## Coronation Collective Worship

Over this week and next, all students will receive a collective worship on the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles. The Coronation takes place on Saturday 6 May and we all have an extra bank holiday on 8 May as part of the national celebrations.

During Collective Worship, students have learnt some key facts relating to this occasion. One of these is the full name of the King; do ask them if they can remember any of it!

Mr Hammerton also read out the prayer that will be said for the King.

We are also delighted that some of our students are taking part in the celebration service at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 7 May.

There are many other community events taking place over the weekend of 6 – 8 May. We have been sent details of the event below to share with you all.

### Abbey Coronation Big Picnic

May 6 2-5pm  
Stockbrook Park

**Free**

beside the  
Bramblebrook Centre

cakes  
games  
craft

ice creams

penalty shoot out

tug of war

Parade of Crowns 4pm

face  
painting  
make a  
crown



**Bring your own lunch**

If you can volunteer to help please contact 07739808644

## 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 (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month only)	Osmaston/ Allenton Children's Centre, 60 Cockayne St N, Allenton, DE24 8XB
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

## Careers

Free online Careers event during May half term!

**Careers in NHS Finance** have a special May half-term livestream event week, with a half-hour session every day from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June. These events are aimed at students who would like to find out more about careers in Finance within the NHS.

Sessions include:

- Apprentice route into the NHS – 30.05 – 14:00 – 14:30
- NHS Finance – the Basics – 30.05 – 11:00 – 11:30
- Graduate schemes – 31.05 – 10:00 – 10:30
- Undergraduate placements – 31.05 – 14:00 – 14:30
- Project SEARCH: access for learning disabilities – 01.06 – 14:00 – 14:30
- Access Accountancy – 02.06 – 12:00 – 12:30

**Free to tune in live at - [Careers in NHS Finance \(financecareers.nhs.uk\)](https://financecareers.nhs.uk)**

## Year 7 Boys Athletics Team

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys Sports Hall Athletics Team for competing in the County Sports Hall event on Tuesday 25th April.

The boys finished in first place at the city event last month and qualified to represent Derby City at the County event. The boys performed exceptionally well in all the track and field events, taking first place in the paarlauf, 6 laps and both relays.

The boys finished in silver medal position just missing out on 1st place to West Park.

We are super proud how all the boys behaved throughout the day, showed immense tenacity, resilience, performed to the highest level and were an absolute credit to DCS. Well done boys!



## 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

**Tuesday 2 May:** Planned strike action days (NEU) – see separate email for details

**Tuesday 2 May:** Year 11 wellbeing marketplace activity in school

**Monday 15 May:** Year 11 written exams start

**School closes for half term:** Friday 26 May

**School opens for summer half term 2:** Monday 5 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.