

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 24th June 2024



The Bible has excellent advice on how to be good friends...

In **1 Thessalonians 5:11** it tells us to: **“encourage one another and build each other up”** and in **Ephesians 4:32** it says we need to **“be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you.”**

So, let's be known for good friendship at DCS – let's encourage and build each other up, let's be kind and compassionate and let's be forgiving.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a great week at DCS with some really significant activities. A big thank you to all parents/carers who came to the year 8 parents evening. It is always a great time to communicate with both home and school working together to best support our students.

Our year 11 students had a momentous week with both their leavers day and their prom. Both were really lovely events that gave us all the chance to reflect on their time at DCS and their growth into young adults. Their leavers day also included a time of celebration at the Cathedral with prayers for their future. Again, we were treated to some great performances from our students who never fail to impress with their talents and confidence. Well done especially to Hannah F, Hannah R and Mac for their music and to Noah, Evan and Hannah for their readings.

The prom was a fabulous event with fabulous outfits, great dancing and lots of fun. We wish all of our year 11 students a lovely summer, well deserved after all of their hard work. We look forward to seeing them on results day: Thursday 22 August.

This next week at DCS sees each year group's sports day. These days are a great opportunity to demonstrate the aspects of the Bible verses above. Sports competitions lend themselves well to showing Fellowship to others and we look forward to seeing lots of that in action during the week. Please do make sure that your child comes with their appropriate kit for the day, a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle.

We're also really excited to have three trips abroad in the next few weeks as well as other more local trips out. A huge thank you to the staff organising these as it takes a great deal of work. We're so pleased to be able to offer these experiences to our students and wish them all a fabulous and safe trip.

A final Thank you to you as parents/carers; our students are still responding really well to our focus on expectations and we have seen a great improvement in terms of their focus on learning, bringing equipment and being on time for lessons. We really appreciate your support in ensuring they are ready for each day in school too.

I wish you all a great week

Mrs Brown

Year 12 Trip to Parliament

To support our Year 12 History and Politics students, Mr Keene and Mr Adler took a group of sixth formers on the train to London last Tuesday to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Imperial War Museum; institutions that figure prominently in both the A level Politics and History courses. Our first stop was the Imperial War Museum where we marvelled at the artefacts of modern warfare and enjoyed lunch in the museum. In the afternoon we visited Parliament where the students impressed our hosts with their debating skills and a tour of the Palace of Westminster. To round off the day we spent the early evening sightseeing in the West End and shopping in Covent Garden before catching the train home. All of our students had a great time and were complimented for their mature and responsible attitudes as we traversed one of the great cities on earth.



Wellies Appeal!

We urgently need wellies!

If you have any old wellies that anyone in your household has outgrown or no longer needs then we would really appreciate some donations. We especially need larger adult sizes so our Y10 boys can get in the river!



Year 11 Leavers Day

On Monday 21 June, our year 11 spent the morning with us to say an official goodbye to each other and to celebrate their time at DCS.

They were able to see friends in other year groups and spend some time with their tutor before heading to the main hall. Over brunch, they continued to sign shirts and catch up with their friends.



Mrs Brown and Mr Thompson then spoke to them all and reflected on their five years at DCS. We finished with the school prayer then Mr Thompson surprised us all with some brilliant baby photos of the students. A huge thank you to all parents & carers who sent them in and kept the surprise!



We all then headed to the Cathedral for a Leavers service. The Very Reverend Dean led the service which included some musical performances from Hannah H, Hannah R and Mac as well as readings from Noah, Evan and Hannah. The Dean finished with prayers and a reminder that our students are always welcome in the Cathedral and are very moved a cherished part of their community. He spoke about how proud all of the cathedral staff are of them all too.



All students then headed out into the sunshine to enjoy the rest of their day. It was a lovely event full of reflection, funny memories and celebration. We wish every student all the best for their futures.

Student Fundraising

One of our Year 11 students Alfie Sarson has been volunteering with Age UK for around 3 years, initially for Duke of Edinburgh, and has realised that the charity does very important work and has enjoyed his time there.

In July, Alfie will be skydiving to raise money and awareness for the charity and its important work.

Please see the link below and donate if you can!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/skydive-for-ageuk>

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

HAF Flyer



ABOUT US

We are a Sport and Education Company
Co-Founded by **current Premier League
Footballer for Sheffield United, Ben Osborn**
and **Ex Nottingham Forest Player,**
Jack Andrews.

SUMMER SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

5th - 8th Aug | 12th - 15th Aug | 27th - 30th Aug
Derby Cathedral School,
Great Northern Road, Derby, DE1 1LR.

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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

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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.

Scooter Safety

We have recently been informed of at least five students who have had injuries due to riding an electric scooter. Some of these injuries have been very serious and required ongoing medical attention and significant amount of time off school.

Please be aware that the use of private e-scooters is still illegal. The government information is as follows and can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>

The [rules for private e-scooters](#) have not changed. It is against the law to use a privately owned e-scooter. If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- you could face a fine
- you could get penalty points on your licence
- the e-scooter could be impounded

This information shows that whilst the government are trialling e-scooters for hire in various cities, these require a driving licence and are not for children.

e-scooters are not allowed to be brought to school as they are illegal. We are also concerned about the number of our students who have received significant injuries from using these.

Please do ensure that your children are not using these for transport at any time.

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

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Dates Ahead

Term Dates

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

Tuesday 2 – Thursday 4 July: Year 6-7 transition

Friday 18 July: STEM day (enrichment)

Monday 21 July: Culture day (enrichment)

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