

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 26 September 2022



In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity Titus 2:7

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It certainly is starting to feel like Autumn now with the sky looking more grey each morning. Now that we have had four weeks into term, students are getting settled into the rhythm of school life. Our year 11s are certainly continuing to impress us all with their commitment to their lessons and after school interventions. It has been a real privilege to walk around lessons this week and to see how calm, focused and settled our classrooms are. We've had quite a few visitors in school this week. Some of them came to talk to us about our values and vision for the school as they recognise what a strength they are. They were equally impressed with the environment and commented on what a welcoming and purposeful atmosphere it has.

Our Collective Worship this week was all about having ambition and knowing that working towards our ambitions takes hard work. This was illustrated with quotes from the Bible and examples in our own experiences of what it takes to strive towards something that we want to achieve. It is no different for us as a school body. In order to reach our ambitions for our students we want to work hard alongside yourselves.

As a developing school we are always having to balance the work needed each day in school with a great deal of planning for each successive year. As part of this constant development we would really like to work with a groups of parents to seek your thoughts and ideas on some key aspects of school life.

Please do see the article below for more details about how to volunteer as part of this group. It would be fantastic to have a good representation from parents in all year groups too.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

Parental Involvement in School

It is important for us as a school community to constantly reflect on the way that we communicate and work with you as parents/carers. Having a strong relationship between school and home makes a significantly positive difference to our students and is a great support to them.

It has been difficult over the past few years for us to be able to fully engage with you in the way that we would normally want to due to all of the restrictions that we've faced. It is also difficult for a growing school when, by its nature, the staffing structure changing a great deal each year.

Now that we are a bit more settled into the building and are able to have people meeting and having contact again we'd like to prioritise making sure that you feel involved with your child's education and a part of our community.

Attached to this email is a leaflet that explains the ways in which we aim to achieve positive communication between home and school. Hopefully, this will help to explain how and who to get in touch with if you have any queries or concerns.

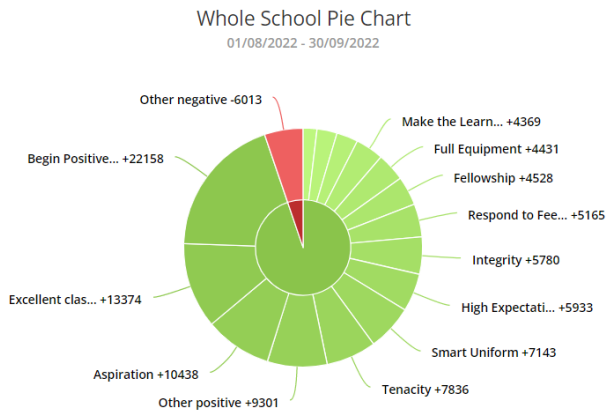
As the introduction explained, we would really like to work with a group of parents to discuss various aspects of school life so that we have a better understanding of your viewpoints and are able to involve you in our future planning. If you would like to be part of this, please either email info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk or complete the following MSForm to register your interest by **Friday 14 October**. It should only take a couple of minutes;

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Jdd87-JnyEiwWrcpkWBNht_AqofWraNDisHg11lvDQqUN1FWMVUxNIRFRTk4SkFLVUdKSDlwV1FKWS4u

ClassCharts

As many of you know, Classcharts is our system for logging positive and negative behaviours of students. Most of you already use the ParentApp and are able to look at the points that are logged each day. When we started with this new system, our goal as staff, was to demonstrate our FAITH values by 'lavishing love' on our students. We do this by logging all of the positive behaviours that we see from our students.

It is always extremely impressive to see how many points are logged by staff which in turn, reflects how much positive behaviour they see. The following pie chart shows the balance of points from the first four weeks of term.



134 372 positive points have been logged so far. That is extremely impressive! A huge well done to all of our students and a big thank you to staff too for rewarding these positives.

If you do not yet have the parent app, please see reception or email info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk for login details.

Year 6 Open Evening

As soon as one year starts, we begin thinking about our next year 7 cohort! Our year 6 open evening is planned for Wednesday 5 October 5.30 – 7.30pm.

If you will be applying for one of your children to start in September 2023 then please feel very welcome to come and look around. There are two arrival times to coincide with the Headteacher's presentations at either 5.30pm or 6.15pm. There is no need to book; please see our website for more details

<https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/>

Please do feel free to let other parents know who might be interested.

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Year 6 Open Evening

5.30-7.30pm 5th October 2022

Headteacher's Presentations at 5.30pm and 6.15pm

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