

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 26 February 2024



Psalm 24:1-2 says:

“The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.”

For us at DCS this is a reminder that we do not own the earth – we are, however given the responsibility to care for it. The more we can do to have a positive impact on our environment, the better!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a refreshing half term break.

This is the shortest half term of the school year and so we have a great deal to pack in. Our first school production takes place in a few weeks and we're really excited to be able to put on this event. Not only do we have two evening performances but we also have two matinee performances for some of our local primary schools. Please do see the notice further on in the newsletter and keep an eye on the announcement to get your tickets!

On Friday we had a couple of activities that reminded us of the importance of highlighting how we support our students in keeping themselves healthy and safe. The BBC came in to record a piece about how DCS are leading an initiative in Derby City with all of the other secondary schools. We have an awareness raising campaign about vaping that will take place every summer term. The three students who were filmed for this event were incredible ambassadors for themselves, the school and young people in general. It was amazing to hear their passion for keeping themselves and their friends free from the harm that we know vaping causes. Together, we will continue with this campaign and use the feedback and ideas of our students to build on the good work that has already started. We also had a lockdown drill practice on Friday. This is an important exercise that reminds students how to behave in a potential emergency situation where we need to work together as a community. Our students coped with this practice really well.

Our bible verse for last week fits perfectly with some exciting news from the geography department. During half term Mrs Woodward received the fantastic news that she successfully won a bid for £10,000 from the Royal Horticultural Society as part of a government-funded programme known as the National Education Nature Park. This aims to increase the biodiversity of our school site and will enable our students to undertake scientific research, learn life skills and develop a meaningful connection to nature. This will certainly help our students to understand how to look after their environment as part of caring for our earth as the Bible verse illustrates. A huge thank you to Mrs Woodward for her time and support with submitting this bid.

Just a reminder that school has an early finish of 2.15pm on Thursday as we have year 9 parents evening (online). If your child is in year 9, please do ensure that you've booked your appointments. Parents evenings are a really important way to support your child at school and we always really enjoy speaking to you as parents/carers.

I wish you all a great week.

Mrs Brown

DCS on the News!

We have had another exciting day in school on Friday with the BBC East Midlands Today team visiting us again, this time to interview Headteacher Jenny Brown and a few Year 9 students about their thoughts on the increasing numbers of young people picking up vaping across the country. The government has recently announced a ban on disposable vapes in an effort to begin to end this growing problem, with additional restrictions on how vapes are marketed to children in bright colourful packaging, often designed to look like pens, highlighters, and popular children's soft drinks.

The students represented the school beautifully, confidently voicing their opinions on the matter and speaking to the reporter and the camera with confidence and clarity! Excellent job!



Year 12 Art Work

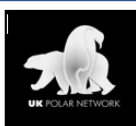
Our Year 12 Art students have been continuing to do some excellent work, learning a new painting technique using palette knives and large brushes in an expressive way.



DCS Goes to Antarctica

Our Geography students have submitted their designs of inspirational flags to the Antarctica Day 2023 competition with the theme “in the interests of all mankind!”

We were thrilled to hear that one of the flags submitted from DCS was chosen to travel to the Halley VI Research Station in Antarctica and be displayed for the competition!



Antarctica Day 2023

This certificate is awarded to: Derby Cathedral School
For designing inspirational flags “*in the interests of all mankind!*”

Your flag travelled to Halley VI Research Station
Latitude 75° 34' 5" S
Longitude 25° 30' 30" W
Flag bearer Emma Pearce, Glaciologist

Signed: Fiona Sheriff & Anona Griffiths

Word of the Week

Our 'word of the week' this week is: **Debate**

Please do speak to your child/children about this word. Challenge them to use it in a sentence or explain its meaning to you. The information below will hopefully help!

Debate means: (verb) to argue about a topic, especially in a formal manner. (noun) a formal discussion on a particular matter in a public meeting in which opposing arguments are put forward and which usually ends with a vote.

Etymology: The study of the origin (beginning) of words:

Middle English: via Old French from Latin *dis-* (expressing reversal) and *battere* (to fight).

'**Debate**' in Spanish – Discutir/debatir

Other similar words are:

Argument
Contest
Dispute
Bicker

Examples of how to use commence in a sentence are:

- There are expected to be some heated **debates** in parliament over the next few days.
- He likes to **debate** issues with his friends.
- I **debated** going back inside, but decided against it.

Road Safety

We have had a few calls from members of the public recently highlighting concerns about students running across the road in front of cars on their way to and from school.

Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group.

We do regularly have road safety awareness talks during Collective Worship in school, but we are asking parents to have discussions with their children as well about the importance of being careful when crossing the road.

Please see link below with some information and tips on how to talk to children about pedestrian road safety:

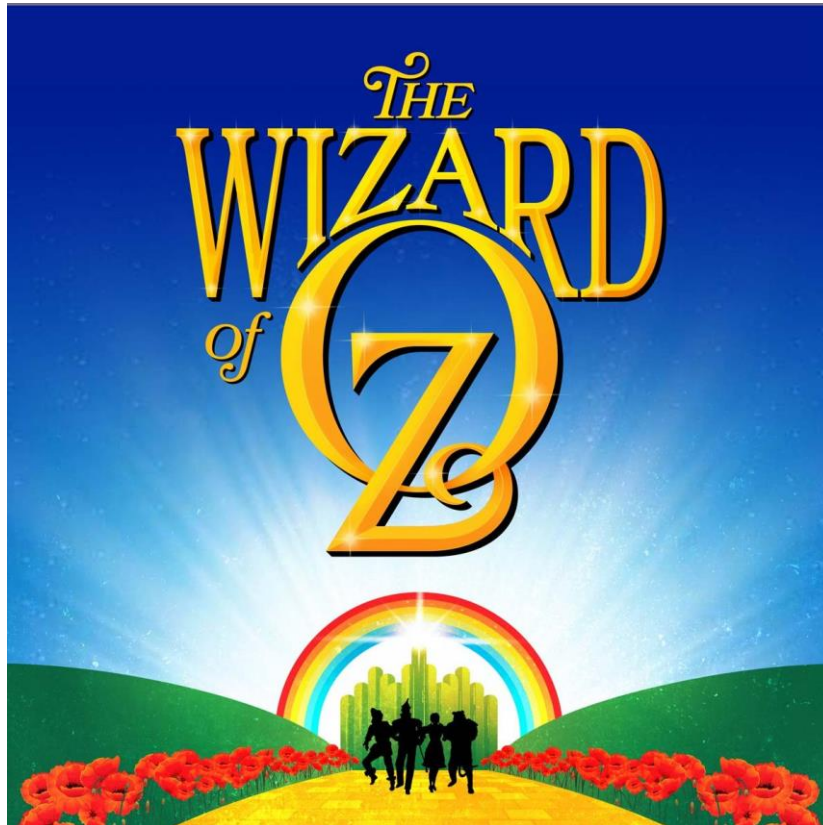
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/teenage-road-safety#:~:text=It%20is%20a%20good%20idea,music%20while%20they%20are%20cycling>

Wizard of Oz

Our first large school production of The Wizard of Oz is coming up on 20th and 21st March at 7pm, with matinee performances for local primary schools during the day on the 19th and 20th March!

Our brilliant cast have been working extremely hard on learning their lines, practicing their songs and perfecting their choreography, alongside a dedicated group of Year 12 musicians practicing the score to perfection!

Keep an eye on your e-mails and the newsletter after half term as we will be sharing sneak peek pictures of rehearsals, including some previews of some of the incredible costumes and props lovingly hand-made by the brilliant Ms Boyle!



Family Hub Programme: Jan – Mar 2024

Just a reminder that all information about the family hubs in Derby can be found here:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/family-hub-childcare/family-hub/about-family-hub/family-hub-parents/#page-4>

The 'What's On' Guide can be found here:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/communityandliving/familyhubparents/family-hub-whats-on-jan-to-mar-2024.pdf>

The activities and support for 5 – 19 year olds starts on page 14.

Have a look through as there are some wonderful activities and places to go for all kinds of support all year round!

Here are some examples of the free activities on offer:

What's on for: 5 – 19 year olds

Premier Education | Age 11+



Activities such as fencing, handball, lacrosse, tchoukball as well as character building skills. Booking required, please contact James jjennison@premier-education.com or 07980276488.

Engineered Learning | 11 – 16s



Active Hands: Supporting Nature – Engineered Learning empowers you to achieve through engineering. Make friends whilst creating items in wood that support wildlife in our authentic workshop. Booking required please contact Carol Phillips carol@engineeredlearning.co.uk.

School holiday delivery:

Monday 1 April 2024

Tuesday 2 April 2024

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Wednesday 10 April 2024

Thursday 11 April 2024

Friday 12 April 2024

Derwent Workshop, Unit 8, Racecourse Industrial Estate, Mansfield Road, Derby DE21 4SX.

Tackle it! | For boys age 12-14



Tackle It is Derby County Community Trust's wellbeing programme (early-intervention) for young males aged 12-14 who are struggling with their mental wellbeing. The sessions aim to give participants a 'safe space' to chat, socialise and take part in fun activities. The aim is to keep a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet others who may be experiencing similar challenges. Tackle It is part of our wider Winning Minds project, supporting youth mental health and social action. Contact Morgan Stanley for more information - Morgan.stanley@dcct.co.uk or 07494 517324 or Matt Deacon matt.deacon@dcct.co.uk. No booking required, just turn up!

Mondays 6-7:30pm Osmaston Allenton

Tuesdays 6-7:30pm Derwent

Community One | 12-16s



GROWTH Programme – Sport, music, arts, social affairs, health, and wellbeing activities every week. No need to book – just turn up! Contact info@communityone.org.uk or 01332 891444.

Mondays 5-7pm Rosehill

Tuesdays 5-7pm Arboretum Park

GREAT Girls Hub | For girls age 12-17



The GREAT Hubs aims to support young females with their wellbeing. Sessions are based on the GREAT values of Gratitude, Resilience, Empathy, Authenticity, Teamwork. A GREAT session is one hour each week focusing on wellbeing for mind and body through lots of fun activities. Most importantly these sessions offer a place to come along and talk openly to other females in a community that is supportive, positive and compassionate to each other. **Contact Claire Clark for more information - Claire.clark@dctt.co.uk or 07783 283981.**

Mondays	4:45-6pm	Osmaston Allenton
Tuesdays	4:45-5:45pm	Derwent

Sporting Communities | 13 – 16's



Get involved in activities such as art, virtual reality (VR), sports, health, fitness, cooking and more. Sessions will be tailored around individual needs to support emotional health and well-being either one-to-one or in groups. For more information on how to get involved in the programme, **contact info@supportingcommunitiescio.co.uk or call 07841026335.**

Baby People | Music sessions | For 13-19 year olds

Music studio sessions covering MCing, singing and music production. No experience needed, come and learn some studio skills and improve your craft. Open for free to all young people aged between 13 and 19 years. **No booking needed, just turn up.**

Tuesdays	5-7pm	Sinfin
Wednesdays	5-7pm	Rosehill
Thursdays	5-7pm	Derwent
Fridays	4:30-6:30pm	Osmaston Allenton

Youth Matters | 14+



Get focused and fit with Youth Matters Boxing programme including pad work and circuit training. Supported and encouraged throughout the session by a Mentor as well as the Coach. **Booking required please contact Danny danny.youthmattersnewmills@gmail.com.**

Thursdays	4pm	Derwent
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Dates Ahead

Term Dates

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 28th June

Parents Evenings

Thursday 7 March: Year 9 Parents' evening (online) (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Tuesday 30 April: Year 7 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Tuesday 25 June: Year 8 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Other Key Dates

20 & 21 March: Wizard of Oz school production 7pm

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