

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

This week saw the end of the year 10 exams and I would like to say a big well done to all of them. It takes a great deal of energy and tenacity to focus on exams for such a stretch of time. This is good practice for the real ones which are now less than a year away!

Thanks you also, to all year 8 parents who attended the parents evening. Whilst we know that the online parents evening appointments are more convenient for many parents, we are aware that they have limited the opportunities for parents to visit the school in person. Next year we will be looking at different ways to give this opportunity to everyone.

This week was also the final push for our year 10 students to get prepared for their work experience week. We are so delighted that the vast majority of the year group have secured placements. This is an unusual position to be in as so many schools have not been able to access this due to all of the disruption this year. A big thank you goes to Miss Rowley, our in-house careers advisor, for all of her support with year 10.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs Brown  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

Year 10 work experience week takes place week beginning 4 July

5, 6 and 7 July are the year 6 transition days where all year 6 students will be in school.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July is our last day of the year and school closes at 12pm. Students will have a brunch available in the morning.

## Bible verse of the week

I will be careful to live a blameless life,  
when will you come to help me?

I will lead a life of **integrity** in my own home.

Psalms 101:2

## What happens on an INSET day?

You may have always wondered what goes on in school during an INSET day.

For staff in schools these are extremely helpful days that enable us to have training, updates and time on key developments for the school. For a developing school like ours, these are even more important than normal. At this time of year, it's really important to reflect on the year and plan for the year to come. We also invited the new staff for next year to join us. Many of our governors also attended the initial session where we introduced all staff to the development themes for next year. We also explained a new structure of professional development for the teaching staff next year. Throughout the year, they will be focusing on a particular development theme that they can opt into. They will then spend time reading academic research into that topic and planning how they will implement any findings into their classroom.

Staff were able to spend time on their curriculum developments as we move into year 11. We also provided an induction session for all new staff with a focus on our lesson structure and FAITH values.

It was a very busy productive day which gave us all a real sense of excitement for the year ahead.

## Year 9 IMedia students

This week, our IMedia students had a visit from a local entrepreneur: Eddie Tsang. Mrs Spencer organised this visit in order to give the group some hands on experience as to how their knowledge and skills can be applied in the workplace. Each student had to create a business idea to get ready for 'the big pitch'. Mr Tsang will then judge their ideas and awards prizes which range from a slice of cheesecake to tickets for the opening night in his new restaurant coming to the East Midlands soon. He brought along some cheesecake samples from one of his existing businesses and we can confirm it's a great prize to win!