

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

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“As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3: 12-14

For us at DCS the quote from Colossians shows us how displaying good qualities is like choosing to put on the right clothes. So, let us choose to “put on” kindness, humility, compassion, patience and love.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a fabulous finale to the end of last week with a social action event provided by Year 10!

We know that times are not always easy for families currently and so it’s even more impressive seeing our students spend time and energy thinking of others. As a year group they have identified Cancer Research as their chosen charity. The students had to devise their own ways to fundraise. It was a great sign of our FAITH value: Fellowship, that they pooled their resources together and decided to put on a fundraising fair over lunchtimes for the rest of the school. All students have also been greatly inspired by Mrs Young’s pledge to shave her head if they raise £1500. There are lots of pictures of some of the activities provided by each Year 10 tutor group. I would like to say a huge thank you to all students along with their tutors, Mr Blackwood and Miss Nicholson. They have worked together in such a positive way in order to reach out and help others who have a really difficult experience in life. It’s great to see our FAITH values in action.

At the end of the day on Friday, Mrs Young demonstrated Fellowship in abundance as part of her fundraising head shave for Cancer research. We are all in awe of her bravery and sacrifice. Not only did she inspire our community to raise a large sum of money but she underwent the head shave in front of the whole of year 10! They were incredibly supportive to her and we’re all extremely proud of everyone involved in this venture for showing their Fellowship towards others.

Our Bible verse for last week talks about how we show compassion, kindness and humility to others. As you will be aware, humility is one of our FAITH values and we encourage students to think of ways that they can show FAITH values as part of their everyday lives. Humility can be a harder FAITH value to demonstrate. Our corridor display gives the following quotes written by students and staff:

We all make mistakes and should own up to them and say sorry. Forgiving others for their mistakes is also important. Don't bear grudges and be slow to anger but rich in love.

People should be given a fresh start. If we all show forgiveness it helps everyone to move from their mistakes. We should all feel welcome and given a second chance.

One of the ways we demonstrate this in school is by holding restorative conversations after times of conflict or dispute. This teaches our students a really important skill of being able to apologise, to forgive and to move on. Restoring relationships is helpful for all of us and especially for our students as part of their journey into their adult working lives so that they are able to build and maintain healthy relationships with all those they interact with. As the verse suggests, we are able to ‘put on’ these values. That means we do have a choice about how and when to demonstrate these values. With our focus on FAITH in action, we hope that these values become normal everyday actions for all of our students.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

Year 10 Charity Fundraising

Last week it was the turn of Year 10 to raise money for their chosen year group charity. Each tutor group decided to run their own charity stall as part of a big charity event for the whole school.

Over both lunchtimes, the main hall was alive with the buzz of fun, food and activity! Students bought plenty of raffle tickets that gave them the chance to buy home made goodies, play games, solve puzzles, take chances on winning and enter raffles.

The atmosphere was incredible! What a fabulous experience for everyone; the year 10 students showed great maturity and responsibility in leading activities and the other year groups had great fun taking part.

We're all really grateful to the pastoral team of tutors along with Mr Blackwood and Miss Nicholson. They have been an excellent support.

Above all, we must not forget that this was all in aid of cancer research; a charity close to many people's heart. I'm sure most, if not all, of us have been affected at some point by the sadness of a close friend or family member having been diagnosed with cancer. It was a real privilege to see so many young people support such a cause.

By Friday afternoon, the year group had managed to raise a whopping **£1,702.50!!!!!!!**

At the end of the day on Friday, Mrs Young (in Creative Technologies) took the extremely brave step of having her head shaved as part of the year 10 fundraising initiative.

We are so grateful to Mrs Young for showing Fellowship in action. There are not many of us who would be prepared to make such a big sacrifice. Not only did she shave her head, but this happened in front of the whole of year 10! Mrs Young has donated her hair to be used to make a wig for a cancer sufferer. We were also all very impressed and touched by the level of support shown for Mrs Young by year 10.

A huge thank you to Mrs Young and all involved! We really are part of a very special community.



Below are pictures of some of the wonderful stalls set up by Year 10 during lunchtimes to raise funds for this important cause!



Year 12 Art

Year 12 Art students have been working really hard on their final pieces for the theme 'Up Our Street.'

Well done to Year 12 Art students! Keep up the hard work!



Year 11 Intervention

This week's intervention sessions are:

Monday – school closed for INSET day

Tuesday - Geography, History, Music, RE, Engineering, Drama. If not allocated to any of those subjects then students should attend Science

Wednesday – Health & Social, Spanish, Engineering & Business. If not allocated to any of those subjects then students should attend Maths

Thursday – iMedia, Computer Science, Food, Art. If not allocated to any of those subjects then students should attend English

All sessions run from 3:10 until 4:00pm

Mrs Heald has shared the following resource that is focused on Maths, but also has lots of good advice around revision that applies to all subjects: <https://amsp.org.uk/app/uploads/2024/01/Quickmaths-24-yr11.pdf>

Derby Book Festival – Writing Competition

Derby Book Festival launches its annual 50-word Flash Fiction Writing competition on Monday 29 January. Check the website for details of this year's theme or sign up to their newsletter to be one of the first to know. There are three age categories: 11 and under, 12 - 17, 18 and over

The winning stories will be printed on Festival bookmarks to be published in the spring and the winner of each category receives a book token for £50.

The closing date is 17 February.

Derby's annual book festival takes place this year from 29 February to 4 March with lots of different events being hosted across the city.

Their website is being constantly updated: <https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/> and you can sign up to receive their newsletter <https://www.derbybookfestival.co.uk/newsletter-subscription>

Could You Be A Good Neighbour?

Good Neighbour volunteers support Derby residents with simple tasks like shopping, or a quick check in and chat.

Just one hour a week can make all the difference to someone in your community.

Get in touch to find out more!



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Manna (Hot Meals & Fellowship)

Manna (Hot Meals & Fellowship) is a programme run by the parents of two Derby Cathedral School students.

They provide hot meals and food donations to homeless and marginalized people out of the family's own money. They not only provide food for their bodies but also fill their hearts with the word of God and provide a homely atmosphere.

Manna is run at Ozzy Road Church, Charnwood Street, Derby, DE1 2GU every Thursday 12:30 to 2:00pm.

Manna is registered with Derby City Council and all safety measures are followed in accordance with the Food Standard Agency. If you or anyone you know is struggling for food, please share and feel welcome to come and join them on Thursdays!



Love4Life Community Group

The poster below provides information about a community group for girls that runs in the Stockbrook area of Derby. One of our students at DCS currently attends this group and is getting on really well and enjoying their experience.

The group runs from 3.35 – 4.35 every Thursday during term time and is free to attend, and there are drinks and snacks provided.

Please feel free to share with friends in other schools as well, referrals can be made by schools, parents or young people over the age of 16 using the following link: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4950894>



FIND YOUR LOCAL GROUP!



*Love4Life welcomes ALL girls

Who We Are

Love4Life by TwentyTwenty

Love4Life's mission is to give young people aged 11-18 the tools to build confidence and resilience to make positive choices for their health and relationships.

We offer groups and 1-2-1 sessions to young people who are referred to us by professionals, schools and parents. Young people aged 16+ may self-refer.

- ✓ Confidence Building
- ✓ Digital Safety
- ✓ Consent
- ✓ Periods & Puberty
- ✓ Body Positivity
- ✓ Understanding Healthy Relationships
- ✓ Emotional Wellbeing
- ✓ Resilience
- ✓ Growing Self-Esteem
- ✓ Healthy Coping Techniques

"I like how they always include everyone; it feels like a family!"
Past Love4Life Attendee

What We Do

How can Love4Life help?

Our Love4Life girls* groups are safe, creative, and supportive spaces to discuss important topics through fun activities. We aim to build self-esteem, confidence and knowledge of healthy relationships through engaging group sessions which vary week to week.

Our Love4Life groups are led by experienced youth workers and mentors and are completely free to attend.

YOUR LOCAL LOVE4LIFE VENUE:

Boyer Street Community Rooms, Boyer Street,
Derby, DE22 3XD
Thursday evening (term-time only)

Contact Fawn Kitson 07951706036 for more info



← SCAN QR CODE TO REFER NOW!

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Family Hub Programme

Attached as an additional document with this newsletter is the Derby City Family Hub Programme leaflet.

This contains information of lots of different activities and support available for families through the Family Hubs, including support and activities for mums-to-be, families with babies and young children, as well as activities for students up through 19 years old.

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!



Dates Ahead

Term Dates

Friday 16 February: Break up for Spring half term

Monday 26 February: Return to school

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

Monday 5th February

Friday 28th June

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 13 February: Year 10 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Thursday 7 March: Year 9 Parents' evening (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)

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