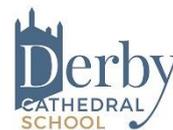


This Week at Derby Cathedral School

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The aspirations of good people end in celebration; the ambitions of bad people crash. Proverbs 10:28

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Having the Year 6 Open Evening this week was a helpful time to reflect on how far we have developed as a school. Events such as these, enable staff and students to think about all of the things that the school, and our community, have to offer our students. Our visitors always comment on what a warm welcome they receive and how positive and friendly our students are. Working in a community is not always easy and things don't always go according to plan. However, it is very clear that our students are very proud of what we have all created together; a vibrant and diverse community with a strong set of values.

We have our Sixth Form Open Evening on 10 November to look forward to and are really excited to be able to showcase the courses and wider curriculum that will be on offer. Some of our year 11 students will be participating in a photoshoot for the Sixth Form prospectus next week. This will be unveiled on our website after half term.

Parents/carers of our year 7 students will also have the opportunity to meet their tutor on Tuesday 1 November. Details about how to book a time for this will be out shortly.

I wish you all a happy and productive week.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

Jekyll and Hyde Trip

This week a large group of year 11 students went to see Jekyll and Hyde at Derby Theatre. The play is based on the book by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is one of the key texts studied at GCSE level and it's great for our students to see this brought to life on the stage. Our students were well behaved, respectful and appreciative of the opportunity. We've had lots of positive feedback from pupils:

"It was scary!"

"The actors were on form."

"The who thing was entertaining."

"Loved it!"

Next week a group of year 10 students will also be going to see the same production.

Year 6 Open Evening

We held our year 6 open evening on Wednesday 5 October. It was a really happy event which showcased so many of the positive aspects of our wonderful school community. Many of our visitors commented on how warm and welcoming the atmosphere was. A special thanks goes to our student helpers. They, as always, did a fabulous job and were a real credit to the school. They also received many compliments about how polite, friendly and helpful they were.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

One of our extra-curricular activities is the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This was first developed in 1954 by The Duke of Edinburgh with support from his school headmaster. It was designed to help young people to make the best use of their free time, found interests and acquired self-confidence and a sense of purpose that would support them into their future and help them to become well-rounded citizens.

It has now developed into a programme for young people aged 14 to 24. It is made up of four sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition. The length of each of these increases with each level of Bronze, Silver and Gold and there is an additional Residential section at Gold level. It also exists in over 130 countries and territories across the world. You can read more about it at <https://www.dofe.org/>

We are so delighted to offer this programme at Derby Cathedral School. Our current year 11 students on the programme completed their Bronze Award last year. It is also great to see so much interest from our year 9 students this year too.

In order to help support their expeditions we are looking for any donations of:

- Walking boots
- Waterproofs
- Camping equipment

If you have any of the above that you are happy to donate, please take to school main reception where we will gratefully receive them. Please do spread the word amongst your friends and family too!

Cycling to School

It is great to see how many students now cycle to school. It is a great way to keep a healthy lifestyle and also benefits the environment. However, we also want to make sure that all students who cycle keep themselves and their bike safe.

If your child cycles to school, please make sure that they have a cycle helmet and a bike lock. We have had a couple of bikes stolen from the site and a lock is a very effective preventative measure. We have a set of bike racks at the front and left hand side of school. Both sets can be used by students.

If your child forgets their lock, please remind them to see our site staff (ask at reception if you can't see them). They will ensure that their bike is kept in a safe space. We obviously can't do this for all bikes everyday but can support in an emergency situation.

We would strongly advise all students to wear a cycle helmet too. Again, this is a very effective way to keep themselves safe in a busy city.