

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

w/c 3 July 2023



*Jeremiah 29:11 says:*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

*This verse is linked to our new Sixth Form. However, this applies to our work with all of our students. We do God's work in ensuring our plans help and support all of the young people in our community.*

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It certainly has been a week with a difference this week. We started with our official opening ceremony. As it seems a little strange to have this after five years of existence, we planned it to be an opening and blessing ceremony. We all certainly felt blessed to have so many visitors who were key to the creation and support for the school. Do read more about it below.

We have also really enjoyed getting to know our new cohort of year 7 students. Year 6 came for two transition days on Tuesday and Thursday this week and we held a 'Meet the Tutor' evening on Thursday. It's always so helpful for year 6 to spend time with us in the summer term. It certainly gives them a head start for September as they are a little more familiar with finding their way around and meeting the staff. During the two days, they had a few taster lessons, two sessions on our FAITH values and two reading lessons. At the end of the final day, they all took a new reading book home with them: *The Unforgotten Coat* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. It's a great story that they will be able to finish off over the summer holiday.

The PE department have also been making the best use of the sunny weather and our field. They held a sports day each for years 9 and 10 as well as a DDAT Trust Primary Sports event on Friday. All students participated extremely well; we certainly saw their competitive sides! It was also fantastic to see so many year 10 and 11 students helping out at these events – a real show of Fellowship as FAITH in action. We've also managed to fit in some trips during the week too – please read all about them in the articles below.

We only now have two weeks left until the end of term and there is still a great deal to pack in. I am really grateful to all of the staff who are working so hard to provide all of these enrichment opportunities and events. I hope that you enjoy reading all of the detail about them.

Just a reminder that the last day of the school year is Friday 21 July and all students will finish at 12pm. They will have a 'brunch' session during this time so will be able to have a meal.

Many thanks and have a great week,

Mrs Brown

## DCS Official Opening and Blessing

On Monday we were delighted to be able to host our official opening and blessing ceremony. We were joined by a number of people who were instrumental in beginning, shaping and supporting the development of the school. All featured in the service by either reading Bible verses, prayers or giving short talks. These were all interspersed with musical pieces and readings from our students. We also watched a video of school staff and students reflecting on their experiences, memories and hopes for DCS. Dean Peter gave a reflection of the relationship between the Cathedral and the school and how important that is for the whole community. Bishop Libby gave a short talk about how important the school is for the whole diocese.

About 100 of our students, made up from representatives from each tutor group, enjoyed the whole service and then all tucked into some lovely refreshments afterwards.

It truly felt like a time of real reflection and blessing. We are very blessed to have so many people who are passionate about providing a great education to all of our young people. We're so proud of the whole community who are creating a school to be enjoyed by generations to come.

During the service, the rest of the school spent time with their tutor to create a time capsule full of their reflections of DCS and their secondary school years. They also wrote a postcard to themselves which they will receive back at the end of their year 11.



From left to right:

Carolyn Lewis (DBE), Sarah Clark (DDAT CEO), Dean Peter Robinson (Derby Cathedral), Sarah Charles (Chair of DDAT Trust Board), Bishop Libby, Bishop Malcolm, Jenny Brown, Mark Titterton (Cathedral Chapter), Mike Shales (Chair of Governors)

### OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you that we are in a community that helps us show our FAITH values in everything we do.

Please guide us to be welcoming and kind to everyone we meet as demonstrated by you.

Motivate us to be tenacious and resilient when faced with challenges.

Help us to learn and grow to be able to experience 'life in all its fullness'

Amen

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the past five years together and think about the future for DCS. The service finished with our new school prayer that has been written by our student FAITH ambassador group.

## Duke of Edinburgh

On Sunday and Monday our Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh groups set off in the beautiful Burton countryside to complete their final expeditions.

The weather was certainly kind to them (not too hot and not too cold!) You can see from the pictures that they have to carry everything they need for walking, camping and eating. A big skill for this award is to be able to organise everything you need, pack it into your rucksack and be able to carry it for the whole time! The expeditions are just one quarter of the award but they are such an important part. The skills this award teaches such as independence, aspiration and self-organisation are highly valued by all employers. They are also great fun too and we hope to see many more of our students participate in this.

The staff were extremely impressed with the students' FAITH values for the whole time. We look forward to more Bronze, Silver and ultimately Gold awards in the future!

PS They also had a special visitor in camp if you can spot him. He likes to be where the geographers are!



## God and the Big Bang

On Tuesday, a group of year 7, 8 and 10 students spent the day at Derby Cathedral working with staff from Durham University.

God and the Big Bang is a series of interactive workshops that provide the opportunity to think, discuss and debate the compatibility of science and faith.

It equips young people with the tools they need in order to form their own opinions and engage in rational and thought-provoking discussion about the part science plays in God's world.

It was great to see many of our students who are particularly interested in science and/or RE take part in this day. It gave them a fantastic opportunity to discuss these important issues in the beautiful space inside Derby Cathedral.

It shows great aspiration from our students. This experience will also give them a great head start when thinking about their possible career path.

The staff on the trip were delighted with the conduct of the students and their participation in all of the activities. A big well done to everyone for showing our FAITH values throughout the whole day.



## TFTF Competition winners

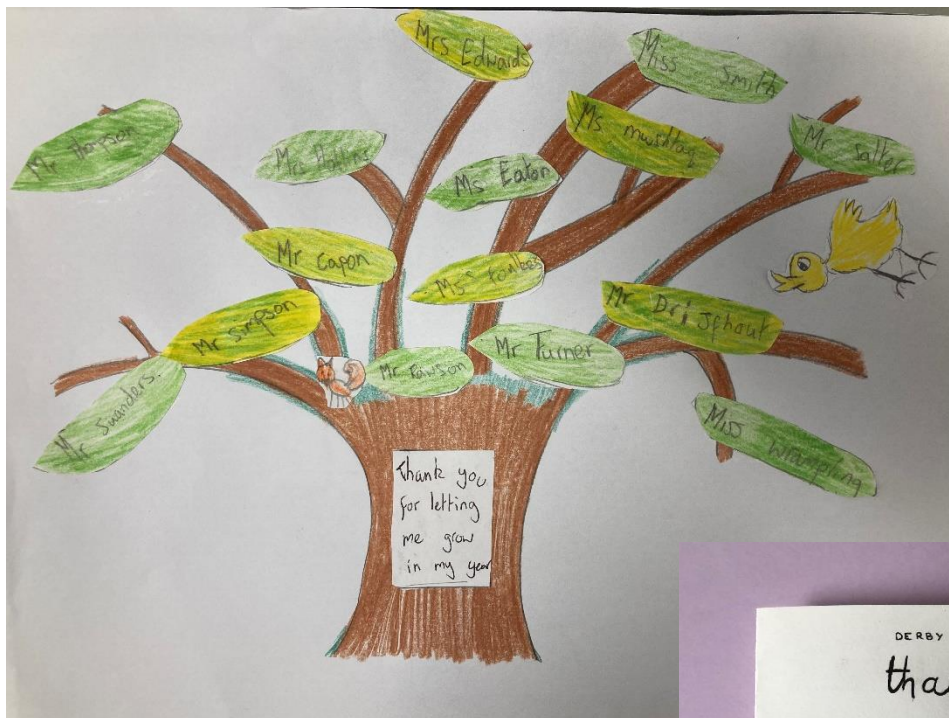
Over the past few years, we have worked with an organisation called Think For The Future (TFTF). They provide mentoring support for our students and aim to build emotional resilience. The mentoring sessions are extremely popular and our students gain a great deal from this provision.

TFTF have recently organised a competition across the schools they work in. It was to design a 'thank you' for their schools. We were delighted to hear that two of our students were prize winners.

This is the message we received from TFTF and you can see their winning entries below. A huge well done to both of them from us too.

*'We have now concluded our 'National Thank You Day' competition, and were blown away by the heart-warming creativity that students demonstrated across our schools.'*

*We are very pleased to announce our winners, which include Bartosz G in first place winning a £25 Gift Card, and Dexter A in third place winning a £10 Amazon Gift Card. Congratulations to these students for their outstanding work!'*



## Keeping Safe Online in the Summer Holidays

Attached to the email with our newsletter is this leaflet for parents/carers. It recognises that in the summer holidays, young people have more time to be online.

We all know that the online world can be a difficult place for young people for many reasons.

Skip Safety Net is an organisation that gives parents/carers information about:

- Social media
- Sharing pictures
- Gaming
- Live streaming
- Online grooming
- Online influencers
- Fake news
- Privacy settings

You can access all of this information via their website:

<https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/>

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

# School's out for summer!

**It's always best to be prepared**

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**



**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**



**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**



**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**



**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**



**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

**Schools** please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

**Skips Educational**  
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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Developed in partnership with



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BEHAVIOUR, SAFETY AND SECURITY



West Midlands  
Violence  
Reduction Unit



West Midlands  
Police and Crime  
Commissioner

**Skips**

Keeping children safe online [www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

## Geography Field Work Trips

Over these past few weeks, all year groups have been experiencing some geography fieldwork. It's really valuable to put their classroom learning into practice.

Year 7 students have been studying the microclimate of the school site while Year 8 investigate contrasting places in Derby City Centre.

Year 9 are venturing further afield to the Rosliston Forestry centre near Swadlincote in the National Forest.

All Key Stage 3 students will be receiving GA Fieldwork certificates by the end of term!

Great job geographers!



## Race for Life

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July Matilda Hunt (Y9) successfully completed Race for Life at Markeaton Park.

Tilly was diagnosed with a brain tumour during lockdown and underwent chemotherapy. She has faced the journey with incredible bravery and her recovery has been truly remarkable!

Tilly completed Race for Life last year with her dad pushing her in a wheelchair, however this Sunday, Tilly was able to walk the entire 5K and did it in just under an hour!

To put that into perspective, exactly 2 years ago today, Tilly was in hospital undergoing chemotherapy.

Tilly's family have been fundraising for several charities that have supported them along the way, including:

Children's Brain Tumour Research Centre  
Derby County Community Trust  
NSPCC

They have raised almost £2,500 so far and the school community have come together to support these charities even further.

Congratulations Tilly on this incredible achievement!





## Dates Ahead

For all key dates please see the calendar on the school website under the information tab:

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

### Holiday & term dates

**School closes for summer holiday:** Friday 21 July (early lunchtime finish of 12pm)

### Other Key Dates

**Enrichment days:** 19 – 21 July (different timetable for students)

The term dates for next academic year are now available on the school website on the 'Term Dates' page.

## Food Banks and 0-16yr old Clothes Banks

0-16 Clothes Bank – TOGS – Tel Anthea on 07989 117929.

TOGS is situated at 11-12 Friargate (opposite the Smith Partnership Offices) DE1 1BU.

Food Banks – Derby City Mission, 10 Normanton Road, Derby DE1 2GW.

Community Shop (no money needed) and Café on - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am to midday.

Food Bank and Debt advice (no appointment needed):

Tuesday 10 to midday	St Peters Church, DE1 1NN
Wednesday 10am – midday	St. Augustine's Church, Normanton, DE23 8BP
Wednesday 10am – midday	West End Community Centre, Mackworth Road (next to Britannia Mill). DE22 3BL
Thursday 11am - 1pm	St Phillips Church, Taddington Road, Chaddesden, DE21 4JU
Thursday 11:30am – 1:30pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month only)	Osmaston/ Allenton Children's Centre, 60 Cockayne St N, Allenton, DE24 8XB
Thursday 10am – midday	Bramblebrook Community Centre, Stockbrook St, Derby, DE22 3WH

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance – Tel 01332 346266 – Emergency Food Assistance

Derby City Life Links - Tel 0800 0322202

Springwater Charity Chellaston – Tel 07832 653255 / 07311 465841

## Cheap Eats During Summer Holidays



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023



COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

#### **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### **TESCO**

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023

#### **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### **TABLE TABLE**

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### **TRAVELODGE**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast

#### **PREMIER INN**

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### **MORRISONS**

Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### **BILLS**

2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023

#### **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### **WHITBREAD INNS**

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays

#### **FUTURE INNS**

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

#### **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### **YO! SUSHI**

From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

#### **TO BE CONFIRMED...**

M&S and Farmhouse Inns

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