

30 January – 3 February

Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out. Proverbs 10:9

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I would like to thank all of you for your support and understanding with the added disruption to this week on Wednesday. It is always a difficult balancing act that we have learnt from as we consider our planning for the next planned strike action on 1 March.

We were fortunate to host the interviews for our new Trust CEO on Thursday and Friday too – do read the short article below to see how our students were involved in this process. We eagerly await the news of the successful candidate!

It is fantastic to see how our students are continuing to benefit from the variety of enrichment activities on offer. The article below shows an amazing result for us to celebrate as two of our year 7 students won a competition organised by the geography department and had their winning entry travel to Antarctica!

I hope that you all have a good week.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

DCS travels to Antarctica!



We were so excited this week to hear that two of our year 7 students won a flag design competition to celebrate Antarctica day. You can see their winning design being held by a visiting medic in Antarctica!

The research team had been out weighing penguin chicks and paused amongst the penguins to take this picture of the winning flags. The team are: Jerry Gilham (Station Leader), Monica Aquilino (visiting Spanish scientist) and Fraser Halcroft (Medic). The photo was taken by Derren Fox who kindly took our flag out to Antarctica.

They are staying at Signy research station as part of the British Antarctic survey team. You can read more about this here: <https://www.bas.ac.uk/polar-operations/sites-and-facilities/facility/signy/>

A big thank you to Mrs Woodward (Head of Geography) for organising the competition as part of the year 7 Geography curriculum.

We also got a certificate which shows the longitude and latitude of the research station which is towards the South Pole. You can see where Signy Island is on the map below. It's a phenomenal 8214 miles from us in Derby!



ANTARCTICA DAY 2022

This certificate is awarded to Derby Cathedral School for designing inspirational flags "in the interests of all mankind."

YOUR FLAG WAS CELEBRATED IN ANTARCTICA!

Location Name: Signy Research Station
Latitude: 60°43'0"S
Longitude: 45°36'0"W
Researcher: Derren Fox
Date: 31/01/2023
Signed: UKPN Antarctic Flags Team



Planned Strike – 1 March 2023

Thank you to you all for your support and understanding on Wednesday 1 February. Our year 11 students had a productive day and were able to spend time continuing their preparation towards their final GCSE exams. We were also able to support students who needed a supervised place in school. The next strike day is planned for Wednesday 1 March. We will be planning our response to this prior to half term and will update parents and carers with our plans as soon as we have finalised them.

Meet the Team

**Meet our reception team!
Mrs Marshall, Mrs Brown and Mrs Gibson
(L-R)**

Our welcoming reception team are often the first people that you will either see or speak to at DCS. They have very busy jobs as they serve the main reception to all visitors and the student reception desk inside the building.

Our reception team also answer the phones and deal with a huge range of questions and queries.

They are always happy to help and do their best to either answer your questions themselves or send your query to the right member of staff in school.

They also have an extremely important role in safeguarding our school by signing in any visitors and ensuring that anyone who comes into our school has the right kind of visitor badge. A badge on a green lanyard tells us that the visitor has a DBS (disclosure and barred service) certificate whereas a red lanyard means that they don't have one or that we haven't seen it. A DBS certificate is a government check that ensures the adult has undergone all the necessary checks that are needed to be able to work with children.

The reception team also keep the parent leaflet display up-to-date. These paper copies can be taken from the stand in reception or can be found on our school website.

If you want to get in touch with reception, have a general query or want to get in touch with a specific member of staff without knowing their email address then please email our reception team on info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk



DCS Hosts CEO Interviews

We were delighted to host the interview process for our new Trust CEO this week. It meant a busy few days with a great deal of visitors around school; all of whom were very impressed with the atmosphere and ethos of the school. All of the headteachers from the schools across the Trust as well as Bishop Libby and Carolyn Lewis (Diocesan Director of Education) came for lunch on the first day in order to meet the candidates and participate in a task as part of the interview process.

Four of our students were part of a student panel who interviewed all of the candidates. They were praised by our Trust staff who were very impressed with their professionalism, observations and feedback. It was a great experience for them to see how this recruitment process works. A huge well done to Mafara and Abbie in year 10 and Jasmia and Artjoms in year 9. You were a real credit to our school community.

Careers Update

Year 9 Visit from University of Derby – Tuesday 31st January

On Tuesday, Year 9 students were lucky enough to be visited by a representative from the University of Derby, who delivered an engaging assembly all around 'Progression Pathways'. The session got students thinking about how the things they do now (such as their school subjects and their extra-curricular clubs) can help them to develop valuable skills for the future. Students also received information on the types of careers and qualifications they could aspire to achieve.

We were really impressed with the students' attitudes, enthusiasm and aspiration demonstrated throughout!

We're celebrating National Apprenticeships Week!



Derby City Council



Apprenticeships
National Apprenticeship Week
6th to 12th February 2023



APPRENTICESHIP ADVERT COMPETITION

Derby City Council are looking for the next generation of designers to help them create a digital advert to promote apprenticeships to the people of Derby.

Apprenticeships give you the opportunity to earn and learn while offering great career pathways and progression. There are a huge range of opportunities across the city, which include the more practical areas such as engineering, construction and land based or if you are looking for something office based there are areas such as business, accounting, legal, IT and many more.

To enter the competition all you have to do is create an advert showcasing what an apprenticeship is and their benefits.

Your entry must meet the following criteria:

- The advert needs to work on digital screens
- Needs to be an eye-catching design
- Submitted as a Jpeg file
- Needs to be portrait
- Should appeal to people aged 16 and upwards
- Not have more than 20 words

The winning entry will be turned into a digital advert and will appear on screens across the city!

The winner will also get the chance to work with the Council's Communications and Marketing team for the day and learn more about how their design is turned into an advert and more about digital marketing.

You can learn more about apprenticeships on the Council's website - www.derby.gov.uk.

Closing date - Friday 3 March 2023.

What's coming up...

During Collective Worship on Thursday, Year 10 will be visited by ASK Apprenticeships, raising awareness about the opportunities available to our students after they leave school.

We're also pleased to announce a competition opportunity for creative Year 10 and Year 11 students, run by Derby City Council. Students must design an 'advert' showcasing what an apprenticeship is and the benefits of doing one. Entries can be sent over to Miss Rowley before **Friday 3rd March**.

In addition, please see below a list of free online events happening over the course of the week for parents, carers and students alike to get involved in. Please see a full list below and follow the links to sign up!

Monday 6th February:

16:30 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-apprenticeships-1630pm-tickets-482331956867>

18:00 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-apprenticeships-6pm-tickets-482974157707>

19:00 "Welcome to the World of Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-apprenticeships-1900-tickets-483798423107>

Tuesday 7th February:

18:00 "Welcome to the world of T Levels"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-to-the-world-of-t-levels-6pm-tickets-484399340467>

Wednesday 8th February:

19:00 "HSBC's National Apprenticeship Week - A world of opportunities with apprenticeships"

<https://hsbc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudemrqzItGt0FGWl1m55gXLagaot9kBMC>

Thursday 9th February:

17:00 "Insight to Babcock Engineering – A World Leader"

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Babcock-NAW>

Saturday 11th February:

9:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-parents-carers-understand-the-apprenticeship-pathway-tickets-483253061917>

10:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-parent-carers-guide-to-understanding-apprenticeships-tickets-482516739557>

11:30 "A Parents & Carers Guide to understanding Apprenticeships"

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-parent-carers-guide-to-understanding-apprenticeships-tickets-483291707507>

Dates Ahead

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

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

Weds 1 March: Planned strike action. Details to follow nearer to the date.

School closes for half term: Friday 17 February

School opens for Spring half term 2: Monday 27 February

Parents' Evenings and INSET days:

Monday 6 February: INSET day – school closed for all students

Tuesday 7 February: Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 7 March: Year 10 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 26 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening

Friday 30 June: INSET day – school closed for all students