

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It was a very busy week for all at DCS. Our year 10 students have been on work experience and we had our new year 7 cohort with us for three days on their transition experience.

Both events are new for us as a school community and the three day transition is also new for the whole city.

Whilst these events take a huge amount of organisation behind the scenes, we have been delighted with the outcomes of both. Having had a couple of years with these events all being virtual, it means so much more to all of us to be able to start to get back to normal. Please do take some time to read more about each of them further on in this weekly newsletter.

As we are rapidly approaching the end of term, we are also aware that many families will start to look at getting ready for September in terms of uniform and equipment. Please do double check our website to make sure that all items fit with our uniform policy.

I wish you all a happy, sunny week

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 11 July: Years 9 & 10 sports day

Tuesday 12 July: Years 7 & 8 sports day

Friday 22nd 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

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

1 Corinthians 15:33

Year 10 Work Experience

All of our students had a week of experiencing time in the work place. There were a huge variety of workplaces represented across the year group – a couple of which are shown below in the pictures.

Miss Rowley, our full-time careers advisor, organised this week and has received many really positive comments as feedback from the businesses and workplaces who kindly hosted our students. They really have been a credit to themselves, yourselves and the school.

Giving this experience is so valuable and enables them to see all of the behaviours and attributes that are needed in the workplace. We often talk to them about this and how our FAITH values fit into every type of employment and they have been able to now see this in practice.

A small number of our students completed virtual work experience in school and worked with BAM, a large construction company on the design of a new project.

In a climate where so many schools have had to stop this type of activity, we are so delighted to have been able to support this experience. A big well done to all!





Year 6 Transition

Our new year 7 students, currently at the end of their year 6, spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with us this week. They arrived looking like they had very mixed emotions of being nervous and excited but left looking much more relaxed and confident.

During these three days, they met their new tutor groups, their Head of Year and many teachers. Mrs Lynch, their new Head of Year had planned a number of activities which included: daily reading, a FAITH session, some taster lessons of different subjects and a team building activity from an organisation called 'Resilient me'

They were supported by a number of our year 9 students who did an amazing job of helping them navigate the building and getting stuck in to the different activities.

They also learnt how to use the canteen and where they are allowed to go at break and lunch. We were all very impressed by how quickly they settled in and how polite and well-mannered they all were.

It was also lovely to see so many parents/carers at our 'Meet the Tutor' evening on Wednesday too. As a developing school it is always an extra challenge for us to provide these events as we don't have the staff needed for the additional year group. However, our staff leapt to the challenge and were a great support. We are also very grateful to many of our new staff for coming in for the evening to meet their new tutor groups.

We are very excited for September!