

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 4th December 2023



In Genesis 1:26, God says:

“Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

For us at DCS this is a reminder that God has given us the responsibility to care and look after the natural world that He created – we are therefore expected to be good stewards of the planet and its resources.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start with a big thank you for the support our students and yourselves have shown towards our Christmas social action project. We know that times are not easy and showing generosity is even more appreciated. I'm sure that Derby City Mission will be delighted with our donation; it is a lovely way for our community to say thank you for their support with our breakfast provision over the year. Please see the article below for more details.

This week has seen the start of some of our Christmas preparation. The school Christmas trees are up and we're especially impressed with the science department and their Chemis-tree! We have also started planning the final week festivities and aim to give students a good balance between having a focus on why we celebrate Christmas and spending some time celebrating!

Our performing arts team are really busy preparing for the KS4 trip to Hamilton in London and a number of Christmas performances. We are also looking forward to our year 8 & 10 students visiting Derby Cathedral for a Christmas service.

We recognise that we are coming to the end of a long Autumn term. We still have a focus on learning and so we ask that you continue to support school by ensuring your child/children have all of the necessary equipment with them everyday. Every student needs a school bag with their reading book, planner, calculator and full pencil case. It will impact them negatively if they have any of these items missing.

Please also remember that school finishes at 12pm on Friday 22 December for all students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

FAITH in Action

We were so delighted this week when we were presented with this plate from Lilly H in year 7. It is fantastic to see how she has taken such time and care to highlight our FAITH values in such a creative way. Not only did Lilly make this plate but she also made a lovely Christmas tree decoration too which is now hanging on our Christmas tree. Well done and thank you Lilly!



Derby City Mission Collection



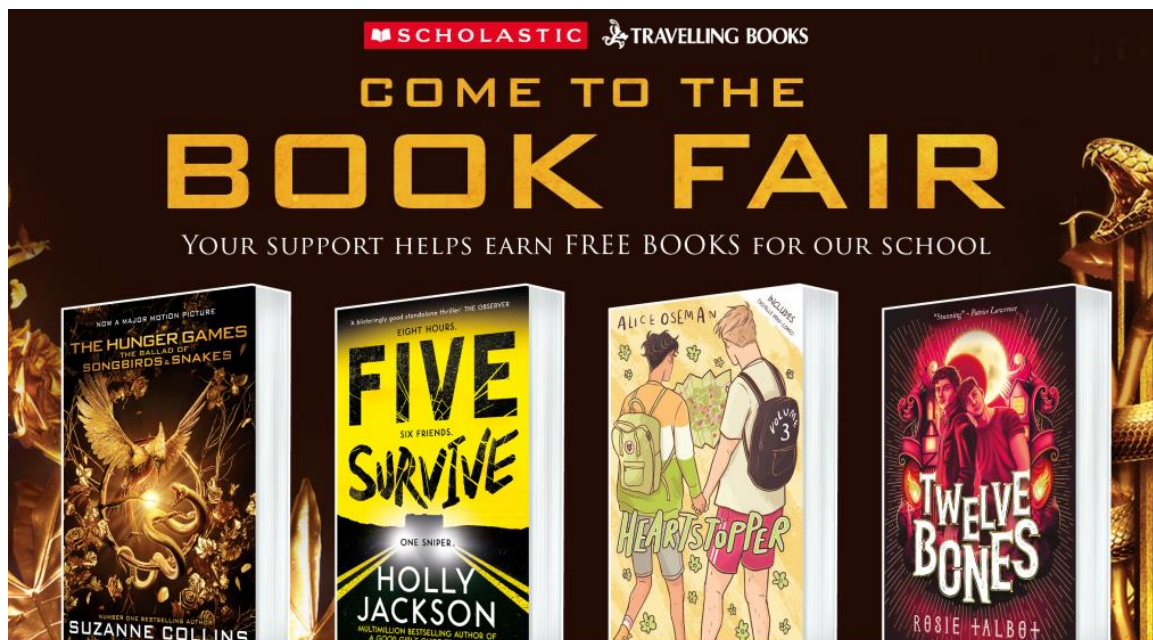
Our school community has really pulled together and collected an incredible amount of food and toiletries donations for Derby City Mission. A group of Sixth Form students have been busy sorting it all into categories to make it easy for Derby City Mission to distribute in the most effective way possible! Thank you to everyone who brought something in, no matter how small!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is running this week over three days Tuesday 12th December – Thursday 14th December.

Students are able to browse a large selection of books on display in the LRC and can take a Wishlist home for parents to pay for books online, or students can pay with Class Charts points as in previous fairs. Or parents can purchase gift vouchers for students to use in school.

All books purchased will help the school win free books to add to our school resources as well!



Information for Parents and Guardians

If you'd like to purchase any of the books your child has listed and want to avoid sending cash into school, you can pay online at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay or by purchasing Book Fair gift vouchers. You can find out more about the books available and confirm prices at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases

Pay Online:

Visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay

When you're at the Book Fair, you can now pay for your chosen books online using our secure parent payment system. Once payment is complete, please return this wish list to your school so your child's books can be distributed.

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Pay with Gift Vouchers:

Avoid handling cash with pre-paid gift vouchers. Visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents to purchase, available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25.

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Christmas Concert



We are holding our Christmas Concert on Thursday 21st December. It will include acts from all year groups from Year 7 up through Year 12, and the evening will be ran and organized by the Year 12 Music Performance students.

The concert will start at 6:30pm however all student performers are required to be at school for 5:45pm for a sound check. Refreshments will be available in the canteen from 5:45pm.

Tickets will cost £4 for adults and £2 for children/concessions.

Students will be required to wear full uniform however we are encouraging students to add a Christmas accessory (Santa hat/tinsel).

We look forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Trees!

Following the INSET Day on 1st December, students came back to school on Monday to Christmas trees decorating several areas of the school!

We have a real 12-foot tree in the LRC, a tree in Main Reception, the Staff Room, and the Sixth Form room, as well as this wonderful Chemis-tree in the Science Prep room!



Criminology Trip to the University of Derby

The Year 12 Criminology students enjoyed a successful educational visit to the Criminology and Law Departments at the University of Derby on Wednesday 6th December. The visit included a lecture on Cyber crime and a visit to the in-house court and police custody suite. The students had a great time and we look forward to forging further links with the University.



Lost Property

We have gathered up another mountain of lost property over this half term!

Lost Property is put out on dining room tables every Thursday after school and first thing Friday morning for students to have a look through and collect anything that may be theirs. It will also be going out every day next week to give students the best possible chance to collect their belongings.

Please encourage your children to look through this if they have lost anything.

There are coats, jumpers, blazers, bags, shoes, PE kits, and more!

IMPORTANT: All items not collected by the end of the day on the last day of term will be donated to charity over the Christmas break!

We always check lost property for names, and any items with names in are returned to students. If parents can please ensure to put students' names into coats, bags, etc, this would greatly increase the chances of them being returned!



Dates Ahead

Key Dates in the Autumn Term

12th – 14th December: Scholastic Book Fair

14th December: Y10/11 Hamilton Trip

20 December: Christmas Dinner day!

Thursday 21 December: Evening Christmas music concert

Term Dates

Friday 22 December: break up for Christmas holiday (12pm early finish for all students)

Monday 8 January: return to school

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

Friday 1st December

Monday 5th February

Friday 28th June

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