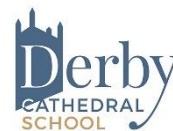


This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 4 March 2024



In Proverbs 21:13 it says:

“Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.”

For us at DCS this lets us know that if we want to be listened to when life is unfair, we also have to be prepared to listen to others.

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to all parents/carers who attended the year 9 parents evening this week. It makes a huge difference to students when school and home are able to work together to best support them.

Our final parents' evenings of the year are for years 7 & 8 on 30 April and 25 June respectively so please do save the dates! They are also available on our website calendar and in the Key dates section at the end of this newsletter.

Our year 11 students have now finished their PPEs (mock exams) and are in the final stretch towards their GCSE exams. They only have 5 school weeks left and so it's vital they make the most of every day. Their teachers are running intervention sessions after school and students who have been identified for this really need to attend. We would really appreciate your support in ensuring they attend each of these; you will have had this information in a letter a while ago. If you need another copy then please let us know. Please also read the email sent each week by Mr Emberley as you'll be able to see what is ahead each week for this year group. Staff will also be running intervention sessions over the Easter holidays. These sessions were really well attended last year and made a huge difference so please do also support these by making sure your child attends the sessions identified. The dates have been published to you and we will send out the specific invitations soon. We also intend to make some drop-in sessions available so that Year 11 students can access PCs and general revision support. Often it's easier to have a space in school to do this.

We have an exciting day planned this Friday 15th March. National 'Red Nose Day' is a great opportunity for us to reflect the Bible verse of the week. Giving our time and resources to help out others who may be struggling in life is so important and helps all of our students demonstrate our FAITH values in action. Year 10's recent fundraising events have inspired the whole school community and we're all really looking forward to the planned Red Nose Day fair. Each tutor group is planning a fun activity over lunch time for all students to participate in and enjoy. We'd really appreciate as much support as possible with this event so, if you are able to, please do send your child in with some money to take part. All money raised will go to Red Nose Day which supports a great number of charities both in the UK and abroad. If you want to read more about where the money goes, please use the following link <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>

I wish you all a good week.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Brown

National CrimeBeat Awards

National CrimeBeat is the youth crime prevention charity of the High Sheriffs' Association. The purpose of National CrimeBeat is to give recognition to the most innovative and successful crime prevention projects carried out by young people. They encompass the whole of England and Wales, and projects can be submitted from any organisation or individual. The trustees organise a prestigious annual awards ceremony where the six best groups or individuals present their projects to the audience before receiving their prizes.

The White Ribbon Campaign is a project brought to Derbyshire's attention in late 2023 and 8 young men from all around Derby including a student in our own school community saw this issue and its importance and decided to produce a video and presentation that was shown to all schools in Derby. The White Ribbon Campaign focuses on encouraging young men to stand up against violence perpetrated against women and young girls through educating every young man on this massive issue. The campaign was shown to all schools, and all men (including staff) were encouraged to wear a white ribbon to raise awareness of the campaign.

The video and presentation created by a group of young men including one of our own Year 12 students has come in the top 6 in the nation at the National Crime Beat Awards and winners will be announced 19th March 2024.

The Awards Ceremony can be watched live online at 11am on 19th March, 2024 on the website below.

<https://www.national-crimebeat.com/>

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel



We are excited to be participating in the 15th year of Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's biggest inter-school active travel challenge.

Taking place 11th – 22nd March, the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel initiative aims to inspire pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

The event sees schools compete each day to make the most journeys by walking, wheeling, (non-electric) scooting and cycling to school, and each day the school gets enough students using active modes of transport to school, we will be entered into a draw to win prizes ranging from sports equipment to an exciting mountain bike show for students!

Not only does the event help reduce pollution around the school gates, but in recent years has helped parents to save £1.6 million in petrol costs during the fortnight.

Teachers find pupils who walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school arrive more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.

Just under 2.7 million active journeys to 1,862 participating schools took place during the 2023 challenge, saving an estimated 1,890 tonnes of CO₂ emissions if the journeys logged had otherwise been made by car.

Since data collection for the challenge began in 2011, a staggering 23.9 million miles have been travelled by pupils taking over 15.9 million active travel journeys to school. That's around 200 trips to the moon, or over 1,900 journeys around the Earth, saving 12,700 tonnes of CO₂ polluting the air on the school run, from 31.7 million car journeys had the participants been driven to and from school.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your children to walk, use a wheelchair, (non-electric) scooter, or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

If your child doesn't have a bicycle, or has an old one that needs to be fixed up, please tell them to see Mr Turner at the Cycle Recycle club and he'll be happy to help!

Mrs Young's Head Shave

We shared in a recent newsletter how Mrs Young braved having her head shaved in front of all of Year 10 during a school assembly as part of a fundraising effort for cancer.

Mrs Young has shared the following message with us afterwards:

'When I had my head shaved, we saved my hair and sent it, along with a cash donation I was given by a friend of my parents who had also braved the shave to Manchester to Little Lady Locks, a charity that makes wigs for children with Cancer. This is the certificate they have sent me.'

The message from Little Lady Locks and the certificate is below:

'Hello –

We are delighted to have received your hair donation – it is amazing. We can use your beautiful hair to create our wigs, hair systems, hats and headbands.

Please find attached your Hair Donation Certificate.

Thanks again for wanting to help a child with hair loss and we hope that you love your new hair do.

Best Wishes,

Little Lady Locks'

www.littleladylocks.com



Wizard of Oz

Our first full school production of The Wizard of Oz is coming up on 20th and 21st March at 6:30pm, with matinee performances for local primary schools during the day on the 19th and 20th March!

Our brilliant cast have been working extremely hard on learning their lines, practicing their songs and perfecting their choreography, alongside a dedicated group of student musicians practicing the score to perfection!

Tickets are now available to buy on ParentPay for £5.00 per adult and £3.50 concessions.

Enjoy the sneak peek of photos below, featuring just a small selection of our brilliant costumes and props!





Word of the Week

Our 'word of the week' this week is: **Devote**

Please do speak to your child/children about this word. Challenge them to use it in a sentence or explain its meaning to you. The information below will hopefully help!

Devote means: (verb) to give all or most of one's time or resources to (a person or activity).

Etymology: The study of the origin (beginning) of words:

Late 16th Century (in the sense 'dedicate formally, consecrate'): from Latin *devot* – 'consecrated', from the verb '*devovere*', from *de-* 'formally' + *vovere* 'to vow'.

'**Devote**' in Spanish – Dedicar

Other similar words are:

Allot
Allocate
Dedicate
Donate

Examples of how to use Devote in a sentence are:

- They **devote** an hour every day *to* revision.
- The money we raise on Red Nose Day will be **devoted** *to* Comic Relief.
- The magazine will **devote** an entire issue *to* this year's winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Road Safety

We have had a few calls from members of the public recently highlighting concerns about students running across the road in front of cars on their way to and from school.

Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group.

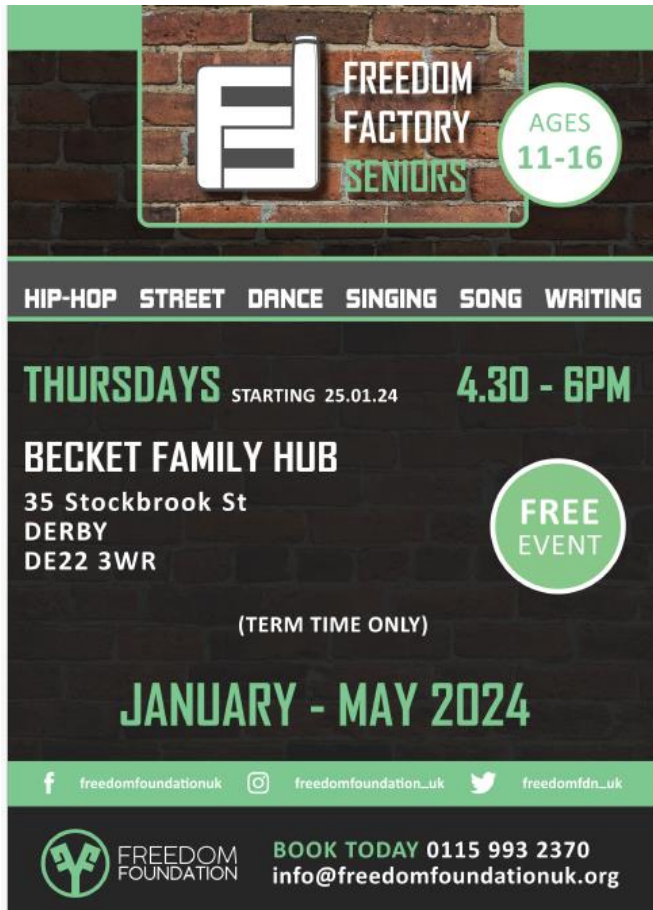
We do regularly have road safety awareness talks during Collective Worship in school, but we are asking parents to have discussions with their children as well about the importance of being careful when crossing the road. Please see link below with some information and tips on how to talk to children about pedestrian road safety:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/teenage-road-safety#:~:text=It%20is%20a%20good%20idea,music%20while%20they%20are%20cycling>

Performing Arts Workshops

Freedom Foundation is a local workshop run by the Becket Family Hub that works to improve the mental well-being and resilience of young people using Performing Arts.

They run a series of free workshops every Thursday at the Becket Family Hub and have invited Derby Cathedral School students to attend. These workshops are beneficial for any student who is interested in the performing arts, looking for more experience in the arts industry, struggling with mental wellbeing, looking for new opportunities, interested in music/song writing and wanting to have fun! They are limited to only 20 places from Derby Cathedral School so do get in touch with them if it is something your child may be interested in!



FREEDOM FACTORY SENIORS AGES 11-16

HIP-HOP STREET DANCE SINGING SONG WRITING

THURSDAYS STARTING 25.01.24 **4.30 - 6PM**

BECKET FAMILY HUB
35 Stockbrook St
DERBY
DE22 3WR

FREE EVENT

(TERM TIME ONLY)

JANUARY - MAY 2024

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FREEDOM FOUNDATION **BOOK TODAY 0115 993 2370**
info@freedomfoundationuk.org



FREEDOM FACTORY SENIORS



FREE EVENT

BOOK HERE

Derby City Council FREEDOM FOUNDATION Family in Derby Community Action

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FREEDOM FOUNDATION **BOOK TODAY 0115 993 2370**
info@freedomfoundationuk.org

Saturday Workshops

We have been informed of a new Free Saturday workshop available for students ages 13 – 16. Please see poster below and attached, as well as the website at <https://saturday-club.org/subject/society-change/>

“From climate change and conflict to new technologies and taking action, at the Society & Change Saturday Club you will explore the forces that are shaping the world today and discover how young people have a voice to influence the future. Club members will find out about different cultures and life in other countries, including what it is like to be a young person in other parts of the world, and will also be introduced to a range of jobs and careers from foreign policy and diplomacy to journalistic reporting and international charity work.”

NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB

Society & Change

I'M GOING TO
TALK ABOUT WHAT REALLY MATTERS

IT STARTS ON SATURDAY

Free local Saturday Clubs for 13–16 year olds

Find your Club
@natsatclub
saturday-club.org/join

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EFD Easter Sports Club at DCS

We are really excited to present a new opportunity taking place at Derby Cathedral School over the Easter holiday!

EDF are a Sport and Education Company co-founded by current Premier League Footballer for Sheffield United Ben Osborn and Ex Nottingham Forest Player Jack Andrews. The company will be running Easter Holiday Camps at DCS from Monday 8th April – Thursday 11th April.

The spaces are funded and are FREE for children receiving Free School Meals, and only £20 per day for all other students. Please see poster below and attached.

EFD
SPORT & EDUCATION

Derby
CATHEDRAL
SCHOOL

ABOUT US

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and **Ex Nottingham Forest Player**,
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FUNDED EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Monday 8th April- Thursday 11th April
Derby Cathedral School, Great Northern Rd, Derby DE1 1LR

**Does your child love nothing more than to play sports?
Come along to our Easter camps for action-packed days of
games, sports, and non-stop fun!**

10-3pm | Ages 11-16 yrs
Free for children receiving benefit related free school meals.

HOW TO BOOK?

For more information and to book, visit our [website](#) and
complete the form at the bottom of the page.
Alternatively, you can e-mail:
info@efdsportandeducation.co.uk

Interested in finding out more about us? Click
on the Social Media logos and hit follow!



Cycle Derby Easter Holiday Activities

Only three weeks until the Easter Holidays and Cycle Derby have many activities for children wanting to have fun on two wheels! Please see information on images below and attached as well.



cyclederby
ACTIVITIES
EASTER 2024

Trackdays
Day Session at Derby Arena **9-16 Years**

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

2nd and 11th April **£35**
10am - 3pm

All activities must be booked in advance
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

www.cyclederby.co.uk

Derby City Council



cyclederby
ACTIVITIES
EASTER 2024

Holiday Club **£25**
at Derby Arena **6-12 Years**

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride

Wednesday 3rd April
10.30am - 1pm

New to two wheels
at Derby Arena **4-8 Years**

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

£10
Wednesday 3rd April
10am - 11am

All activities must be booked in advance
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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ACTIVITIES
EASTER 2024

Holiday Club **£25**
Markeaton Park **6-12 Years**

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride

Wednesday 10th April
10.30am - 1pm

New to two wheels
Markeaton Park **4-8 Years**

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided

£10
Wednesday 10th April
10am - 11am

All activities must be booked in advance
To book call 07827 879647 or email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk

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ACTIVITIES
EASTER 2024

Learn to Ride
at Markeaton Park

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time or those who have *almost* mastered it. Own bike preferred but not essential. **£20**

50 Minute Sessions available

3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th & 12th April 2024
10am, 11am, 12noon
1.30pm & 2.30pm

All activities must be booked in advance
To book sessions please email cyclederby@derby.gov.uk or call 07972 268171

www.cyclederby.co.uk

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Family Hub Programme: Jan – Mar 2024

Just a reminder that all information about the family hubs in Derby can be found here:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/community-and-living/family-hub-childcare/family-hub/about-family-hub/family-hub-parents/#page-4>

The 'What's On' Guide can be found here:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/communityandliving/familyhubparents/family-hub-whats-on-jan-to-mar-2024.pdf>

The activities and support for 5 – 19 year olds starts on page 14.

Have a look through as there are some wonderful activities and places to go for all kinds of support all year round!

Here are some examples of the free activities on offer:

What's on for: 5 – 19 year olds

Premier Education | Age 11+



Activities such as fencing, handball, lacrosse, tchoukball as well as character building skills. Booking required, please contact James jjennison@premier-education.com or 07980276488.

Engineered Learning | 11 – 16s



Active Hands: Supporting Nature – Engineered Learning empowers you to achieve through engineering. Make friends whilst creating items in wood that support wildlife in our authentic workshop. Booking required please contact Carol Phillips carol@engineeredlearning.co.uk.

School holiday delivery:

Monday 1 April 2024

Tuesday 2 April 2024

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Wednesday 10 April 2024

Thursday 11 April 2024

Friday 12 April 2024

Derwent Workshop, Unit 8, Racecourse Industrial Estate, Mansfield Road, Derby DE21 4SX.

Tackle it! | For boys age 12-14



Tackle It is Derby County Community Trust's wellbeing programme (early-intervention) for young males aged 12-14 who are struggling with their mental wellbeing. The sessions aim to give participants a 'safe space' to chat, socialise and take part in fun activities. The aim is to keep a relaxed atmosphere where people can meet others who may be experiencing similar challenges. Tackle It is part of our wider Winning Minds project, supporting youth mental health and social action. Contact Morgan Stanley for more information - Morgan.stanley@dcct.co.uk or 07494 517324 or Matt Deacon matt.deacon@dcct.co.uk. No booking required, just turn up!

Mondays 6-7:30pm Osmaston Allenton

Tuesdays 6-7:30pm Derwent

Community One | 12-16s



GROWTH Programme – Sport, music, arts, social affairs, health, and wellbeing activities every week. No need to book – just turn up! Contact info@communityone.org.uk or 01332 891444.

Mondays 5-7pm Rosehill

Tuesdays 5-7pm Arboretum Park

GREAT Girls Hub | For girls age 12-17



The GREAT Hubs aims to support young females with their wellbeing. Sessions are based on the GREAT values of Gratitude, Resilience, Empathy, Authenticity, Teamwork. A GREAT session is one hour each week focusing on wellbeing for mind and body through lots of fun activities. Most importantly these sessions offer a place to come along and talk openly to other females in a community that is supportive, positive and compassionate to each other. **Contact Claire Clark for more information - Claire.clark@dcct.co.uk or 07783 283981.**

Mondays	4:45-6pm	Osmaston Allenton
Tuesdays	4:45-5:45pm	Derwent

Sporting Communities | 13 – 16's



Get involved in activities such as art, virtual reality (VR), sports, health, fitness, cooking and more. Sessions will be tailored around individual needs to support emotional health and well-being either one-to-one or in groups. For more information on how to get involved in the programme, **contact info@supportingcommunitiescio.co.uk or call 07841026335.**

Baby People | Music sessions | For 13-19 year olds

Music studio sessions covering MCing, singing and music production. No experience needed, come and learn some studio skills and improve your craft. Open for free to all young people aged between 13 and 19 years. **No booking needed, just turn up.**

Tuesdays	5-7pm	Sinfin
Wednesdays	5-7pm	Rosehill
Thursdays	5-7pm	Derwent
Fridays	4:30-6:30pm	Osmaston Allenton

Youth Matters | 14+



Get focused and fit with Youth Matters Boxing programme including pad work and circuit training. Supported and encouraged throughout the session by a Mentor as well as the Coach. **Booking required please contact Danny danny.youthmattersnewmills@gmail.com.**

Thursdays	4pm	Derwent
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Dates Ahead

Term Dates

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 28th June

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 30 April: Year 7 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Tuesday 25 June: Year 8 Parents' evening (school ends at 2.15pm for all students)

Other Key Dates

20 & 21 March: Wizard of Oz school production 7pm

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