

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

w/c 5 June 2023



In Genesis 1 verses 27-28 it says:

God created humans in his own image ... God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

This reminds us at DCS that God is the creator of all things and that he has given us the responsibility to care for and look after his creation.

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope that you all had a good break over half term. It's a helpful time for our year 11 students as they have time to re-energise before their remaining weeks of exams. Many of them are finding it strange that they only have a week left of school. This next week is also a big week for our year 10 students as they begin their mock exams.

You will see in the term dates section that we have some enrichment days planned for the final few days of this term. We have planned enrichment activities on these days for the past few years and this year is no exception. However, the themes for these days are slightly different. One will be focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) which is a critical part of the job market, especially for Derby. This day will provide opportunities for all of our students to see the types of activities and careers that are available in this career sector.

We are also planning a further enrichment day focused on celebrating the variety of cultural heritages that we have at DCS. This is an important part of our vision statement which states 'Derby Cathedral School is a Christian community that welcomes students, families and visitors of all faiths and none. The diversity and richness of such a family brings depth and a vibrancy to our core.'

You can also read below of another exciting opportunity that is currently being planned for our students in supporting them to ride bikes to school. By 2025 all schools have to have a member of staff designated as a 'Sustainability Lead'. These leads will receive carbon literacy training, and will be responsible for putting in place climate action plans. Whilst we are waiting for more details to be announced, we have begun looking at some projects that will help meet this agenda. Our bike maintenance project is part of this, so please do have a read to see if your child would be interested in taking part. Our Bible verse of the week also links with this agenda as it encourages us to take care of God's creation and highlights how this is everyone's responsibility.

I wish you all a great week ahead.

Mrs Brown

Bike maintenance support

We currently have a large number of students who cycle to school and others who would like to. Cycling to school is a great way for young people to travel in a sustainable way which supports the environment as well as their own health and fitness. Teenagers are meant to have at least an hour of physical activity everyday and walking or cycling to and from school counts towards this.

However, we want to help support students in encouraging their safety whilst they are cycling. Mr Turner has been liaising with a local bike shop to look at running some bike maintenance workshops in order to teach our students some basic skills in keeping their bikes well kept and safe. We hope to involve the police as well to mark the bikes as an anti-theft strategy.

Over the past year we have also had a number of people who have offered to donate bikes to school. We are looking at running a bike-basics course for students who would like to cycle to school but don't have their own bike. This course would result in students learning basic bike safety and then being issues with a bike to use.

At the moment, these activities are in the planning stages but we wanted to let all parents/carers know in case you are able to offer any help/support. If you have any items related to cycling that you are able to donate, we would be really grateful. We also would love you to encourage your children to participate in these activities when they become available so please do start those conversations now.

If you would like to get in touch about any possible donations or contacts who may be able to help us please do email j.turner@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

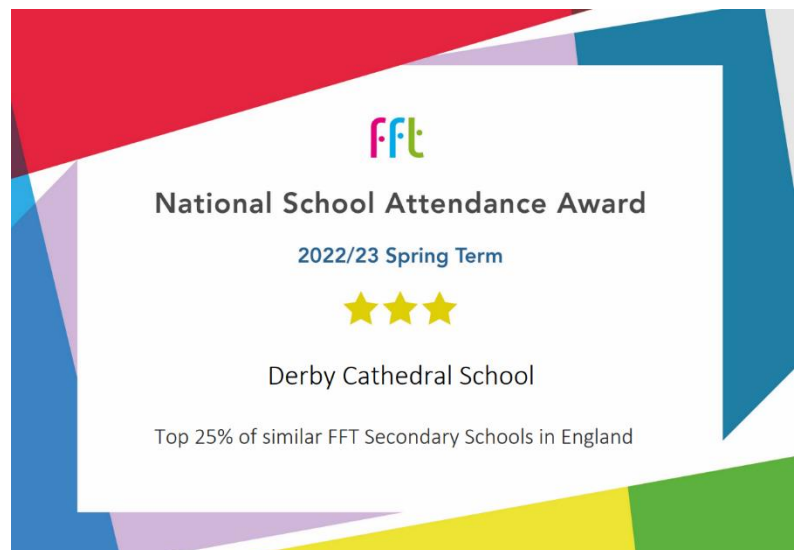
Attendance

This week, we were delighted to received an attendance certificate for the whole school. This was from the Fischer Family Trust (FFT), an organisation that collects information from schools across the UK.

At DCS we are in the top 25% of schools that have a similar profile and size to us. We're delighted with this achievement and it shows all of the hard work that the attendance and pastoral team are putting in to this area. We all know that attending school and being in lessons (for all 5 years) is linked to the GCSE grades that students get in year 11.

We are also very grateful to all parents/carers who support us in this too – thank you for your hard work too.

We are still working hard to improve our attendance further and our target of 97% is still something we strive for.



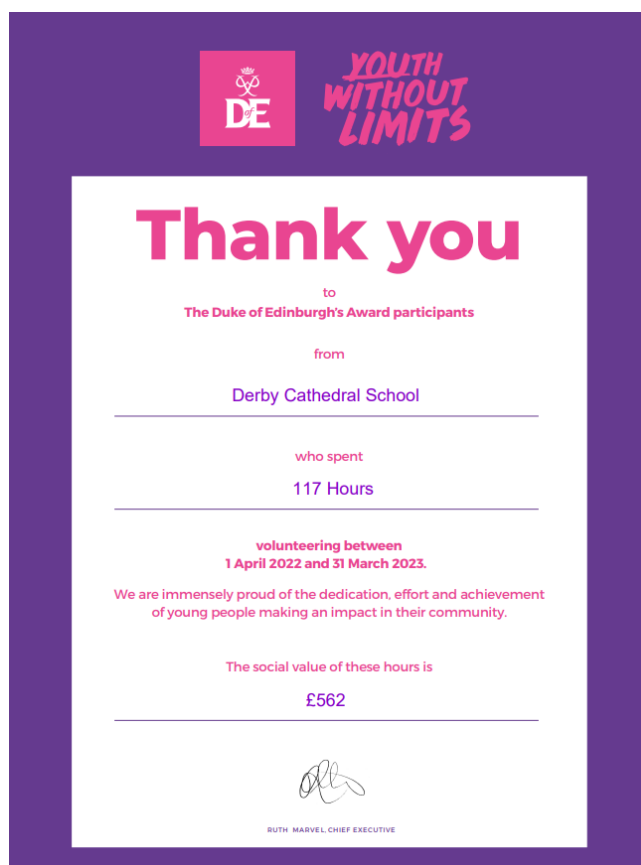
Duke of Edinburgh

A huge well done to our students on our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Over the past year (up to 31 March) our students have clocked up 117 hours of voluntary work. This has the value of £562. As we are now in June, we know that this time and value will have continued to increase.

It's fantastic to see our students making the most of these opportunities.

Current year 8 students will be invited to an information evening next year to hear all about this award as they will be able to start on the Bronze award when they are in year 9.

Once again, congratulations to all and a big thank you to the staff for all of their organising and support too.



Careers

Year 9 – Rolls Royce Young Apprentice Programme

We'd like to say a huge congratulations to 3 of our Year 9 students who have successfully gained a place on the Rolls-Royce Young Apprentice Programme to start in September.

Well done to Caitlin, Rithika and Eimantas!

We had a number of students apply this year and each have done exceptionally well in their own right. First, students completed an online application form and created a CV, which mirrored Rolls-Royce's actual recruitment process. Once through to the next stage, students attended Rolls-Royce for an 'assessment day', where they took part in a presentation, an interview and a practical task.

The quality of applications was high, so well done to everyone involved!

Year 10 & 11 - NHS Cadets with Saint John Ambulance

We're pleased to announce the popular NHS Cadets has opened its applications again. Please follow the link to see details of the new programme, starting in July. This is a great opportunity for young people interested in a career in healthcare in the future:

<https://nhscadets.sja.org.uk/join-today/role-detail.html?jobid=204472>

Years 9, 10 and 11 – Future Nurse Virtual Event



The poster for the Future Nurse Virtual Event features a blue and white color scheme. At the top left is the Lincolnshire Training Hub logo with the text 'LINCOLNSHIRE TRAINING HUB Primary Care Education'. A central image shows a male nurse in blue scrubs. Below this is a circular logo with a caduceus and the text 'FUTURE NURSE'. The main title 'Future Nurse' is in large blue font, with 'Virtual Event Via Zoom' underneath. The date and time 'WEDNESDAY 28th June 7PM-8.30PM' are prominently displayed, followed by the target audience 'Aimed at year 9+ students looking to explore careers in nursing'. A bulleted list of topics includes: 'Overview of access routes into nursing, courses and entry requirements', 'Day in the life of a qualified nurse', 'A look at the role of the nursing associate', 'Nursing associate apprenticeships', and 'Q & A session'. Contact information includes a booking link 'bit.ly/FutureNurseJune2023' and an email 'ruth.pollack@nhs.net'. At the bottom, it lists partners: 'Nottinghamshire Alliance Training Hub', 'Northamptonshire Alliance Training Hub', and 'General Practice Task Force Derbyshire'. Social media handles for LinkedIn and Facebook are also provided.

Please see details regarding a Zoom event all about pathways into a career in Nursing for Years 9 and upwards. If interested, please follow this link to register for a spot:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-midlands-future-nurse-tickets-646461683297>

Years 10 and 11 – Open Day at YMCA Key College

If you are in Year 11 and still haven't got a plan for after you leave, or you are in Year 10 and want to start exploring options for Post-16 study, the YMCA Key College are holding an Open Day on 15th June to showcase their courses.

YMCA Key College is a small college specialising in entry level and level 1 courses and apprenticeships, with tailored support for students with additional needs. For more information or to discuss any of the above, please get in touch with Miss Rowley (Careers Advisor).



The poster for the YMCA Key College Open Day has a teal and purple background. It features the YMCA Key College logo (a key) and the text 'YMCA KEY COLLEGE Accredited vocational training courses for young people'. The main title 'OPEN DAY' is in large white font. Below it, the date and time 'Thursday 15th June 2023 12pm-6pm (Drop-in)' are listed. A paragraph describes the event: 'Attending an Open Day is the perfect opportunity to see our Campuses, talk to our knowledgeable tutors, view our excellent facilities and learn about our courses'. The bottom section, in a purple box, lists the open campuses: 'DERBY Marble Hall, 80 Nightingale Road, Derby, DE24 8BF' and 'ILKESTON Rosscarberry House, 4 Coronation Street, Ilkeston, DE7 5QH'. Contact information at the bottom includes an email 'training@ymcaderbyshire.org.uk', a phone number '01332 854649', and a website 'keycollege.co.uk'.

Scholastic Book Fair!

Summer Book Fair 19th/ 20th and 22nd / 23rd June

We will be running the next **Scholastic Book Fair** in school at **breaks** and **lunches** over four days of the week commencing **19th June**; with over **200 books** to choose from, students can find their next big literary love, continue with series they adore, or explore popular TikTok trends.

There will be **Wishlist** forms for students to hand to **Ms Christie** (LRC Manager) along with the wonderful title(s) they want; they can take the list home and books can be paid for online at www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay. Once payment has been checked, students can claim their bounty.

Another way to pay is to use students' **Class Charts** points where **600** points will buy a book or stationery costing **£8** or less – again, students will fill in their **Wishlist** and hand it and the titles they want to **Ms Christie**. Admin will check if there are enough points and allocate them accordingly. Once cleared, the student may take their item!

Every book bought through the fair adds to DCS's earnings with Scholastic for **FREE BOOKS** for our school. Please buy what you can for your young person and expand their horizons through reading.

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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)

Year 11 leavers service: 22 June (details will be sent via email)

Year 12 Induction day: 26 June

Year 11 Prom: 28 June

School Blessing ceremony: 3 July

Year 6 transition days: 4 – 6 July

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

Parents' Evenings and INSET days:

Tuesday 27 June: Year 8 Parents' Evening – early finish for all students at 2.15pm

Friday 30 June: INSET day – school closed for all 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 nd and 4 th 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