

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

We can't quite believe that we're now in our last half term of this first year in our new building! This half term is always action packed and we're looking forward to some key events in the next few weeks. In early July we see our year 10 students have their first work experience week. At the same time, year 6 students will have three transition days where they spend time getting to know us and each other. We are also planning the final week of our year where students will have a variety of enrichment activities on some key themes including diversity, healthy lifestyles and preparation for their next steps and future careers.

It's been great, this week, to be able to have more students out on trips – please read the following articles about each of them. A big thank you to the staff who organised these as they take a great deal of work behind the scenes. Also to our students who conducted themselves extremely well and were fantastic ambassadors for themselves and our school community.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

Kedleston Hall

On Wednesday a group of Year 9 historians were invited to visit Kedleston Hall. Kedleston Hall is a stately home that is looked after by the National Trust. Students were asked to visit the hall to work with the National Trust on how they can attract more young people to visit properties like Kedleston. The students were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the house, historical artefacts and learning about the people who lived there. This initial visit is just the start of a new partnership between our school and Kedleston Hall. Watch this space for further details...

If you fancy a visit to Kedleston you can find details here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/kedleston-hall>



Derby Cathedral Peace Doves

Our GCSE art group went to Derby Cathedral to see the Peace Doves installation on Thursday morning. Mrs Young organised a variety of activities that gave the students an insight into many features of the Cathedral as well as time looking at the amazing installation. Did you know that it is made up of 8 000 doves! If you want to see this in the beautiful setting of the Cathedral then you only have this weekend to visit before it comes to an end. The following link has all the details: <https://derbycathedral.org/peacedoves/>



We have our own Peace Doves installation in our LRC. The doves have each been made by one of our students and they carry a message of peace for our community. They are arranged in a V-shape which represents a flock of geese in flight. Geese fly in this way to support and help each other. This represents how we always aim to be as a school community too.

