

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 7 November 2022



That is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. Romans 1:12

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

A huge thank you to all those who came to our Sixth Form Open Evening last week. It was great to see so many of you there. It's such an exciting time in the journey of the school. This is certainly a big year for us with our first year 11 cohort and the development of our Sixth Form. We had many comments from parents/carers that they couldn't quite believe we were already at this point! If you weren't able to make the evening or are just interested for your child in a younger year group, please read the article below and have a look at the prospectus and videos on the school website.

As I mentioned in last week's update, we are aiming this year to work on our communication with parents/carers in order to help you feel more involved in the life of the school. We are continuing to showcase teams/areas of school each week (see 'Meet The Team' below). In the next couple of weeks, we will also be:

- publishing the results and feedback of our parent survey
- publishing updated parent leaflets on key topics
- arranging the parent focus group meeting

A big thank you to those who have volunteered for being part of this group. I'm really looking forward to working with you.

We are also forming student ambassador groups in the next few weeks. These groups, focusing on key school development priorities, will each work with a senior leader and help us to shape and develop these areas. They are: FAITH, reading, teaching & learning, behaviour and Sixth Form. Our SMART Student Council Communications group were fantastic in the recent meeting I held with them. They asked some great questions and offered insightful suggestions as to how to work as an effective group. Each week, I continue to be so proud of our students and how much they are growing through our FAITH values.

I hope that you all have a great week.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Brown
Headteacher

Meet The Team!



Meet our Careers advisor!

Miss Rowley is our full-time careers advisor. Her role is to help and support all of our students to be well prepared for their future career. Her work is a key part of us being able to fulfil the following part of our vision:

All students will be well prepared for their next step into future education, training and employment. They will be happy, healthy, confident, life-long learners who 'experience life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Each day is different for Miss Rowley. She might be found holding 1-1 careers interviews with our year 10 and 11 students, planning whole year group activities focusing on particular careers, planning activities to increase university aspiration, planning visits to and from employers, sharing information with students about local and national career opportunities and keeping up to date with all things career-related.

She plans activities for students in each year group – these can be seen on our website. This year, we're really looking forward to mock interviews for our KS4 students. Miss Rowley also organises all of the work experience for year 10 – this is a significant task!

Miss Rowley's office is always busy and students often pop in to have a chat with her about their next steps.

If you want more information about the areas around careers that Miss Rowley focuses on please look at:

<https://www.gatsby.org.uk/education/focus-areas/good-career-guidance>

And visit our school website: <https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/>

Our students are extremely lucky to have Miss Rowley as a full-time resource for the school. Part of her role is to offer independent advice to students so that they know they are getting the best possible advice for them. She is also really looking forward to taking her skill and expertise into our Sixth Form where our students will be equally well supported with their pathway choices and applications to university, apprenticeships or employment.

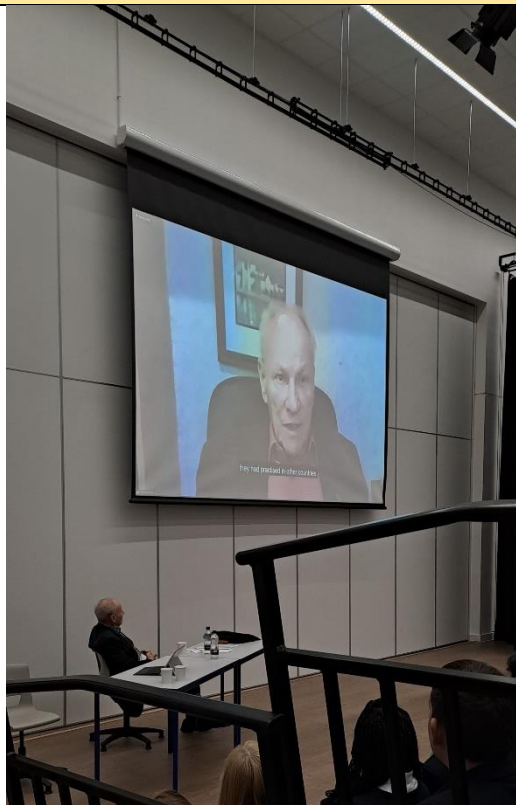
Cost of Living Support



We have been informed about a new app that both helps to reduce food waste and supports those affected by the current cost of living difficulties. 'Too Good To Go' is free to download. It makes you aware of local supermarkets, shops, cafes etc who are selling food packages at a reduced cost each day. These include places like, Co-op, Starbucks and Morrisons. You can use the app to check the cost and reserve one of the bags. Each bag will contain a mixture of items that haven't sold by a certain time but where the food is still in date. You will be given a time slot to collect and pay for your bag.

You can read more information on their website too: <https://toogoodtogo.co.uk/en-gb/>

Holocaust Survivor Visit: 11-11-22



As part of our RE curriculum, year 9 learn about the Holocaust. This year, we were extremely privileged to have a Holocaust survivor come to visit DCS.

Year 9 spent two lessons with Tomi who was born and grew up in Hungary. Tomi now finds it difficult to talk for extended periods of time, so year 9 initially watched a video with Tomi where he told his story. Year 9 listened so attentively and respectfully as they learnt that Tomi was forced to wear a yellow star on his clothes at all times because of his Jewish background. His recollection of the increased oppression and fear was both fascinating and difficult to hear especially when he said that it took him decades afterwards to admit to being a Jew. It made us all realise what a gift it is to live in a country and time where the law protects our individual freedoms and promotes tolerance and mutual respect.

Each year 9 tutor group had prepared some questions for Tomi who spent time answering each of them. We are really grateful for Tomi; for his time with us and his bravery in telling his story.

Well done to year 9 too for their interest and respect towards Tomi and this important part of world history.





Sixth Form Open Evening – Applications Open

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
Jeremiah 29:11

Our new Sixth Form open evening was a fantastic event and we welcomed large numbers of both current students and those from other schools. Students and their parents/carers had a welcome talk from Mrs Brown and Mr McIntyre (Head of Sixth Form) which introduced them to the vision, aims and ethos of the Sixth Form. They also had the opportunity to choose a selection of subject talks to visit around the school. The LRC hosted information stands on careers, PSHE and personal development as well as Strive so that students were able to talk about any SEND support they might need.

Our new subjects on offer were really popular and it's exciting to be able to offer these, in order to give a broad range of subjects for our students to choose from. The evening also emphasised the importance for students of this stage to focus on personal development as well as their subject choices. It is really exciting to be able to shape this aspect of our development alongside our students.

Applications are now open and close on 31 January 2023.

Our prospectus and online application form are now available on our school website (<https://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/sixth-form/sixth-form-admissions>) You can also watch a video for each subject on offer to find out more.

Sixth Form Information Evening

Programme for the evening
 Main Hall Welcome Presentations by Mrs J Brown, Headteacher and Mr A McIntyre, Head of Sixth Form
 6:40pm - 6:50pm and repeated 6:40pm - 7:00pm.
 Subject sessions are repeated throughout the evening and you can attend these in any order. We advise attending a Main Hall Presentation, at least 3 subject sessions and a visit to the LRC/Jobch Form 2-23.
 Session 1: 6:50pm - 6:55pm Session 2: 6:55pm - 6:10pm Session 3: 6:15pm - 6:30pm
 Session 4: 6:35pm - 6:50pm Session 5: 6:55pm - 7:10pm Session 6: 7:15pm - 7:30pm

Subject	Room	Floor	Staff
Art, Craft and Design	1-12	1	Mrs A Gibson
Biology	2-07	2	Mr M Simpson
Business Studies	1-26	1	Mr T Williamson
Chemistry	2-02	2	Mrs S Wood
Computer Science	2-20	2	Mrs S Spencer
Core Maths	2-12	2	Mrs S Heald
Criminology	0-07	Ground	Mr S Acquah
English Language and Literature	1-22	1	Mr D Salter
English Literature	1-22	1	Mr D Salter
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	Our EPQ offer will be discussed with all prospective students during our application interviews as an enrichment opportunity.		
Food Science and Nutrition	0-11	Ground	Mrs M Foulkes
Further Mathematics	2-12	2	Mrs S Heald
Geography	1-10	1	Ms B Woodward
Health and Social Care	0-12	Ground	Miss C Radford
History	1-14	1	Mr M Adler
Mathematics	2-12	2	Mrs S Heald
Music Performance	1-04	1	Ms J Eaton
Physical Education (Sport)	Fitness Suite	2 Sports Hall	Mr M Rawson
Performing Arts	0-49 (Drama Studio)	Ground	Mr J Embury
Physics	2-04	2	Mr M Shooter
Politics	1-14	1	Mr M Adler
Psychology	1-16	1	Mr S Richardson
Religious Studies	0-33	Ground	Ms C Noble
Sociology	0-20	Ground	Mr S Gough
Spanish	0-05	Ground	Mrs K McLennan

To access key documents please use these QR codes

Prospectus Apply now Evaluation

Additional Information
 Our colleagues from PSHE, Careers and SEND will be available throughout the evening to discuss their Post-16 support and will be located in the Learning Resources Centre. You can also make your way to room 2-23 (second floor) to find out our plans for the Sixth Form study areas and provide suggestions to support our extra-curricular offer. Refreshments will also be available in this room.

Dates Ahead

Year 7 Cathedral Visit 16 November

This year our year 7 students are all visiting Derby Cathedral to meet the staff there and have an introduction to this amazing building. They will also receive a copy of the new testament from the organisation: Good News for everyone. This used to be known as Gideons UK.

Your Choice Workshop 23 November

Year 9 will experience a workshop focusing on making safe and appropriate choices for their lives. This is part of the personal development and safeguarding programme.

Year 9 Parents Evening 29 November

More details about booking appointments etc. will be sent to parents. School will have an earlier finish of 2.10pm

INSET day 2 December

School will be closed to all students

Christmas Concert 15 December

Save the date!