

This Week at Derby Cathedral School

w/c 7th July 2025



In our final half term, we are reflecting on a verse from the Book of Proverbs. Thought to have been written by King Solomon, this collection of wise sayings was compiled around 3,000 years ago to guide God's people in practical, everyday living. These ancient principles remain remarkably relevant today, offering enduring wisdom for navigating relationships, character development, and moral decision-making.

Proverbs 11:2 teaches us that "**When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.**" This principle speaks directly to how we raise our children and model behaviour in both our homes and school community.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 10 students have done themselves proud during their work experience week, embodying the very humility and wisdom that Solomon advocates. We consistently receive glowing feedback from their placement providers, and this year has been no exception. These experiences offer invaluable opportunities for our students to learn about workplace expectations whilst demonstrating the strong character and work ethic they have developed at DCS. My thanks go to Mrs Bingham for her organisational efforts and to our entire staff team for their ongoing support.

It has certainly been an exceptionally hot week, and I want to thank our PE team for their dedication in organising the remaining year group sports days despite the challenging conditions. They also managed to take a large number of students to the annual City Sports event—we'll be sharing exciting details about how DCS performed in this competition next week!

The weather forecast suggests this warm spell will continue, so our adjusted summer uniform policy remains in place. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school to maintain proper hydration throughout the day. It's also important that they apply sun cream for their journeys to and from school and during break or lunch times if they choose to spend time outdoors.

Our Year 12 geographers made excellent use of the beautiful weather during their fieldwork residential in Blackpool. Their experience exemplifies how we can approach learning with the kind of humble curiosity that leads to genuine wisdom—engaging fully with their environment to develop practical skills and deepen their understanding. Please do read the article to see some pictures and more details about their trip.

As we draw closer to the end of term, I'm grateful for your continued support with our adjusted summer uniform arrangements. I must remind you that blazers will be compulsory when we return to school in September, so please ensure you've checked how to order uniform items if new ones are needed. Please do see the advert in this newsletter with details from Morleys including their uniform pop up shop at school on 28th & 29th July. As always, please contact us if you require assistance with uniform requirements.

Finally a reminder that the summer concert is on Wednesday 23rd July at 6pm and the school year ends at 12pm on Thursday 24th July for all students.

I wish you all a wonderful week
Mrs Brown

Year 12 Geography Fieldwork



Last month our year 12 geographers undertook a residential on the Lancashire coast to support their A Level studies. Over the 3 days they collected a wide range of data to deepen their understanding of changing places and coastal landscape topics and heard from experts at Lancashire Wildlife Trust about the Fylde Sand Dunes Project. The students are now back in school analysing their data.

This project was supported by the Frederick Soddy Grant, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG)



Word of the week - Scrupulous

Scathing

Definition: Painsstaking, careful

In Spanish: Escrupuloso

Synonyms (words with a similar meaning): meticulous, careful, conscientious, diligent

Antonyms (words with the opposite meaning): careless, cursory, regardless, negligent

Sentences:

She is scrupulous about cleaning her room.

The artist was scrupulous with every detail.

He is scrupulous in his work at the lab.

A scrupulous person always tells the truth.

DCS Summer Concert

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What parents and educators need to know about AI-enabled scams

AI isn't just transforming the way we learn and work, it's also reshaping the tactics scammers use online. From generating convincing phishing emails to fabricating influencer videos, criminals are using AI to make their scams more convincing than ever. Young people, who often embrace new tech quickly, can be especially vulnerable.

[This guide from The National College](#) highlights several AI-enabled dangers – including romance scams, deepfake audio and video impersonations, and fake job offers – and explains how to spot and report them. With clear tips for verifying content, thinking critically, and using trusted platforms, it's essential reading for parents and educators to help young people stay one step ahead of the scammers.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, tips and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – where a scammer is designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI. However, AI has made them far more convincing. Criminals can now generate highly convincing social media posts, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing emails harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to generate or copy-paste fake product photos and videos, and persuade buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it harder to spot, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled on an online service or app, such as a bank app. One such example was the use of AI deepfakes to impersonate a voice of a 17-year-old boy, convincing his parents one had been kidnapped and which a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can then be used to trick people about job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or passport, or 2025. The government reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, ending on 16th last.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to make public video and audio, with technology overable that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures pretending to promote products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Criminals are also using AI to create convincing emails of well-known figures pretending to promote products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Criminals are also using AI to create convincing emails of well-known figures pretending to promote products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to.

ROMANCE SCAMS & EXTORTION

AI has been used to create realistic conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people. In getting other things, this can lead to financial extortion. In 2024, the NCSC's SCOP Safety Centre received 352 reports of extortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months of 2025, police received an average of 17 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post appears urgent, proceed with caution, if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items, however, where possible, encourage children to use regulated companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by robust legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may impersonate an influencer or spread misinformation and fake content, however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. In social media, such as checking the person who is the subject of a headline article, or checking content and of individual or company websites before making any can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expect to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of crime increases, the likelihood of being victimised by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. There children how to report their concerns in the social media site, Action Fraud, Twitter, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at All Field, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ITC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.

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DERBY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

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A FEW FACTS ABOUT US!

WE ARE COMMITTED TO SOURCING INGREDIENTS WITH ASSURED PROVENANCE FROM LOCAL AND REGIONAL SUPPLIER IN EVERY KITCHEN WE WORK IN. WE USE PRODUCE WITH HIGH STANDARDS OF ANIMAL WELFARE. FOR EXAMPLE – RED TRACTOR MEAT, RSPCA ASSURED FREE RANGE EGGS, MARINE STEWARDSHIP APPROVED (MSC) FISH AND A RANGE OF FAIR TRADE PRODUCE

OUR MENUS ARE WELL BALANCED, EXCITING & FOCUS ON GREAT VALUE AND HEALTHY OPTIONS

WE HAVE SOME GREAT FOOD CONCEPTS THAT REFLECT THE HIGHSTREET SUCH AS STREET FOOD & PECKISH, AND OF COURSE FAVOURITES SUCH AS FISH & CHIPS

WE BELIEVE IN KEEPING PRICES AS LOW AS WE POSSIBLY CAN SO ALWAYS ASK ABOUT OUR MEAL DEAL AND LOYALTY SCHEMES, TO ENSURE YOU GET THE BEST VALUE YOU CAN, AND OF COURSE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR OUR PROMOTIONS!

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WITH SALAD

HANDCRAFTED ITEM ●

BAGUETTE, ROLL OR SANDWICH

SALAD BOX ●

● **LOOK OUT FOR THE
GREEN DOT!**

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ONE OF:

● **DRINK**

WATER OR 125ML FRUIT JUICE

● **DESSERT OR JELLY**

OF THE DAY

● **PIECE OF FRUIT**

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF)



KEEP YOUR
EYES PEELED! 



Did you know that if your child receives benefits-related free school meals, they are entitled to FREE holiday activities over the summer holidays? Holiday clubs are available across Derby where your child can make new friends and take part in a wide range of activities including sport, dance, drama, arts and crafts, as well as enjoying a meal each day. If your child is eligible, you will receive an email from **HolidayActivities.com**. Please keep a look out for the email and familiarise yourself with the logo above. Just follow the instructions in this email to book. Bookings for summer clubs will open at the end of June. Further details can be found at: www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF.



Holiday FSM Vouchers



Just a reminder that the expiry date for the **May Half Term FSM vouchers** is **12th August 2025**, so ensure that you redeem your voucher code well before this date. Please choose the supermarket you wish to use your voucher at and then your supermarket voucher will have a much longer expiry date once registered.



Morleys Pop-Up Uniform Shop

Morleys
Schoolwear



Derby Cathedral School

Pop Up Shop
28th/29th July
10am - 4pm

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10am - 4pm
At The School

Morleys
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PLEASE
DON'T DELAY
ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED
BY 26TH JULY
TO GUARANTEE DELIVERY BEFORE
"BACK TO SCHOOL"
(subject to availability)

Derby Cathedral School Uniform Price List 2025

Uniform items	From
Navy Blazer with Logo *	£27.99
Navy/Gold School Tie *	£6.50
Shirts and Blouses	Available
Black Trousers Boys	£16.95
Black Trousers Girls	£16.95
Black A Line Skirt	£16.99
Navy Pullover with Logo	£19.99
Unisex Day Shorts	£15.99
Games Uniform	
Games Top Royal/Black with Logo *	£13.49
¼ Zip Black/White Top with Logo	£19.95
ZR50 Black/White Shorts	£8.99
Black Tracksuit Pants with Logo	£18.00
Black Games Leggings with Logo	£18.00
White PE Socks 2 Pack	£5.99
*Compulsory items	
Pre Loved: Available in store	
Online Shopping: Available address below. Free Click and Collect from store... Home delivery also available...	
Appointments Available: Book online, address below.	

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THE SCHOOLWEAR
ASSOCIATION

Summer Opening Hours

Monday - Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sunday Closed

Winter Opening Hours

Mon to Wed – Fri – Sat 9.00am – 5.00pm

Thu & Sun Closed

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****New** Telephone Options for DCS**

As of Monday 9th June 2025, a number of telephone options will be offered to you when calling DCS. We are hoping that by giving callers the opportunity to be transferred directly to the relevant team, rather than holding in a long queue for the Reception staff to transfer you, it will help to ensure your query will be answered and dealt with more efficiently, and will reduce your wait time to speak to the relevant member of staff.

Please note the updated options below:

- To report a Year 7-11 student absence – Option 1
- To report a Sixth Form student absence – Option 2
- Staff absence – Option 3
- Attendance Team – Option 4
- Admission queries relating to years 7-11 – Option 5
- Sixth Form admission queries – Option 6

If none of the above options are applicable, you will be put through to the reception team who will aim to help with your query.

If you are unable to reach the team you wish to speak to, please leave a voicemail providing your name, the student's name, a contact telephone number and a short message and you will be called back by a staff member who should be able to help.

Alternatively, you may find it much easier and quicker to email in your query to info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk. This inbox is regularly monitored and your email will be passed to the relevant member of staff for them to respond directly.

Other Cost of Living support

Local Assistance Award Scheme:

Families can apply for support under this scheme for help with discretionary housing payments, utilities/food, goods for the home and Council Tax Hardship payments.

Further information can be found here: [Local Assistance Award Scheme - Derby City Council](#)

Support with water costs:

Severn Trent runs the Big Difference Scheme aimed at helping people who might struggle with paying their water bills. To find out if you are eligible for this help, please see their website for more information:

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/my-account/help-when-you-need-it>

Cost of Living Support

Community Action Derby has a list of help that may be available to you for support with money, food or mental health and wellbeing:

<https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/crisis-support>

Healthy Start Scheme

If you're receiving a qualifying benefit and are pregnant or have children under the age of 4, you could get help to buy food and milk via the NHS Healthy Start Scheme.

You can find more information and how to sign up here: www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Eligible families will receive a prepaid Healthy Start card which is topped up every four weeks with the following amounts:

- £4.25 per week from the 10th week of pregnancy
- £8.50 per week for each child from birth to 1 years old
- £4.25 per week for each child aged 1 to 4 years

In addition, the card can be used to collect free Healthy Start vitamins, which support individuals during pregnancy and breastfeeding, as well as vitamin drops for babies and young children. You can find your nearest vitamin collection point here www.nhs.uk/service-search/other-health-services/healthy-start-vitamins



If you're pregnant or have children under the age of four, you could get help to buy food and milk.

Apply online for NHS Healthy Start.

 www.healthystart.nhs.uk
@NHSHealthyStart

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On behalf of Derby City Council



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Community Café and Community Shop (foodbank)

**Please consider donating to Derby City Missions
Community Café and Community Shop.**

**We are grateful for all donations but please no
chilled or frozen goods.**

Thank you for your support



Derby City Mission Charity Number 1140235 Previously 702027

01332 460346 - <https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk>



Derby Cathedral School are proud to be supporting Derby City Mission by collecting food donations for those in need in the local community.

We will be accepting donations at Main Reception every weekday from 8 am – 4 pm. Please hand all suitable donations to our Reception Team so they can be placed in the box for collection.

Thank you for your generosity 😊

Festival of Sport at Derby Arena 4th - 8th August

Take a look at this fantastic FREE activity for 8-14 year-olds which is happening during the school holidays.

Festival of **SPORT** at Derby Arena

4th-8th
AUGUST
2025
8.30AM-3.15PM
FREE

Five days of inclusive sporting activities for
children aged 8-14 at Derby Arena:



Sports



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Please be considerate in the school car park

This is a polite reminder to everyone who uses the visitor car park at school to please be considerate of the following:

- Smoking/vaping is not permitted anywhere on school grounds, including the car park
- It is illegal to smoke/vape inside a vehicle when someone under the age of 18 is present
- The beginning and end of the school day are very busy times, please park considerately in the spaces or drop-off bay
- Disabled parking spaces are only to be used by those with a valid Blue Badge

Thank you for your co-operation and for helping to make the school site safe and accessible to everyone who needs to use it.

Medical Illness within School

Now the summer months are here, we see more students visiting us with hay fever symptoms. We cannot provide any medication in school unless prior arrangements have been made between parent/carer and the Medical Officer, Miss Smith. If you wish for your child to keep medication at school, please collect a medication consent form from reception and hand the medication in to Miss Smith in its original packaging. If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure they take their medication before school in a morning where possible.

It is also essential that all student have a water bottle to ensure they stay hydrated during the school day. Students can purchase a reusable water bottle from the reward shop if they do not already have one.

Contact/Meeting Requests

Our phone lines are extremely busy for the majority of the school day. If you have a query for a member of teaching staff or Head of Year, the easiest and quickest way to obtain a response is to email info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk. Please include in your email who you wish to speak to/meet with, along with a brief message. Your email will then be forwarded on to the relevant member of staff who will aim to respond to your request within 48 hours.

Teaching staff, Head of Years and Pastoral Year Leads will not be available to meet with parents/carers at any time during the school day without a prior appointment being arranged. Any requests of this kind will be declined by the Reception Team.

If you have an urgent safeguarding issue to report, please contact our Safeguarding Team on safeguarding@derbycathedralschool.org.uk. If a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call reception and your concern will be raised with the safeguarding team.

Breakfast Club – FREE breakfast for all Students



Our Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday from 8:20 – 8:35 am

During the above times, all students are entitled to have breakfast items totally free of charge from the Dining Hall. Items available are:

- Toast
- A variety of cereals (subject to availability)
- Porridge

To request Gluten free toast or to discuss any other special dietary requirements, students should liaise directly with the catering staff who will aim to source the necessary items however, advance notice should be given.

PLEASE NOTE THAT NO DRINKS OR OTHER FOOD ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE DURING BREAKFAST CLUB

ParentPay Credit/Top ups

Thank you for your support with our parent pay system. The vast majority of families are ensuring there are sufficient funds on their child's accounts to purchase food in school. We are very grateful for this.

Unfortunately, there are an increasing number of requests from students to call home to have ParentPay accounts topped up so meals can be purchased. This is adding significant pressure to reception staff who have limited capacity to deal with the multiple requests.

We would ask that all families ensure students have sufficient funds on their ParentPay account to pay for these items. This will allow your child sufficient time to purchase food and consume it without having to queue at Student Services and wait for a phone call home beforehand; therefore reducing their break/lunch time considerably.

Please also note that students can purchase a 'main meal deal' at **lunch time only**, for the great price of £2.50, which is by far the best value for money on our menu. A meal deal includes a Hot or Cold Main Course, Dessert and Cuplet drink, whereas a sausage roll alone is currently £1.45.

For those who qualify for Free School Meals, the allowance does enable students to purchase items at break time if they wish, however this will leave them unable to take advantage of the meal deal option at lunch time. If you wish for your child to purchase additional snacks at break time, please add extra credit each day/week to their ParentPay account to cover the cost of these items. Alternatively, students are welcome to bring in snacks from home to consume at break time.

Full details of our Catering Menus and Price Lists can be found on the Derby Cathedral School Website or by scanning the QR code



Period Poverty – a message from Aldi



Breaking the cycle of Period Poverty

At Aldi, we believe that access to period products is a basic right, not a privilege. That's why from March 2025, we'll be providing free pads and tampons in our stores and office toilets. Customers and colleagues will be able to take what they need, when they need it—no questions asked.

Why Access to Period Products Matters

Period poverty is a reality for far too many. Research shows that 41% of Brits struggle to afford period products with 30% forced to choose between buying them or other essential items like food or clothing. Without access to these products, some rely on

substitutes like toilet paper, kitchen roll or old clothing, leaving them feeling embarrassed, stressed and excluded from everyday activities such as work, school and social events.

By taking this step, we hope to support those who menstruate while encouraging others to join the effort to end period poverty for good.

Dates Ahead

School Holidays 2024-25

24th July – Last day of term – 12 pm finish for all students

****NEW** - School Term Dates and INSET days 2025-26**

Please click on the link below to view the Term Date calendar and INSET days for 2025-26:

[DCS Term Dates 2025-26 with INSET.pdf](#)

INSET Days 2025-26 – School closed to all students

Thursday 4 Sept 2025

Friday 5 Sept 2025

Friday 5 Dec 2025

Monday 2 Feb 2026

Friday 26 June 2026

Other Key Dates

Term and key dates can also be found on our calendar on the school website:

<https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/>