

# This Week at Derby Cathedral School

wc 8 May 2023



*“(communicate with) one another using psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything.”*

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I hope that you all enjoyed the Coronation weekend and have been able to get back into the swing of remembering which day it is!

This has been our final week of year 11 exam preparation. On Friday, we wished them all the best for their first exam on Monday/Tuesday. They have exams over the next 5 weeks and will need to make sure they look after themselves during this time in order to have the stamina to keep going. We spoke to them about how proud we all felt having seen how much they had focused and developed into students who are working really hard to do their best. We also reminded year 10 that it will be their turn in exactly a year’s time!

This week, I also wanted to raise the issue of communication between home and school. We appreciate that with a large and busy school, calling reception is not always the most efficient way to get hold of staff. Equally, turning up to school without an appointment is unlikely to result in you being able to see a member of staff of your choice as all staff have timetable and calendar arrangements to stick to. We do appreciate that sometimes, you may be faced with a difficult situation that you feel needs raising immediately. If that is the case, our reception staff will be able to help identify the best person and time to speak to you. I do ask that at all times, you speak to staff in school politely. We have had a few occasions recently when this has not been the case. Whilst we know that these situations can be stressful, our staff never deserve to experience foul or abusive language. If this does happen, then staff have been instructed to either end the call or ask the adult involved to leave site. As, I have stated, this is not a common problem at all, but one that is important to raise and to remind parents that we will always do our best to help with communication. The attached leaflet (also available on our website) is a helpful guide about who to contact for different reasons. It also explains what to do if you do not receive a timely reply from us at any point.

We are now at the time of the year when we are planning our timetable for next year and the transition days for our new year 6 students. Our year 9 students will also receive their option subjects for next year. We are always keen to involve parents in our planning and will be meeting again with our parent group to go through the plans of how we intend to focus on parental engagement next year. If, at any point, you want to be part of this group, then please let us know.

I hope that you all have a great week and if you are a parent of a year 11 student, a big thank you for helping to get them ready and prepared for their exams.

Mrs Brown

## Meet The Team

### Meet The Creative Technologies Team

From left to right:

Ms Kamran  
Mrs Gibson  
Miss Foulkes  
Mrs Young  
Miss Radford  
Ms Floyd



Miss Radford (Head of Creative Technologies): Specialism is Food Technology but can teach all areas of Design Technology and Health and Social Care! Outside of work, she spends most of the school holidays in Sicily.

Mrs Gibson (Second in Creative Technologies): joined the school in September. Has a degree in Fine Art and teaches most of the Art lessons at DCS. When not in school, she enjoys days out with her two children and a good fancy dress party!

Miss Foulkes (Teacher of Creative Technologies): Specialism is Food Technology but can teach all areas of Design Technology and Health and Social Care! When not in school, she is planning a tour of Europe in her newly renovated camper van.

Mrs Young (Teacher of Creative Technologies & Cathedral Link): Specialism is in Design Technology and has a Master's degree in metal work and jewellery. Outside of work, she can often be found on a campsite with a bunch of guides.

Ms Floyd (Creative Technologies Technician): has a background in Textiles Design. Outside of work, she enjoys volunteering with local community art projects.

Ms Kamran (Creative Technologies Technician): Students will recognise Ms Kamran from the canteen and the Food Room as she is one of our Midday Supervisors as well as the Creative Technologies technician. Outside of school, she enjoys visiting new cities with her family.

## Coronation Service at Derby Cathedral

We were delighted to be involved in the civic service to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III during the coronation weekend. As always, our students did themselves and us very proud. The students reading prayers were very clear and confident and Hannah played her violin solo beautifully.

Having such a strong link with the cathedral gives our students such fantastic opportunities for our students to participate and perform in these important occasions.

From left – right:  
Mrs Brown  
Mr Shales (Chair of Governors)  
Eugene Kobina  
Francis Ataise  
Hannah Fox  
Mrs Young  
Grace Young



## Online Safety

The online world is part of a normal world now for our young people. Whilst there are many positives to under 18s having constant access to the internet, it also has many risks and dangers.

It is also the case that they often have more knowledge about how to use their devices and the internet than us as adults are.

In order to keep up to date and enable yourselves to keep your child/children safe, please have a look at the following websites which provide helpful information for parents.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

The following page contains many helpful guides for parents on all sorts of topics relating to how young people use their devices, apps, games and various content on the internet

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

If you are concerned about any online communication your child has been involved with, then you can report this directly to the police or here: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>



## Year 9 and 10 Food Creations

It's been a busy couple of weeks in the food room with lots of fantastic practical dishes being made. The pictures show just a few made by our students.

Year 10 have been practicing working safely with chicken and produced a chicken paella and chicken ballotine.

Year 9 have been making vegetable samosas, working on their knife and pastry skills.



## 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

## Careers

### For Year 11 Parents - Trentbarton Engineering Apprenticeship Day

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May, Trentbarton are holding an open day for their Engineering apprenticeships. This is a great opportunity for all year 11s interested in working in the automotive industry through the apprenticeship route. Please see the flyer below or click [this link](#) for further details and to sign up:



**trentbarton**  
**engineering apprenticeship day** | 20 May, 11am-3pm

We have a fantastic opportunity for people interested in starting a career and gaining a recognised qualification in the motor industry. Our apprenticeship programme allows apprentices to work full time and have the opportunity to earn while they learn and put theory into practice within an automotive training environment.

**what we can offer you**

You will train in all aspects of bus and coach repair and maintenance including vehicle servicing, MOT preparation, removal, replacement and overhauling of major component & electrical fault diagnostics. The successful candidates will benefit from excellent working conditions, working on a modern fleet of vehicles & extensive training. You will train through GTG training provider to level 3 in Bus and Coach Engineering and Maintenance.

**what to expect on the day**

Once you arrive, we will go through all the relevant safety information for the day ahead and we will get you briefed on what the next few hours will look like. Supervised by our engineers & current apprentices, you will then take part in 3 different tasks to give you a feel of what types of work you may undertake if you were to become an apprentice with us.

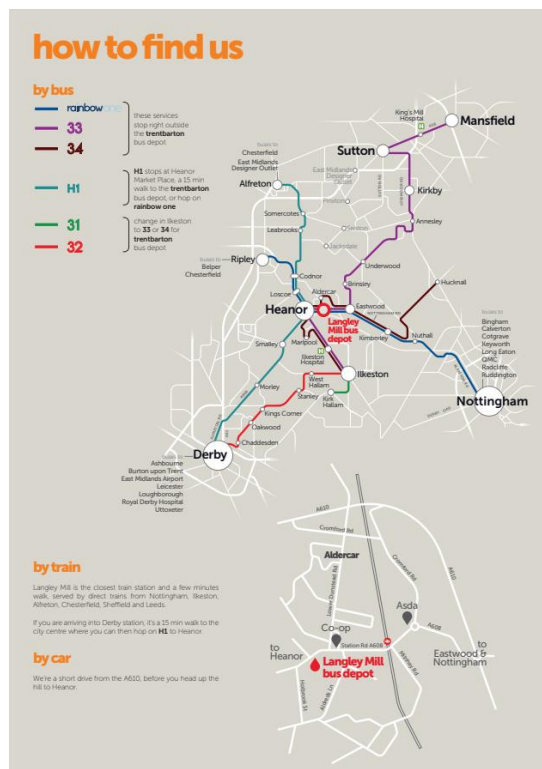
You will learn from our engineers & apprentices and have the chance to ask them any questions you may have. We will then break for lunch together in our depot canteen.

Your parents or guardian can also take part in a Q&A session with our Engineering Managers to ask any questions they may have about our apprenticeship scheme.

**what to bring**

You will need to bring along some valid LD such as a passport or bank card, oh, and yourself! Parents & guardians are also welcome to attend.

**want to attend?**  
click here or scan me



**how to find us**

**by bus**

- rainbow** - these services stop right outside the trentbarton bus depot.
- 33**
- 34**
- H1** - H1 stops at Heanor Market Place, a 15 min walk to the trentbarton bus depot, or hop on rainbow one
- 31**
- 32** - change in Heanor to 33 or 34 for trentbarton bus depot.

**by train**

Langley Mill is the closest train station and a few minutes walk, served by direct trains from Nottingham, Beason, Alfreton, Chesterfield, Sheffield and Leeds.

If you are arriving into Derby station, it's a 15 min walk to the city centre where you can then hop on H1 to Heanor.

**by car**

We're a short drive from the A610, before you head up the H1 to Heanor.

## 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

**Monday 15 May:** Year 11 written exams start

**School closes for half term:** Friday 26 May

**School opens for summer half term 2:** Monday 5 June

**Year 11 Prom:** 28 June

**Year 6 transition days:** 4 – 6 July

**School closes for summer holiday:** Friday 21 July (early lunchtime finish)

### 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

**Year 11 exams** start on 15 May (the art exam is earlier than this) and continue into the end of June. 28 June is the 'contingency day' which may be used if exams have to be postponed for extreme reasons such as the Covid pandemic. Individual timetables will be provided to students soon.

The term dates for next academic year are now available on the school website on the 'Term Dates' page.