

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome to the start of the summer term – the final term of our first year in the new building! During the past two terms we have continued to face disruption due to Coronavirus. Despite this, we have managed to keep school open and focused on learning.

During the previous term we launched our Rewards Shop on Classcharts. Hopefully many of you are aware of this already. If not, then this rewards shop is an online shop where students are able to spend their positive points earned during lessons and wider school activities. Please do have a look at the rewards shop with your child. We will be updating the rewards on offer based on student feedback later on in the term. As a whole school, students have earned over 421 000 points and approximately 90% of all points given are positive ones. This is an incredible achievement and we are so proud to see all of these positive behaviours every lesson, every day.

This is the first year that all of our students have been together as a school community, even our older year groups did not have the opportunity to mix with different year groups and learn to build those wider bonds.

The focus on community is going to be a strong one this term. We will be delivering sessions to students each week on various aspects of our behaviours that are important to help build a strong community. These will, of course, also be based around our FAITH values. Our students show a fantastic understanding of these values and how important they are in developing their own character. We now will be focusing on how these values are vital in building a strong school family.

As part of this, each year group will be working towards a particular focus. There will be more details to follow on this but our two oldest years are encountering some critical points in their school career.

Year 10 will soon be embarking on work experience and getting prepared for their important year 11 GCSEs. Year 9 will soon be finding out which options they will be studying next year too.

We will also be discussing our sixth form provision this term. This will mainly be focused on year 10 but the information will be shared with all parents/carers too. Our sixth form will open in September 2023 but all of our planning starts now!

This term also sees some staff changes. The following staff left at Easter:

- Mrs Heppleston – Head of Maths
- Mrs Flower – Attendance Officer

We thank them both for all of their hard work and support for DCS and wish them well on their next venture.

This term starting with us are:

- Mr Pearce – Temporary Assistant Headteacher (i/c maths)
- Mrs Smith – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Mr Woolley – Behaviour Inclusion Lead (Navigation provision)

We give them a warm welcome into the DCS community.

Please do take some time to read through the news clips from the previous term. We are also looking for a group of parents to be part of our website working group – please see the notice below.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Brown

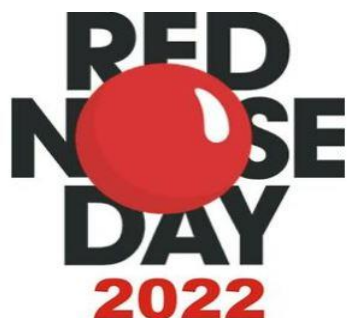
Headteacher

**A message
from the
Headteacher**

Notices

Red Nose Day 2022

We were thrilled to see so many students 'Wearing Something Red' for Comic Relief in March. As always, we saw parents and staff dig deep and raised a fabulous £215. Thank so much for your kindness and generosity, it really does make a difference to those who need our help.



Parental Parking

Some of our neighbours on Great Northern Road, College Mews and the associated side streets are experiencing difficulties accessing their properties due to the volumes of parked cars as parents wait for their children. Student and pedestrian safety are also of paramount concern. Where possible, please may we ask that parents park a short distance away from school when dropping off or collecting, so that local streets remain free flowing and safe at these peak times of the day. Thank you for your help.

ChatHealth

ChatHealth is a secure NHS approved text messaging service for 11-19 year olds. It provides easy and anonymous access with a healthcare professional for advice and support.

A promotional graphic for ChatHealth. It features a green speech bubble on the left containing the text: 'If you are aged 11-19 and want advice or have any worries text the Young People's ChatHealth Service: 07507 327104'. To the right is the NHS Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust logo. Below the logo is a photograph of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a red sweater, looking down at a blue smartphone. At the bottom left, there is a small ChatHealth logo and the text: 'We help students with all kinds of things like sexual health, relationships, emotional health, smoking, drugs and alcohol use, physical health.' At the bottom right, it says 'Text us for confidential advice and support.'

Parent Working Group: Website: Volunteers Required

We are constantly reviewing our parent feedback surveys and one area of note is the school website. We are therefore looking to enlist the help of 6-8 parent volunteers to help shape and implement a 'parent information area'. If you have some spare time and ideas regarding what you as a parent would like to see on the website, please get in touch at info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk. We will then be in touch to invite volunteers in.

Subject Information

PSHE

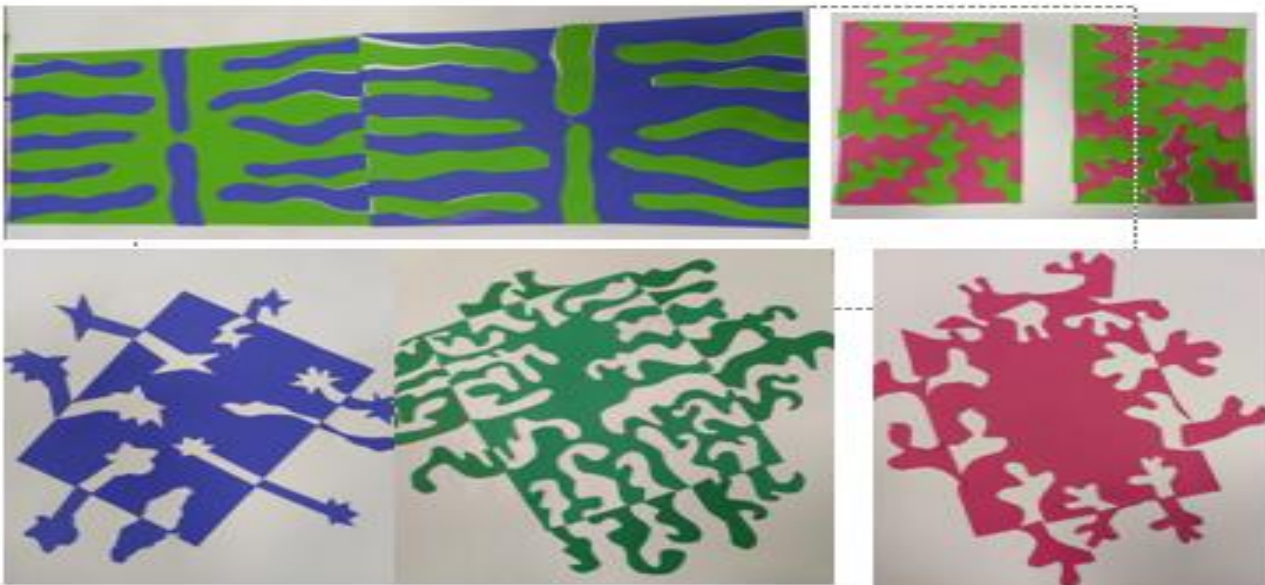
Year 7 boys and girls have been studying puberty this term. All the students were really brave in their questioning as well as sensible and mature in their answers. It was great fun to teach our young adults of the future. Well done!

Mr Saunders

Art



Year 7 Students have been studying the work of Henri Matisse, considering his Tenacity and how in later life he began 'cutting in colour' to produce some really exciting outcomes.



Design Technology – Resistant Materials

Year 7 students have been making some fantastic 'Bauhaus Boats'. This not only helps to teach the correct use of hand tools but also is an introduction to some of the workshop machinery.



Mr Wright

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PE

Our Year 7's smashed out some fantastic performances at the first Inter-House athletics event to be held at our new Great Northern Road home on Friday 11 March. Congratulations to winners Year 7 PEAK. Overall standings were really close, demonstrating each and every one of our FAITH values. Huge thanks to all .



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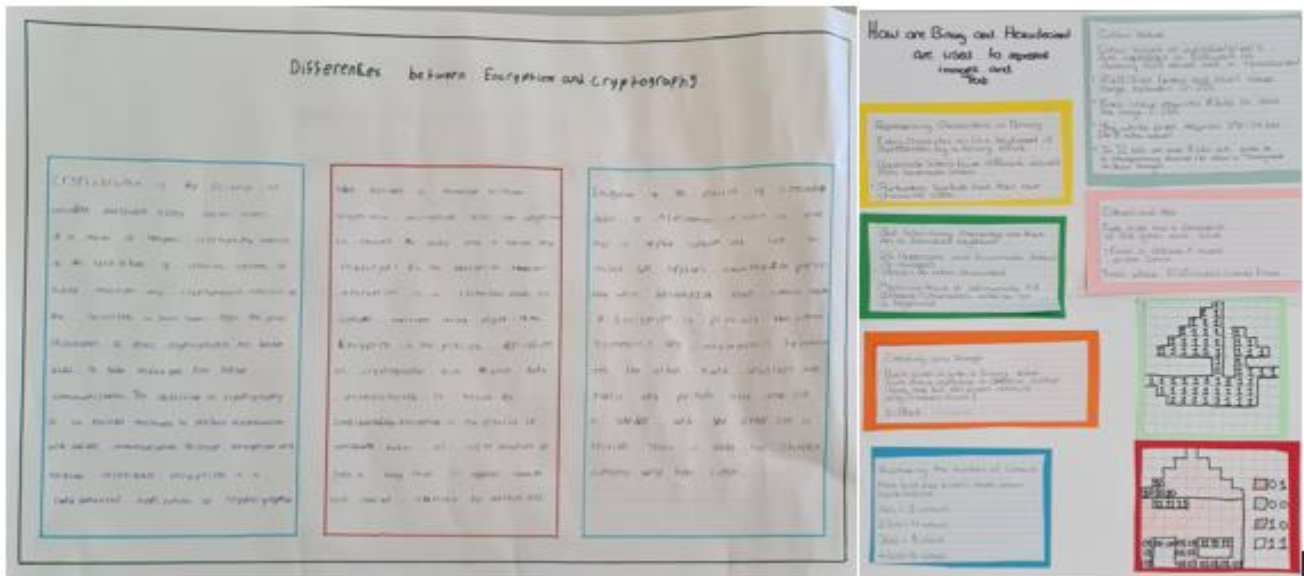
YEAR 7 INTER-HOUSE SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS 2022



Ms Woodward

Computing

We are delighted to share some outstanding examples of amazing homework from our Year 7 & 8 students.

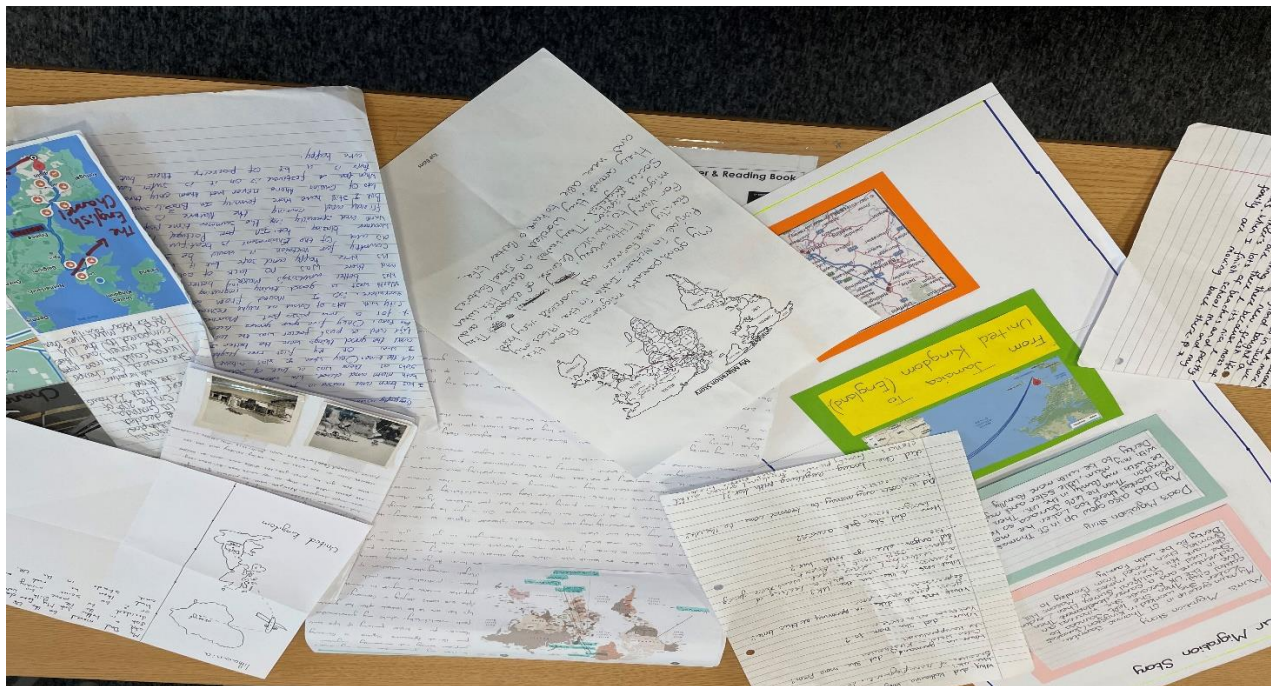


Well done to all!

Ms Spencer

Geography

Year 8 have been researching their own personal migration stories and found out huge amounts regarding their family ties and personal geographies!



Ms Woodward

Derby Cathedral

The latest Derby Cathedral newsletter is now available to read online via the following link:

[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3uKXpyv%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2BDQ9ITb9LAoXSw6RshtCXtprP-DcyQuK5ejf-t9nNjLuv2cPrc1VaQg&h=AT2JfWPNC0ojtgzdCV6BuiA43cPD-W-OrOu_J62gF7CN-Of18YZaD9_oAB3jC3B738gBRrnOyxuQv2pKtNNHZFHfjqO-ZGLh6kqeKRVdc_DSCxWn3A-DIaWpKvPYOrPC2g6&tn=-UK-R&c\[0\]=AT1bQGNVDQO2DaYLyIQFhiVfyfMh9ncr3v2av4GqGDPReZVag4njQzVKD8QSdZkumWOxCcfMPMZ0ZafQIYWY54vinYTFUsDQgnuG0e0ufi352PubTjl_0qi62sYxEqsMKkowXC_ckhSqFddI5coWDiiOHhtSdm_fkfcWZZbSsRwoDM](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fbit.ly%2F3uKXpyv%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2BDQ9ITb9LAoXSw6RshtCXtprP-DcyQuK5ejf-t9nNjLuv2cPrc1VaQg&h=AT2JfWPNC0ojtgzdCV6BuiA43cPD-W-OrOu_J62gF7CN-Of18YZaD9_oAB3jC3B738gBRrnOyxuQv2pKtNNHZFHfjqO-ZGLh6kqeKRVdc_DSCxWn3A-DIaWpKvPYOrPC2g6&tn=-UK-R&c[0]=AT1bQGNVDQO2DaYLyIQFhiVfyfMh9ncr3v2av4GqGDPReZVag4njQzVKD8QSdZkumWOxCcfMPMZ0ZafQIYWY54vinYTFUsDQgnuG0e0ufi352PubTjl_0qi62sYxEqsMKkowXC_ckhSqFddI5coWDiiOHhtSdm_fkfcWZZbSsRwoDM)



Careers Update

National Careers Week : 7th – 11th March 2022

At the start of the week, students began by reflecting on what the word 'career' meant to them, and thinking about their own ambitions for the future. By the end of the week, they had made a 'pledge' to do something in relation to their ambitions. I was particularly impressed with 8 Bakewell's pledges, which included 'to learn more about my interests', 'to reserve a careers book from the LRC' and 'to get more involved in learning about my dream job'. Well done 8 Bakewell for demonstrating Aspiration!

Students also took part in career-related learning during curriculum time. Ahead of NCW, each teaching department had been challenged to deliver 'something' career-focused as part of their ordinary lessons. Special recognition goes to the Maths department, for their use of career-focused 'Start Now' activities for every year group all week, and to Geography, who created an excellent 'where can Geography take you?' display board.

Overall, National Careers Week was a great opportunity to get students thinking and asking questions about their future aspirations, and making the connection between their school subjects and the world of work. This will be continued through upcoming events and opportunities, such as the Step in to the NHS competition, Career of the Month and Year 10 Work Experience, as well as the ongoing use of the Unifrog careers platform during PSHE lessons.

Contacting School

In order to help best deal with parental enquiries, please contact your child's Form Tutor in the first instance via email and they will get back to you as soon as possible. Their contact details as well as those of your child's Head of Year can be found on the Derby Cathedral School website via the following link:

<https://derbycathedralschool.org.uk/pastoral-care/pastoral-care-overview>

They are able to help with any queries you may have especially regarding ClassCharts entries or incidents.

All other contacts of a non-urgent nature should be made to school via the usual telephone number 01332 325710 or via info@derbycathedralschool.org.uk.

Please bear with us as we are a growing school with more students than ever before. Staff often teach extra lesson at the end of the day, run extra-curricular activities or are in planned meetings. It is increasingly difficult to see parents without appointments and so we would advise contacting school initially to avoid any disappointment regarding staff availability. Please be assured that staff will respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued patience.

Coronavirus Update

On Friday 1st April 2022, the Government announced their next steps for living with Covid-19. Most notably, free testing for the general public has now ended. School will no longer provide Lateral Flow Test kits to students. If a student is unwell with covid symptoms, they are now able to return to school as soon as their temperature subsides and they feel well enough – there is no longer a requirement to be absent for a minimum of 5 days. For further information and guidance, please visit:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid?utm_source=01%20April%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Dates for Your Diary

Term dates are advertised at the start of each academic year on the DCS school website. Please see below a reminder of this year's dates:

INSET Days

- Friday 1 July 2022

Bank Holidays

- Good Friday - 15 April 2022
- Easter Monday - 18 April 2022
- May Day - 2 May 2022
- Spring Bank - 2 June 2022
- Platinum Jubilee - 3 June 2022

Safeguarding

Safeguarding concerns

If you have any concerns related to safeguarding then please do contact either social services or the police. If you feel that a child is in immediate danger then call 999.

Derby City Children's Social Care First Contact Team: 9am to 5pm 01332 641172 or out of hours 01332 956606

You can also report non-urgent concerns online

https://myaccount.derby.gov.uk/en/service/report_concerns_about_a_child

If you believe that a child is at immediate risk and in need of protection then you should **call the police on 999 or if less urgent 101.**

Alternatively if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 0845 123 33 33

You can also keep the safeguarding team informed of any concerns or issues. However, please note that they are not in work so should not be used to report safeguarding concerns to over the holidays. Please feel welcome to email just to keep them informed of any situations.

Mrs J Brown (Designated Safeguarding Lead) j.brown@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

Mrs J Nethercott (Deputy DSL) j.nethercott@derbycathedralschool.org.uk

Please note these email addresses are not regularly monitored during school holidays.

We have recently been made aware that there are some shops in Derby who are selling vape products to under-18s.

This is illegal and we have reported this to the police. It is also illegal for anyone under 18 to buy vape products. As such, any vape products brought into school or used by our students in public will result in the confiscation of any items found and a sanction as part of our behaviour system. You will also be informed.

We know that this only affects a very small proportion of teenagers. However, with the local concern around the illegal selling of these products, we wanted to bring this matter to your attention. If you are concerned that your child is involved in vaping and wish to talk to us about accessing support, you are very welcome to do so. Please contact your child's tutor in the first instance.

We have recently been made aware that some students have been scratching their hands and arms, usually using compasses. This seems to be a national situation and not just at Derby Cathedral School or Derby more generally.

We ask that parents remain vigilant around this behaviour and please report any incidence to your child's form tutor in the first instance.

There is a leaflet on our website offering advice

Parent Information, Parent Leaflets, Safeguarding and Wellbeing Leaflet.

There is support available online:

Harmless - <https://harmless.org.uk/>

ChatHealth – text 07507 327104 for support and guidance.

The following helplines give support and advice on a number of issues including personal safety, mental health and well-being.

Build Sound Mind: <https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/derbyshire/build-sound-minds/make-a-referral/>

Childline: 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

NSPCC – 0800 028 3550 www.nspcc.org.uk

Samaritans – 116 123

Shout – www.giveusashout.org Text Shout to 85258 This is a text helpline for anyone feeling anxious, worried or stressed and needing to talk to someone about it.

Kooth – www.kooth.com This is an online counselling service for young people

Relate counselling – 0808 178 9363 (free helpline for couples, children and those affected by Autistic Spectrum Condition. Available: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am – 1.00pm. The helpline gives people the opportunity to speak directly to an experienced Relate trained counsellor, without having to make an appointment. For further information contact 01332 349177 or 07741193484 or email info@relatederby.org.uk

www.relatederby.org.uk

LGBT+ Support – <https://www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk/>

Online Safety Parent Support www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/11-13s/

ChatHealth – For students aged 11-19 needing advice around emotional health, contact ChatHealth on 07507 327104

Parentpay

DCS is a cashless school and use a payment platform called Parentpay. All parents/carers have been assigned activation details. This allows you to pay for school shop items/ trips & visits/ lunch money and much more. If you are still yet to activate your account or need reminding of your unique details, please get in touch and colleagues will assist.

An increasing number of students are spending over their daily allowance or available funds. If you do not wish your child to accrue a negative balance, please get in touch. We are able to apply a maximum daily spend limit to your child's account to help them manage their balance.

Free School Meals

Derby City Council will be issuing Free School Meal vouchers to eligible families to cover the Easter holiday as part of the ongoing support for families. Vouchers will be sent out during the last week of term and have a value of £25 to cover the 2-week holiday. As before, the vouchers can be redeemed at any of the following supermarkets: Aldi, Asda, Farm Foods, Iceland, Marks & Spencer, Morrisons, Sainsbury, Tesco & Waitrose.

If you are not currently in receipt of Free School Meals but would like to submit a claim, please do so as soon as possible via the following link:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/schoolsandcolleges/free-school-meals-2018-23-May-2018-v3.pdf>

If you require any advice or guidance regarding entitlement, please contact Derby City Council:

- Phone: 01332 640444
- Email: freeschoolmeals@derby.gov.uk