



St Andrew's Academy Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

17th April 2026

Headteacher's Welcome



Just when you think you couldn't be any prouder of our young people, they raise the bar again! We understand it can be a challenge with 2 weeks plus an INSET off school as it interrupts structure and routine. However, what we have seen across our community this week has blown us away! There's a real sense of purpose and focus and the learning goals set at the start of the year are now really coming to fruition through their hard work and engagement.

We'd love you to come and see this first hand. Following quickly on from the success of our Spring Fair, we have the next event just 2 weeks away from today on **Friday 1st May at 1:30-3pm** for our Brave the Shave event, where 4 staff are shaving their heads to raise funds for Macmillan. It will be a condensed version of the Spring Fair with stalls, games, food and drinks available. You'd be welcome to take your young person with you at 3:00pm should you wish.

We're really keen to host as many opportunities to bring the community together as possible. If you have any ideas for events that we can host or would like to offer any support or suggestions, we'd love to hear your ideas.

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

BRAVE THE SHAVE- In support of Macmillan Cancer Support



Join us for a memorable afternoon at St. Andrews Academy as we "BRAVE THE SHAVE" in support of Macmillan Cancer Support!

 **Date: Friday, 1st May**

 **Time: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM**

 **Location: St Andrew's Academy Main Site, DE21 4EW**

Friday 1st May holds special significance for our school community, being 10 years to the day that we lost an exceptional lady and selfless Teaching Assistant Roz Gregory following her brave battle with cancer. We host this event in her honour and treasured memory.

Enjoy delicious food and drinks, browse our various stalls, and watch as brave individuals go under the clippers at 2:45 PM! Every contribution helps us support those affected by cancer.

If you would like to donate, please visit our Go Fund Me page here:

<https://gofund.me/9729cf027>

Let's come together to make a difference!

St Andrew's Academy is a Secondary Specialist setting within Derby. We are very proud of the 170 young people that attend our provision, working hard to build independence and overcome all barriers to learning and accessing the world around them. We are a team of 100 dedicated specialist staff who work tirelessly to champion our young people and afford them the inclusive opportunities that they deserve. Alongside our pupils, their families, our staff and Trust family, we form a unique and beautiful community with a shared goal of ensuring that every child has the opportunity to be successful, whatever their starting point in life. Nearly 1 in 2 people (approximately 50%) born in the UK after 1960 will be diagnosed with some form of cancer in their lifetime. Therefore, to stand shoulder to shoulder with Macmillan, in recognition and celebration of their service, we are hosting a fund raising afternoon to financially contribute to their mission but most importantly to stand up to cancer and use this opportunity to come together as a community, raise awareness and channel the challenge positively with love and connection.

Fieldsway Drive Charitable Refurbishment

This week we welcomed a team of 5 employees from Shorterm group Derby

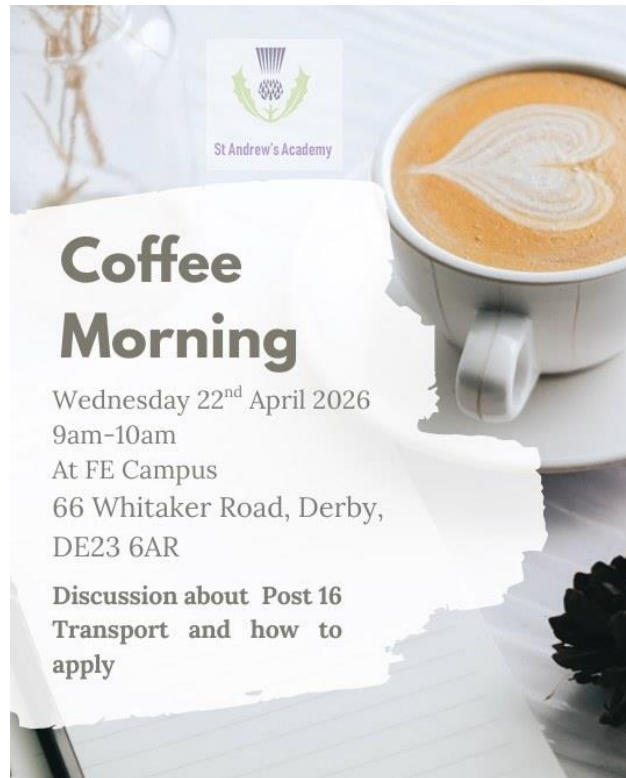
<https://www.shortermgroup.com/> who fund raised £700 and spent 2 days refurbishing the kitchen and sensory break out space at Fieldsway drive. Louis, Katie, Ciaran, Christine & Hayley

worked incredibly hard and made a huge impact in a short space of time on the accessibility and finish of our learning environment. Massive thanks!





Coffee Morning- FE Campus, Whitaker road



Youth Star Voices

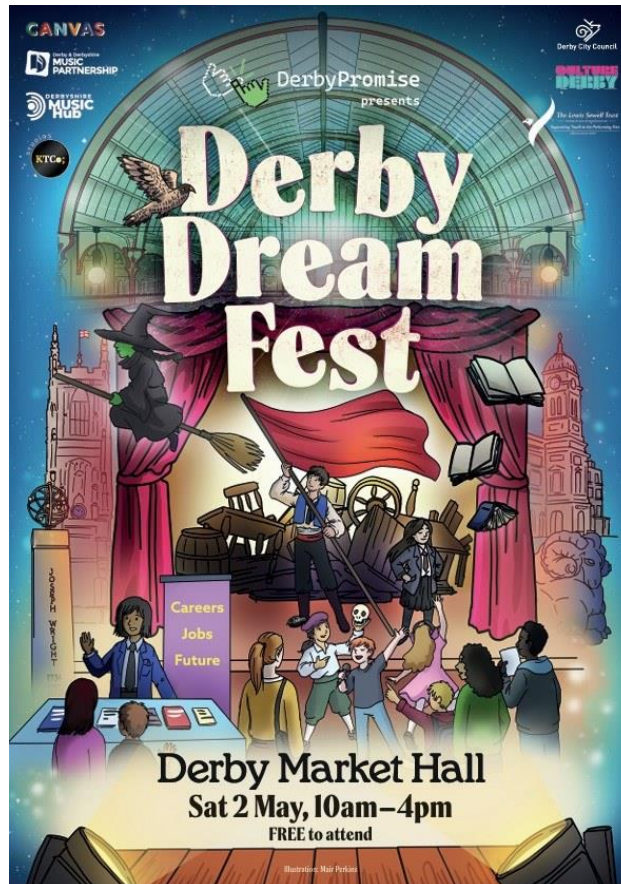
On Wednesday 15th April, a few of our students attended the Young Star Voices session, which was facilitated by a representative from the East Midlands Youth Inclusion Forum. This provided a valuable opportunity for students to share their perspectives and ensure their voices were heard within the wider community.

During the session, students explored what they would like to change, maintain, or remove within their communities, with a particular focus on Education, Well-being, Belonging, Employment and Future Next Steps. The aim is to offer a safe and supportive space for open discussion, enabling students to contribute meaningfully and help impact on future developments.

Participating in workshops such as this supports the development of students' confidence, character, and sense of self-worth. It also reinforces the importance of individual contributions,

empowering young people to recognise their role in shaping positive change, particularly in relation to the Department for Education.

Derby Promise Dream Fest 2026's Family Community Day- Saturday 2nd May



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KS3

In Barra Class this week we have been looking at the seasons of the year and their characteristics. We noted that Summer is hot, Winter is cold, Spring is where plants grow and that Autumn is where they wither. We had lots of fun creating our own fake snow that we were then able to play with together as a class. It was a peculiar feeling to play with but very fun! We also got dressed up in some Winter clothing too. The seasons are going to be an exciting focus for this term.

KS4

Canna class have been busy preparing for our Duke of Edinburgh expedition in a few weeks time. This week we took advantage of the good weather and practised putting up tents outside. It was lovely being outside in the sunshine. The students found the tent building quite a

challenge but they had lots of fun and worked together helping each other, showing a real sense of teamwork!





The Highlands

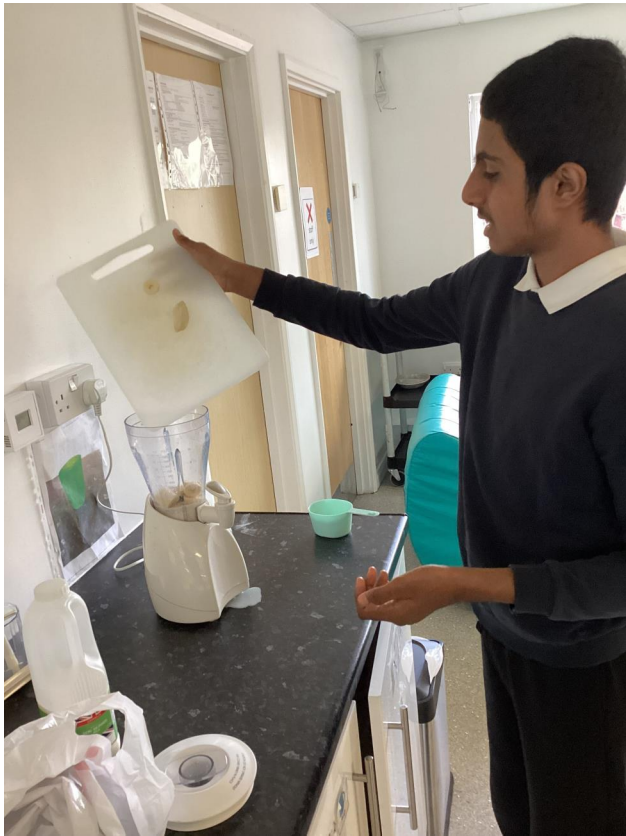
This week, Jura class have enjoyed the beginning of summer term by making their own smoothies in their Design Technology lesson. This week's fruit of choice was banana, and each student peeled and chopped them before putting them in a blender with milk to explore the texture of the fruit through touch, smell, sight and taste. Every week, the students will have a choice of a different fruit. This experience has given them the opportunity to prepare for adult life, with support on understanding the ingredients and using fine motor skills to prepare their tasty drinks which they very much enjoyed! Great work from Team Jura!

In Taransay we have been settling back into class after a wonderful restful Easter break. Learners have been exploring and recognising different fruit and vegetables in celebration of National Gardening Week, they chose to cook sweet & sour vegetables as the topic meal and in Outdoor Education they planted peas & cooked pea fritters outside on the Trangia. Well done Taransay a successful first week back!











Campus

It has been lovely welcoming students back from the Easter Break and everyone has settled back in brilliantly. Students have been understanding of some on going plumbing works that have been taking place as the boiler is replaced.

Students have been continuing working towards improving the outdoor spaces at Campus. We are thrilled that the pond area is now complete, and plants are finally starting to go in the planters that the students have been building around the site. This week, we have been building bee bricks out of cob (a mix of clay, sand and straw) to help provide places for solitary bees to lay their eggs. Once dry, these bricks will be installed around the site. The final phase of the grant money is to be spent on fruit and vegetable plants to incorporate into food technology sessions.









Therapy Input



Students from Barra class have enjoyed accessing the therapy room this week. We have been focusing on co-regulation which helps towards a positive mindset and focus on the new Summer term.





FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATIONS

Derby City Council have announced that parents can now apply for free school meals online on the DCC website:

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/>

The link below will take you directly to the 'Apply for Free School Meals Online' form:

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

If you believe your child is eligible for free school meals, please use the link above to apply.

Tips for Reading with your Young People at home



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Home to School Travel Service- A message from Derby City Council



Home to School Travel Service School/College Newsletter – March 2026

Hello!

Welcome everybody to the Home to School Travel Service Newsletter.

It's March already, and we are in full swing with planning for the September 2026 intake!

Our application window opens soon, so please encourage all parents to complete their applications during this window to allow us sufficient time to plan routes etc., ready for September. Please see below details of who will need to apply/re-apply.

Applications for Travel Assistance for 2026-2027

**The on-line application for travel assistance for 2026-2027 opens on 01 April 2026.
Applications received before this date, will be automatically refused.**

Who needs to apply?

A new application must be completed if any of the bullet points below apply:

- ❖ Family is applying for travel assistance for a child for the first time.
- ❖ A child is starting school in Reception class in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is starting a new school in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 3 in September 2026 (Infant to Junior Schools only).
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 7 in September 2026.
- ❖ A child is moving into Year 12 in September 2026 (e.g., sixth form or college).
- ❖ A student is currently in post 16 or post 19 education and will be continuing in education in September 2026 (post 16 learners and adult learners must apply every year).
- ❖ Applying for a bus pass for a child for academic year 2026-27.



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- ❖ Moving to a new home address before September 2026.

Please note: If none of the above apply, and a child already receives travel assistance, this will remain in place for academic year 2026-27.

How to apply?

The on-line application window is open between 01 April 2026 and 31 May 2026. Families can apply by using the link below. If an application is received after 31 May 2026, it will still be processed, but travel assistance arrangements may not be in place for the start of the autumn term. Before making your application, please read our policy at: -

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf>

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/hst-assistance-post-16-policy-statement-2025-2026.pdf>

If a student wishes to apply for travel assistance, independently of a parent or carer, they must be age 18 or over.

Supporting documents e.g., Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP), medical evidence, proof of free school meals, proof of baptism will need to be included with the application.

Families who do not have access to the Internet should visit a local library or the Council House for free computer and Internet access to complete the online application.

Please note: Responses provided on the online application form MUST be in relation to the school that a child will be attending from September 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the team via email: schooltravel@derby.gov.uk, or by telephone 01332 642716.

For more information about the Home to School Travel Service please see [Home to School Travel Assistance - Derby City Council](#)

Home to School Travel Service Update:

We have welcomed Lynne onto the team! Lynne joined us in January 2026 and is supporting the team by making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

For information about the whole team, please go to the end of this newsletter.



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Mileage Allowance and Post -16 Personal Travel Budgets Update:

The summer term payment is due to be paid to parents during Easter 2026. Email requests for attendance data have already been sent to schools. Due to the way Easter falls and the Council's financial closedown, please provide the attendance data for the spring term by no later than 11 March 2026.

Detentions:

We have had some recent experience of students who are on Council Organised Transport receiving after school detentions. If school is giving this sanction, they must contact the transport provider and cancel the transport as the crews cannot wait until the detention is over. The responsibility for collecting a child following after school detention is with the parent/carer.

NEW: Designated safeguarding inbox for schools

The Home to School Travel Service have created a new inbox for schools to use in the case of safeguarding incidents/concerns.

Please use this inbox instead of the general school travel one for anything related to safeguarding. The email address is safeguarding.htst@derby.gov.uk

Please **DO NOT** give this address to parents.

Meet the Team (Snapshot of Duties):

Carole:

Carole is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please contact Carole for any safeguarding concerns.

Matthew:

Matt is responsible for processing travel assistance applications. Please contact Matt if you have any queries about your application. Matt is also the Presenting Officer at Stage 2 appeals.

Lauren:

Lauren is responsible for making the mileage allowance payments and post-16 PTB payments. Please contact Lauren if you have any questions about your payment.

Amelia:

Amelia is responsible for supporting Matt with processing applications. Please contact Amelia if you have any queries about your application.



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Lynne:

Lynne is responsible for making sure our systems are all working. Lynne also oversees our appeals process and is the Clerk at Stage 2 appeal hearings.

Helen:

Helen is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and is responsible for the day to day running of the team.

Tom:

Tom is the Commissioning Manager and the strategic lead for the Home to School Travel Service. He is responsible planning, policy development, performance and quality.

Contacts:

General Enquiries:

Schooltravel@derby.gov.uk

Telephone: 01332 6427416

Designated Safeguarding Concerns:

safeguarding-htst@derby.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you over this next half-term.

School Term and Holiday Dates

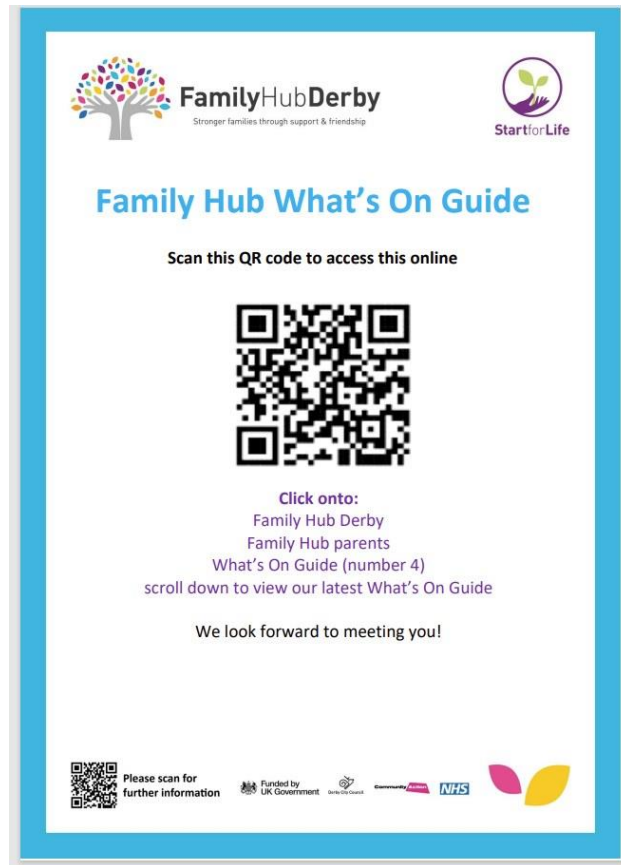



Sf Andrew's Academy School Term and Holiday Dates 2025-2026


Autumn Term							Summer Term							Bank Holiday (Shut to all)								
Spring Term							School Holiday							Inset Day (Shut to students)								
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