St Andrew's Academy
Family Update Newsletter

Summer Term 1

1st May 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Do you have a Facebook account or access to Facebook? We're making great use of the St Andrew's Facebook Page to showcase the brilliance of our young people and share information and invites. Our wonderful Marketing Lead, Sophie Crane, works across three Derby SET schools to publicise all that is great across our settings. With regular posts of photos and information of our young people in action, you can really see first hand the enriched offer our young people receive and celebrate their outstanding achievements.

We currently have 775 followers which is fantastic. The more followers we receive, the wider the reach of our content and hopefully, the more people will see the great work we do and benefit from the content and connection. If you're able and happy to, please do check out and support our social media platforms.

St Andrew's Academy is hosting an event today that has been published through Facebook- Brave the Shave for MacMillan. Please do check out Facebook for pictures of the event to find out who was presented with the Roz Gregory Positivity award, the total amount raised for

MacMillan and finally, to check out the new Summer Hair Cuts on those staff who went under the clippers!

David Braybrooke - Headteacher

BANK HOLIDAY REMINDER

A reminder that Monday 4th May is a bank holiday and school is closed to all students and staff.

Coffee Morning- 13th May

Big Breakfast at the Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May from 10am-11.30am

Helping Hands Café – Community Big Breakfast ☕🍳

Come and join us for a warm and welcoming Big Breakfast at the Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May from 10am-11.30am at Our new Community Hub at Fieldsway Drive, Oakwood, Derby DE21 4QN!

Our amazing KS4 students will be preparing, cooking and serving breakfast as part of their learning and independence skills development. This is a lovely opportunity for families to come together, enjoy good food and spend time in our new community space.

🥓 Full Breakfast & Hot Drink – £2 per person

🥬 Vegetarian option available

👶 Young children are very welcome to attend.

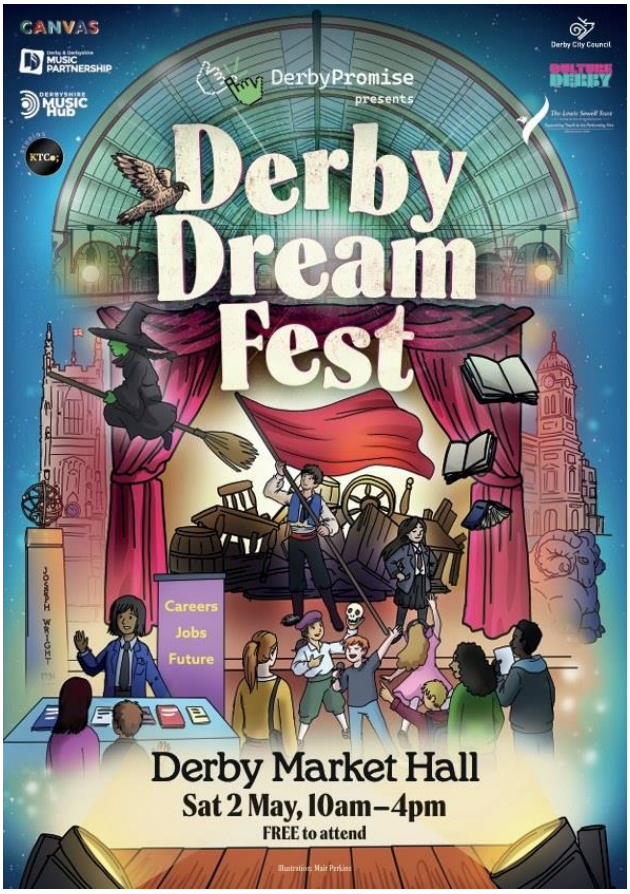
This event is all about bringing our families together, seeing the independent living skills our students are developing, helping everyone feel part of our growing school community, and giving parents and carers the chance to see the exciting new community space.

If you have any questions or would like dietary information, please contact **Alison Edkins (**alison.edkins@sas.set.org**)**

We would love to see you there! Please purchase tickets below;

Big Breakfast Day @ Helping Hands Café on Friday 15th May | St Andrew's Academy

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



KS3

The Glens

KS4

Shetland Class have loved working as a team to work on their outdoor area in the sunshine this week. They have all had individual jobs such as sweeping leaves, collecting compost, planting seeds, and watering the plants! It has been lovely to see how the garden is coming together, just in time for our students to be sitting outside in the warmer weather, enjoying all their hard work! Throughout the past few weeks, they have planted a rose bush, sunflowers, blueberries, blackberries, and many other flowers! Some students even helped to carry an unwanted bench into the area, and the next project will be to refurbish this to make it look brand new again!

The Highlands

This week for their Art lesson, Jura Class have been exploring printing with paint using different textures and materials. Students explored splatting a variety of colours on tin foil and enjoyed making the most of messy play! They also had the opportunity to do a group printing session, in which they used items such as cookie cutters, patterned stones and cups to create a collaborated masterpiece which they thoroughly enjoyed! Students loved choosing and exploring the colours to mark-make, with the colour red being a particular favourite! Great work from Jura!!

FE Campus

Offsite learning opportunities continue to provide our students with a wide range of scenarios to develop their motor skills. Students are enjoying regular sessions in the pool, which provide fantastic opportunities to work on their health and wellbeing.

Visits to a local cafe are also providing a great opportunity for students to practice their choice making and communication skills in new environments.

We have also been enjoying welcoming year 11 students to our Whitaker Road site as part of their transition into FE next September. We will be hosting an information evening for year 11 students and their families in the near future and will send out invites to this once details have been finalised.

Have a great bank holiday weekend!

Surreal Derby

Therapy Input

jump

Deep pressure helps the body feel calm and organised. It works through proprioception, which is the body's sense of where it is and how it moves. When firm pressure is applied—like a tight hug or a weighted blanket—it sends messages to the brain that can help reduce stress and improve focus. This can make it easier to feel settled, aware of the body, and ready to take part in activities

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

Inclusive Cycling Open Day

TJ's Army- Sign with Tasha & TJ

Makaton- Sign of the week

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

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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/htst-assistance-policy-2025-2026.pdf

https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/education/send/travel/htst-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.

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School Term and Holiday Dates

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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)

September 2025 (19 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2025 (18 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025 (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2026 (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (20 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

April 2026 (14 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2026 (15 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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June 2026 (22 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2026 (17 days)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2026

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
31					1	2
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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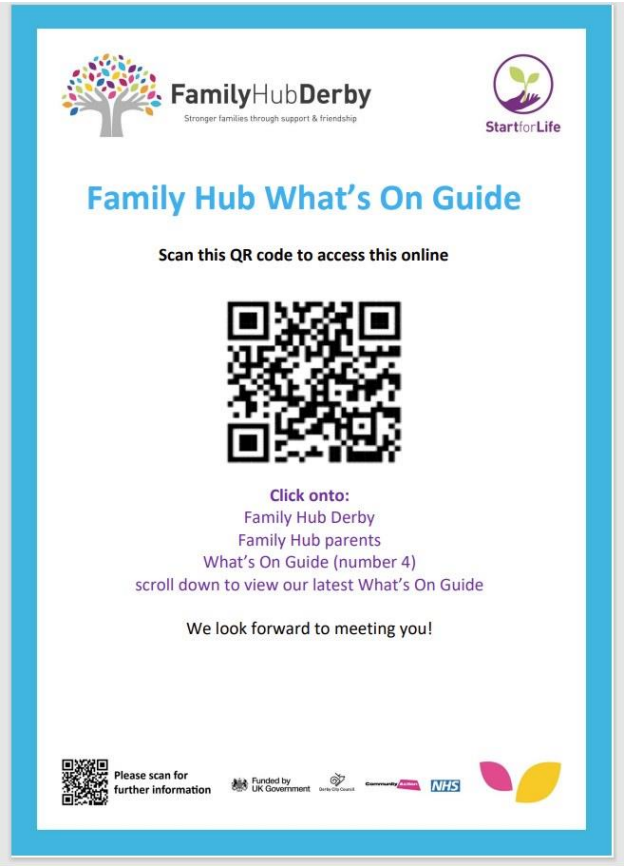
195 Days – including up to 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.

Family Hub QR Code



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