



DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

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SENIOR PROSPECTUS



"Derby High is a community. We all pull together and make things happen - that's why it's so great!"

Jaimy, aged 14

Welcome and thank you...

... for considering Derby High for the next stage of your daughter's education. Our thriving Senior School educates some 300 students from Year 7 through to Year 11, the vast majority of whom go on to study A Levels in our Sixth Form.

At Derby High our ethos fosters a genuine sense of community where students of all talents and backgrounds thrive together, enjoying a wide range of opportunities and giving each of them the chance to discover and achieve their potential.

This prospectus aims to give parents and future students a

snapshot of our excellent school, however, the spirit of Derby High cannot easily be conveyed through text and images alone so please do come to visit us, meet our students and staff, have a good look around and see for yourselves what Derby High is able to offer your daughter.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the school, or if you have any queries at all, please contact our Registrar who will be more than happy to talk through your queries and make the necessary arrangements for our Headteacher to welcome you and your daughter on a visit to our friendly school.



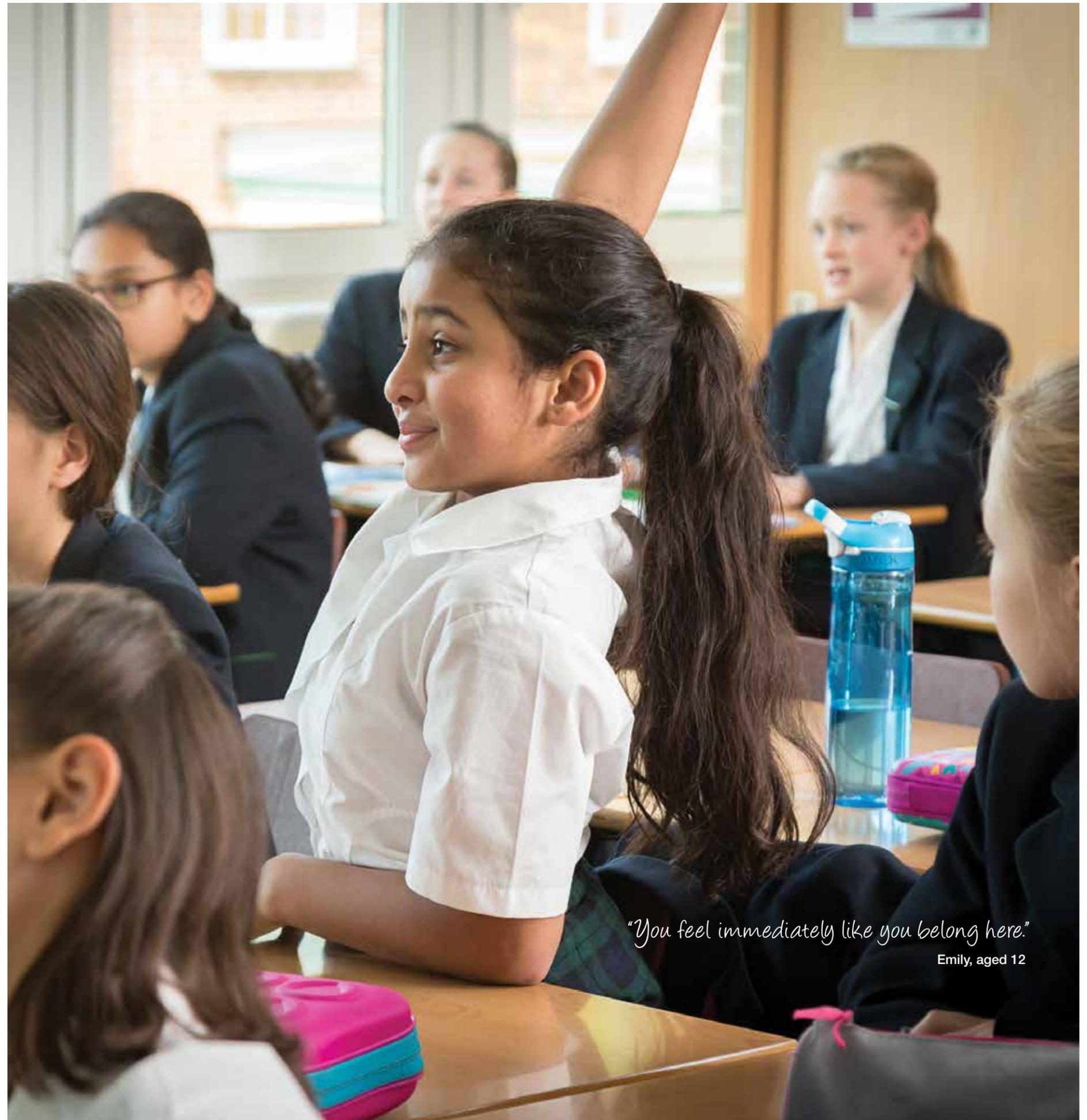
Why choose Derby High?

Girls thrive at Derby High in an atmosphere where their interests in all subjects are nurtured and developed. Our focused learning environment encourages full participation in class and gives girls the confidence to take a lead, to play a wide variety of sports and attempt physical challenges and to truly enjoy their learning.

Our teachers are experienced in tailoring their lessons to the ways in which girls learn best. Research has consistently shown that girls' academic performance improves significantly in an environment free from gender stereotypes and the school regularly achieves the best results in the county. However, a Derby High education offers so much more than academic

results. Whether your daughter is musical, creative, analytical or sporty, at Derby High we identify each girl's individual strengths and help them to achieve their potential in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Derby High is conveniently situated in the Derby suburb of Littleover and has excellent transport links via the A38 and A50. The school operates a number of bus routes, both at the beginning and end of the school day, details of which can be found on the website (derbyhigh.co.uk). The buses also serve Derby Grammar School, which is particularly convenient for those families with children in both schools.



"You feel immediately like you belong here."

Emily, aged 12

"Small class sizes are a real advantage as the teacher can help with any problems that you have at any time."

Sophie, aged 17



The curriculum at Derby High...

... offers our students breadth and balance whilst establishing a strong base that will allow progression to a wide range of choices at A Level and to any future degree course they might wish to take.

Girls in Year 7 have lessons in the traditional core subjects: English, mathematics, history, geography, French, physics, chemistry and biology (taught from the start as separate sciences) together with art, music, drama, design technology, food and nutrition, religious studies, PE, ICT and Personal Social and Health Education. German and Spanish are introduced in the form of a taster lesson in Year 7 and then either one or the other is taken in addition to French in Year 8.

At Derby High we believe it's not just what children learn that makes the difference, it's how they learn. For this reason every student follows our 'Thinking for Learning'

programme, which is designed to help them become more independent and creative learners.

Our well stocked Library Resource Centre is a hub at the heart of the Senior School, providing girls with the opportunity to conduct their own research independently, lose themselves in imagined worlds conjured up by favourite authors or to access reading support from our qualified librarian and her team of Sixth Form Reading Buddies.

The Library Resource Centre is also home to our Head of Careers. In Year 9, girls are given careers advice before making their GCSE choices. Mathematics, English (language and literature), ICT, physical education and PSHE form a compulsory core to the curriculum with an additional six Option Subjects being chosen by the student.

Please visit our website to view our latest exam results: www.derbyhigh.co.uk



From the moment your daughter enters Year 7...

... at Derby High she will be able to take part in a vast array of activities either through the school's incredibly active and competitive House system, through our various sports teams, instrumental or vocal ensembles, or via our theatrical productions.

On joining the school, girls are assigned to one of four Houses. Each House fields teams for inter-House competitions such as House Drama, House Music, House Netball, House Trampolining, House Tennis, House Art, House Debating and House Challenge (a University Challenge-style quiz) to name but a few!

For those girls who enjoy sport, Derby High's teams compete locally against other schools in netball, hockey, rounders, tennis, swimming, trampolining and gymnastics whilst, as part of the PE curriculum, girls also have the chance to take part in athletics, dance, volleyball and badminton.

Our purpose-built music centre provides the ideal environment for music (tuition, practice and performance). We have a wide range of music ensembles and clubs, giving all girls the

opportunity to participate in music-making at school.

Each year we stage two major drama productions: a lower school drama production in the Autumn Term and a Senior School production in the Spring Term. Many of our pupils are involved in these, not just on stage but in the many other support roles such as lighting, sound, costumes or backstage. Some of our youngest students take on leading roles in our major productions promoting confidence at a relatively early age.

For our older students there are opportunities for travel, for example, via World Challenge expeditions, which have taken place every two years since the year 2000. World Challenge destinations have included trekking across Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, climbing volcanoes in Nicaragua and trekking across Mongolia. The girls also benefit from a wide range of other trips slightly closer to home, recent examples being: language trips to Europe, a joint ski trip with Derby Grammar School, a physics trip to see the Large Hadron Collider at CERN and sports tours biannually.



"I love all the opportunities you have to do lots of activities."

Maisie, aged 13





"You make friends easily and fit right in."

Naiya, aged 13

The next steps...

The opportunity to learn (without distraction), the opportunity to be themselves (without pressure) and the opportunity to fulfil their potential (wherever it lies). These opportunities, alongside supportive high quality teaching in a friendly environment, are all on offer to girls attending Derby High.

If you would like your daughter to join our successful, friendly school the first step in the admissions process is to arrange a convenient time for you to visit us. This can be done by contacting our Registrar whose contact details can be found below.

During your visit you will meet with our Headteacher and one of our Senior Prefects, who will show you around our excellent facilities. This will give you the chance to find out about Derby High from a student's point of view.

Girls wishing to join Derby High in Year 7 sit our 11+ Entrance Examination which takes place each year in January. Girls are

assessed not only on their ability to cope with the curriculum on offer but also on their willingness to make a full contribution to the life of the school.

Girls who are already in our Primary School are regularly assessed and are generally able to take their place in the Senior School without taking the Entrance Exam.

Please visit our website for details of the scholarships available to girls joining the Senior School.

Girls are accepted into other year groups assuming there is space in that year group and based on a satisfactory performance in assessment papers along with a reference from their current school.

Our Registrar will guide you through the admissions process and she is available to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your daughter to the Senior School at Derby High.

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