



Primary High Notes Friday 10th July

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of another academic year, I have found myself reflecting on just how much there is to be proud of.

In my assembly with the children on Thursday, we listened to Proud by M People. One lyric in particular has stayed with me: "What have you done today to make you feel proud?" It is such a simple question, yet a powerful one.

When I look back over this year, my answer is easy. I feel incredibly proud of our Derby High community.

Proud of the children, who have embraced every opportunity with curiosity, kindness and courage. Proud of our staff, who work tirelessly every day to create an environment where children are known, supported and encouraged to flourish. Proud of our parents, whose partnership with us makes such a difference. Most of all, proud of the sense of community that makes Derby High Primary such a special place to belong.

This final week has captured that spirit perfectly. On Tuesday evening, our Primary Showcase celebrated the incredible breadth of talent across the school. Whether performing on stage, presenting artwork or sharing projects, our children demonstrated confidence, creativity and a genuine enjoyment of learning. It was a wonderful evening and a reminder that education is about so much more than what can be measured in a classroom.

Last night, our Primary Music Concert was another memorable occasion. The confidence, musicality and joy shown by every performer were simply wonderful to see. Events such as these only happen because of the dedication of so many people, and I would like to thank our talented music team, all of the staff who supported behind the scenes and, of course, every child who took to the stage.

As I think back over the year, I am reminded that it is not only the big events that matter. It is the everyday moments that define a school: the friendships formed, the challenges overcome, the acts of kindness, the questions asked, the confidence gained, and the resilience shown when things have not always gone to plan. These are the moments that quietly shape young people into the adults they will become.

For our Year 6 children, today marks the end of their Primary journey. We are excited to welcome so many of them into our Senior School, where your next chapter begins, and we know you will continue to thrive.

Finally, thank you. Thank you for the trust you place in us, for your support throughout the year and for being such an important part of our community. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer filled with laughter, rest and family time. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another year of curiosity, kindness and courage.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Exciting School News

As the academic year draws to a close, we are thrilled to share some exciting news. We are delighted to announce Derby High School has been commended again for the Independent Co-educational School of the Year: Central award! This reflects the exceptional achievements and unwavering dedication demonstrated by our entire school community.

We look forward to hearing the results next term!



Year 5 & 6 performance of Grimm

Year 5 & 6 wowed us with their superb production, GRIMM, on Tuesday evening. Year 6 took the lead parts, and the audience were truly transported.

The costumes were stunning, and the audience were dazzled with amazing singing and expressive acting.

A huge congratulations to all of Year 5 and 6. Thank you to Dr. Evans Bolger, Mrs Downen and Mrs. Cooke for directing this outstanding musical tale.



Primary Parents Showcase

On Tuesday evening we were delighted to welcome Primary parents into school for our Primary Summer Showcase. The evening consists of a musical montage, book fair, art exhibition, refreshments in the Refectory and an opportunity to visit the classrooms.

Our Early Years, Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 performed a montage of musical numbers. Well done to all the children for their wonderful performance and thank you to all the families who were able to join us.



Primary Summer Concert

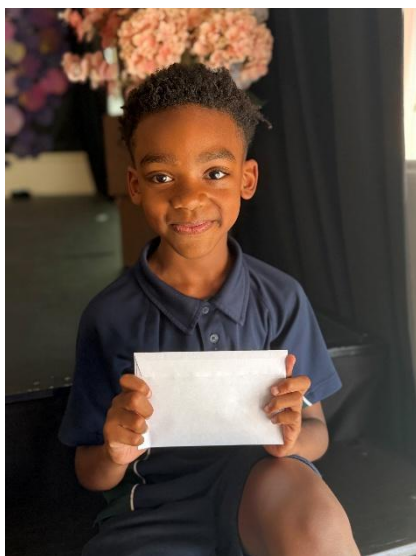
The standard of performance was incredible at our Primary Summer Concert last night. Over 130 of our Primary pupils in Years 1-6 performed in the Senior Hall, as part of our Choir and ensemble programme. Congratulations to the Andante Orchestra, Harmony Choir, Octavia Orchestra, Vocalise Choir, Presto Wind Ensemble, Rhapsody Choir, Allegretto String Ensemble, Cadenza Orchestra, Aria Choir and Encore Choir. The exciting programme of contrasting musical styles was fabulous to watch and the quality of performances was outstanding. Thank you to all the pupils for giving such passionate performances!





Primary Celebration Assembly

On Wednesday's end of term Celebration and Prize Giving Assembly, it was a pleasure to announce a series of awards to mark the end of a very successful year. So much has been achieved by every child this year and they should all feel a sense of pride as they continue to be the best they can be, in all that they do.



RSPCA Charity Work

We are incredibly proud of a caring group of our Year 5 pupils, who have been busy making and selling a wonderful range of crochet items and crafts to our primary school community. Their creations included bracelets, keyrings and bookmarks, all made with great care and creativity.

Through their hard work, they have raised a fantastic £277.13 for the RSPCA, a charity that works to rescue, protect and care for animals in need. Their donation will help support the RSPCA's important work in improving animal welfare and giving vulnerable animals the care they deserve.

These pupils have been wonderful advocates for our school values, particularly kindness. They have shown compassion for animals, generosity towards others and a real commitment to making a

positive difference. By giving up their own time, showing initiative and confidently presenting their plan in assembly, they have demonstrated what it means to put our values into action.

Well done to everyone involved. What a brilliant achievement!



Celebrating the NHS

On Tuesday this week, some of our Key Stage 2 pupils joined Mrs McBride for a special assembly celebrating the NHS and its 78th birthday.

It was a valuable opportunity for us all to reflect on the incredible work carried out by NHS staff every day, and the difference they make to so many people's lives.

We were especially proud of several pupils who bravely shared their own experiences of the NHS. They spoke with such honesty and openness, helping others to understand how important kindness, care and support can be during difficult times. Their thoughtful contributions made the assembly particularly meaningful.

Thank you to all those who work across the NHS and well done to our pupils for representing our school so wonderfully.



Second Hand Uniform Shop Appointments

The uniform shop will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the summer holidays. To book an appointment please email uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk

Music Examination results

Congratulations to all of our musicians from both the primary and senior school for their achievements in the recent ABRSM music exams.

Well done to Amber, Sai, Hannah, Avneet, Aashwini, Lucy, Rhia, Naomi, Eliza, Maya, Jia, Emily, Maya, Scarlett, Holly, Clara and May on gaining their excellent results.

Congratulations to Emilie and Sophie on their outstanding grade 8 awards with distinction.

Thanks to all of our music teachers for their hard work and guidance, to our musicians for their dedication and to all at home who support them in their musical development. What a lovely way to end a busy musical year!



Tennis Opportunity

If you are a girl interested in playing tennis, there is a Coaching opportunity taking place on Saturday at Derby Tennis Centre. For more information, please see below.

Please note, this is not associated with Derby High School.



GET GIRLS into TENNIS

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026

1:30PM - 2:30PM
6-10yr olds

3PM - 4PM
10-14yr olds

4:30PM - 5:30PM
14+

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

MEET FRIENDS AND STAY ACTIVE

RUN BY DERBYSHIRE COACH OF THE YEAR
Kath Burton
AND ASSISTANTS DARIA & SIMRAN

Kath
Level 3 Coach

Simran
Level 2 Coach

Daria
Tennis Leader

SCAN TO BOOK!

DERBYSHIRE TENNIS CENTRE, ASH PL, DERBY, DE23 8BF

Holiday Coaching

Kellogg's Football Camps Hosted by DCCT at Derby High School.

Join DCCT for holiday coaching for fantastic and fun footballing activity through the school summer holidays for 5-11-year-olds (Current Year 1- Year 6).

Drop off from 8.45am, sessions starting at 9.00am. Pick up is between 3.00-3.15pm. £20 per day.

[Click here for more information and to book.](#)



KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMPS
DELIVERED BY DERBY COUNTY

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 9AM - 3PM

DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

£20 PER DAY

DCCT Multi Sports Holiday Coaching – at Derby High School

Join DCCT at Derby High School for holiday coaching. A range of different sports throughout the school holidays for 5-11-year-olds (Current Year 1 – Year 6).

Sports activities such as Dodgeball, Cricket/Rounders, Tennis, Badminton, Tri Golf, Football, Bocca, Athletics & Target Throwing are included, as well as a range of team building challenges/games.

[Click here for more information and to book.](#)

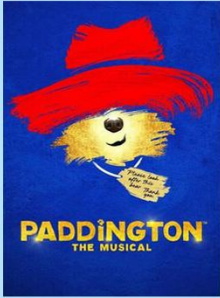


Summer Workshops

If your child is looking to take part in some summer workshops during the summer holidays, the Cabaret Theatre School will be holding some during the summer holidays.

For more information, please see below. Please note that this is not ran by Derby High School.

CABARET Theatre School Summer Workshops 2026



PADDINGTON
THE MUSICAL

Sing | Dance | Act | Crafts | Games

For children in School Years 3 - 7

Wednesday
5th August
10am - 3pm

Book online



£25 cabaret-theatre-school.com

Cabaret Theatre School, Sovereign Business Park
Hawkins Lane, Burton DE14 1PD

CABARET Theatre School Summer Workshops 2026



KPOP
DEMON HUNTERS

Sing | Dance | Act | Crafts | Games

For children in Reception to Yr 3

Wednesday
26th August
9.30am - 12noon

Book online



£15 cabaret-theatre-school.com

Cabaret Theatre School, Sovereign Business Park
Hawkins Lane, Burton DE14 1PD

Safeguarding Corner

Derby High Safeguarding Podcast Episode 74 - Summer Holidays

Welcome to our summer holiday podcast! This week Mrs Bellman (Deputy Head - Pastoral) and Mrs Thornton (Deputy Head - Behaviour and Operations) provide key advice for parents and students over the school summer holidays. There are some practical tips for staying safe and advice for parents about online dangers. To listen, please [click here](#)



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For further information on Safeguarding at DHS and for information regarding who to contact if you are worried about a child outside of term time, please visit our website by [clicking here](#).

Useful Safeguarding Contacts During the Summer Holidays

If a child is in immediate danger, call 999. For other serious or urgent issues, contact Derby and Derbyshire safeguarding Children Partnership services directly on Derby - <tel:01629535353> Derby City 07812300329. For more information please follow [Worried About a Child?](#)

Children and young people can contact Childline free and confidentially on 0800 1111.

Parents and carers can contact the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000.

If a child or young person is struggling with their mental health, they can text YM to 85258 for free, 24/7 crisis support.

Parents wanting advice can also contact the YoungMinds Parents Helpline on 0808 802 5544.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 1st September – Staff Training Day, No pupils

Thursday 3rd September – Start of Term for all students

Tuesday 8th September – Whole school photo

Wednesday 9th September – Accelerando Assessments

Wednesday 9th September – Primary Parents' Breakfast