



Primary High Notes Friday 25th April 2025

Dear Parents

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week, full of energy and ready for the exciting term ahead. A special mention must go to our Year 5 pupils who return today from their residential trip, tired, perhaps, but full of stories, new experiences and strengthened friendships. These moments away from home are such an important part of school life, building confidence, independence and a real sense of teamwork. And the adventures continue next week, as our Year 6 pupils depart on Monday for their residential in France, we know they will have a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about it!

As we look ahead, the summer term promises to be full to the brim with learning, creativity and celebration. With events, trips, performances and sports days on the horizon, there is so much to look forward to. Please do keep an eye on the school calendar via the iSAMS Parent Portal to make sure you do not miss any of the exciting things coming up.

Over the Easter break, there has been a great deal of discussion in the media about the pressures children can face and how this can impact their wellbeing and behaviour. At Derby High, the safety, happiness and wellbeing of every pupil is at the heart of everything we do. Supporting young people to thrive takes a partnership between school and home, and we are always here to work alongside you. If you have any concerns about your child, or would like to talk to someone, please do reach out to your child's class teacher or a member of our safeguarding team. Do also take a moment to read our weekly Safeguarding Corner at the end of High Notes. With the ever-changing world of technology, social media and wellbeing topics, it is a great way to stay informed, and it can be the perfect starting point for important conversations at home.

Best Wishes

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 2 Trip to Willows Sports Centre

On Thursday 24th April, our Year 2 children were invited to take part in the All- Star Cricket Festival at Willows Sports Centre in Derby. The children participated in a range of cricket-related activities, giving them the opportunity to develop their hand-eye coordination skills. They had coaching to improve their batting and bowling techniques and then applied what they had learnt during game situations. All the children participated enthusiastically, played fairly and were a credit to Derby High School. Mr Hart and Mrs Ford were particularly impressed with the batting skills of Ibrahim, Charlotte, Kharim, Alba and Mahi and Sinachi's fielding skills! Well done, Year 2!



Year 5 residential to Boreatton Park

On Wednesday, Year 5 set off on an unforgettable residential trip packed with discovery, adventure, and nonstop fun! Their journey began at Blists Hill Victorian Town, where they were taken back in time to the early 1900s. From strolling down cobbled streets to exploring traditional shops and meeting costumed characters, the children were truly immersed in the sights, sounds, and stories of the past.

Next stop: Boreatton *Park*. The fun kicked off with a high-energy blast on the Aeroball and basketball trampoline. Then came the abseiling wall, where courage and determination was shown by Year 5.

The excitement continued with so many great activities throughout their stay, including an exhilarating kayaking session, a Giant Swing, Archery and an awesome trapeze!



Year 1 Battles, Banquets and Balls Day – Friday 25th April

What a magical day Year 1 had on Friday as we launched our new history topic, Who Was King Charles? With a spectacular Battles, Banquets and Balls Day!

Children arrived in a wonderful array of costumes – we had knights, princesses, kings, queens, and even a dragon! The day began with a lively Phonics Battle between Thrushes and Swallows classes, showing off their fantastic decoding and encoding skills.

We explored what it means to be a monarch, learning about royal coronations and comparing medieval banquets to a modern royal garden party. One of the highlights of the day was learning dances from the royal court with Mrs Liddle – a truly royal ball experience!

It was a brilliant start to our new topic, and the excitement in the air was fit for a king!



Congratulations Mrs Oshilaja!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs (and Mr) Oshilaja have welcomed baby Kheyaan to the world weighing 8lbs 8oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well and big brother, Kharim, is very proud. Congratulations to all the family.



Reminder: Individual Portrait Photographs – Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

Please be reminded that on Monday your child will be having their individual portraits taken by Alethea Simpson.

For the duration of the Summer Term all Primary children should wear their summer uniform. However, to aid flexibility for the individual photographs, you have the choice between winter and summer uniform for your child.

For reference, [click here](#) for the Parent Handbook. The Infant Uniform list is on page 5, and the Junior Uniform on page 6.

Cabaret Theatre School

If your child enjoys Musical Theatre, Dancing, Singing and Acting, the Cabaret theatre school would be the perfect place for your child to attend on Saturday mornings. Please note that this is not run by Derby High School.



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Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast Episode 37 – Exam Season

While more relevant to our senior school, this week's podcast offers insight into the approach to senior school exams—something many primary parents may be interested in learning more about.

As we begin our summer term and with senior examinations on the horizon, Mrs Bellman and Mrs Balfour discuss the exam season at Derby High.

To list to the podcast please [click here](#).



For further information and support on this topic please click on the following links:

[Five ways to help your kids kick-start revision - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Exam Time & Exam Stress | Parents Guide To Support | YoungMinds](#)

Keeping Children Safe Online – NSPCC Workshop for Parents

We know how important it is to support children as they navigate the online world—and we're pleased to share a pre-recorded workshop from the NSPCC that does just that.

This 40-minute video provides parents with valuable information on topics such as:

- Online bullying
- Mental health and screen time
- Social media and online safety
- Where to find extra help and support

The workshop is perfect for watching at home and it's full of helpful tips to keep children safe, confident, and supported online.

Watch the workshop here on YouTube: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 28th April – Year 6 trip to France departs

Monday 28th April – Individual portrait photos by Alethea Simpson for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

Friday 2nd May – Year 6 trip to France Returns

Friday 2nd May – Year 1 Thrushes Class Assembly

Useful Links