



High Notes

Senior High Notes 10th May 2024

Dear Parents

It has been a glorious week at school, with students taking full advantage of the beautiful weather to enjoy our outdoor facilities. The sunshine has put an extra spring in everyone's step as we approach the final stretch of the academic year.

We were delighted to welcome so many parents today for our first Parent Breakfast event. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our new refectory and give you a taste of the exceptional dining experience your children have each day. This is just the first in a series of parental events that we are planning now that we have more space.



Our GCSE and A-level students have now embarked on their external examination period after months of dedicated preparation. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment they have demonstrated. Though the examinations present a challenge, their diligence has laid a strong foundation. We have no doubt they are ready to excel in this important next step.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 10 Geography Field Trip

Thirty three Year 10 Geographers this week travelled to Shropshire for their GCSE Geography fieldwork, staying at Preston Montford FSC. On Tuesday we headed into Shrewsbury for our Human Geography investigation, assessing how sustainable the town's park and ride scheme is. On the Tuesday evening we enjoyed a hotly contested orienteering competition back at the centre. On Wednesday after a fried breakfast our destination was the Carding Mill Valley for our Physical Geography data collection. Here we measured how well the Ash Brook River fits the Bradshaw Model, that predicts how a river changes as it moves downstream. There was even time for an ice cream at the end of the day as the group looked to cool down in the glorious sunshine.



UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Earlier this term, 89 of our Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in the Junior Maths Challenge. This is always a tricky affair, with some fiendishly difficult problem solving questions putting our students to the test. They acquitted themselves brilliantly, however, with an amazing 38% of them securing a certificate.

Special congratulations go to Aarav in Year 7, plus Alice, Sophie and Phoebe in Year 8, who all secured a Gold certificate. Aarav, Sophie and Phoebe all qualify for the follow on Junior Kangaroo later in the term. Of particular note is Phoebe, who was agonisingly close to qualifying for the Junior Olympiad.

Well done to all those who took part!

Year 10 Rounders

On Thursday, a Year 10 rounders team played in a friendly triangular fixture against Littleover Community School and West Park School, hosted just down the road at LCS. It was a lovely sunny and warm

afternoon, so the games were kept relatively short but competitive - with each team playing 20 good balls in their single innings.

Our first game against West Park was a closely fought one and there were some excellent hits and running from our players. Fielding was effective with some good post play and deep fielding efforts, too. The final score was 6-3 to West Park.

Our final game was against LCS, who were strong as a unit, able to hit strongly and took their chances with running to posts. DHS also hit well and occasionally deep, but were limited to shorter runs with their effective fielding. The final score was 9.5-3.5 to our hosts, LCS.

Each game was played in good spirits and the team should be proud of their efforts. Well done to all!



Swim England East Midlands Regional Champs

Congratulations to Alice, Amelie and George (all in Year 8) for competing last weekend at the Regional Long Course Championships 2024. This was the second weekend of this competition, the first weekend was in Corby and the second weekend was held at Moorways Sports Village. Regionals is a tough competition, swimmers have to meet qualifying times to compete amongst some of the fastest swimmers across the East Midlands.

Well done to Alice, Amelie, and George who all qualified for five events.

Alice competed in the 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke.

George competed in the 50m, 100m breaststroke, 50m, 100m butterfly and 200m Individual Medley.

Amelie competed in the 50m, 100m freestyle, 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke. Amelie was absolutely delighted to medal in two of events, achieving Gold for the 50m backstroke and Bronze for the 100m backstroke.



Parental pick up following trips / fixtures

Please be reassured that we will contact parents if a return from a trip or fixture is delayed. Otherwise, please do arrive at, or just before, the stated return time to collect your child. Teachers give up their own time to support students with wonderful co-curricular opportunities and, out of respect for their

commitment and to allow them to return promptly to their own families, it is important that children are collected on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

Refillable Water Bottles

As the weather warms up, please do send your child to school with water in a refillable water bottle. The drink should be water only, as this is the best hydration and, even more importantly, protects students' teeth from a constant sugar wash from drinking sugary drinks throughout the school day. Bottles can be refilled at break or at lunchtime.

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 7, Sextortion

This week our Safeguarding podcast discusses the issue of sextortion. Please take the time to listen to this two minute discussion. Please [click here](#) to listen to our podcast.

For more information on sextortion please click this link:

[nca financially motivated sexual extortion alert education eng.pdf \(ceopeducation.co.uk\)](#)



No Escape Room from NCMEC

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has developed 'No Escape Room,' an eye-opening interactive experience that exposes the harsh realities of sextortion. This video might be unsettling, especially for parents and carers, but it offers invaluable insights into the dangers our children face in the digital realm.

We urge all parents and caregivers to take the time to watch this powerful video and equip themselves with the awareness needed to safeguard their families. Together, let's empower ourselves to combat online exploitation and create a safer digital environment for our children. Watch here:

<https://noescaperoom.org>

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 13th May - [click here](#).

Calendar (via the Parent Portal) - <https://derbyhigh.parents.isams.cloud/>

Virtual suggestion box for parents- <http://gateway.derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk/suggestionbox/>