



Senior High Notes Friday 14th March 2025

Dear Parents

This morning in assembly, we had a first, something that marks an exciting step in the life of our school. For the first time, applicants for Head and Deputy Head Prefect delivered short speeches to the entire senior school. This is an important moment, not just for those standing for these positions, but for our whole school community. Leadership in the Sixth Form is about far more than a title; it's about responsibility, service, and being a role model. While the Head Prefect roles may be the most visible, they are just one part of a much broader leadership structure. Our students apply for the positions that align with their interests and strengths, whether that is mentoring younger pupils, leading in sport, supporting charity initiatives, or helping to shape school life in other ways. These roles give Sixth Formers the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way, develop key skills, and leave a lasting impact on Derby High.



On the creative side of school life, excitement is building for next week's school musical! Rehearsals have been going well, with one scheduled for Sunday and the final dress rehearsal on Wednesday. If you have not got your ticket yet, there is still time, don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic production!

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 12 Geography Fieldtrip

This week, Y12 Geographers headed to Yorkshire to develop key fieldwork skills ahead of starting their Independent Investigations in the summer term. Arriving on Monday at the Cranedale Centre, it was straight out into the local landscape of the Yorkshire Wolds to investigate stores and flows of water and carbon in woodland, pasture and a river environment. On Tuesday, we ventured to the coast, first stopping at Flamborough Head, where as well as learning about the geology and erosional processes at work we were also lucky enough to see a colony of over 150 Harbour Seals. We then went south to Hornsea and Skipsea, evaluating different approaches taken to coastal management. Finally on Wednesday we stopped in Hull on our way back to school, developing our repertoire of urban data collection techniques and exploring some of the areas of the city that were regenerated as part of Hull being awarded the UK City of Culture 2017. Despite the chilly and at times showery conditions, the group did brilliantly, and as ever we enjoyed the superb culinary offerings at the Cranedale Centre. We are already looking forward to next year's visit!



Year 8 RS trip

On Thursday 27th February, as part of the Religious Studies curriculum, Year 8 went on a faith trail in Derby. We visited three places of worship, a Mandir, a Gurdwara and a Mosque. The students were invited in to see for themselves how important, useful and sacred these places of worship are to the people that worship there. For some students, it was a wonderful opportunity for them to share with their friends their own place of worship, and for others it was a really eye-opening experience. Back in school, we have been reflecting on the experience of being welcomed into these sacred spaces.



Year 11 City Netball

On March 6th, the final round of the Year 11 City Netball League took place. Derby High competed in two exciting matches against Woodlands and West Park. They triumphed over Woodlands with a 9-3 victory and secured an impressive 19-6 win against West Park. Congratulations to all the players for their outstanding performances, and a special thank you to the Year 9 and 10 students who stepped in at the last minute to support the team.

Broadway Magic – Congratulations, Olivia

This week, the Cabaret Theatre Company brings the iconic 42nd Street to life at the Brewhouse Art Centre in Burton on Trent. From Wednesday to tomorrow night, Olivia, Year 13, has been on the stage with her incredible performance in this dazzling musical. Dr Evans-Bolger and Miss Liddle from our Primary school are also part of this talented cast.

A huge round of applause and well done to Olivia. Click here for more details; [42nd Street - Brewhouse Arts Centre and Café Bar](#)



Tickets Still Available – The Wizard of Oz

Don't miss out – tickets are still available for next Thursday and Friday night's spectacular performance! Grab yours now at Student Reception and get ready for an unforgettable evening! Our talented senior students can't wait to dazzle you with an extraordinary show that promises to be full of excitement and unforgettable moments. We can't wait to see you there!



Easter Egg Collection

A reminder that we are collecting Easter eggs for YMCA Derby, to support those in need across Derbyshire. If you would like to contribute, please bring an Easter egg into school by Monday, 24th March. Last year, YMCA Derby were over the moon with the generosity of our community!

Thank you in advance for your donations.



Safeguarding Corner

This week's podcast is brought to us by Mrs. McBride, Assistant Head (Primary) – Pastoral, DSL and Dr Evans-Bolger PSHEE Lead, Year 6 Teacher. Mrs. McBride and Dr E B discuss talking to children about difficult topics.

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



For further information and advice please follow these links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/how-to-have-difficult-conversations-with-children>

<https://www.explorellearning.co.uk/free-resources/having-difficult-conversations-with-children/>

<http://www.hethersettwoodside.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Top-Tips-for-Talking-to-your-Child-about-Tricky-Things.pdf>

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/what-we-do/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-hard-things>

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 17th March Reading Week

Thursday 20th and Friday 21st March Senior School Production. The Wizard of Oz

Thursday 20th March Vaccinations PDP Meningitis C

Saturday 22nd – Monday 24th March Gold DofE Practice Expedition

Tuesday 25th March ARTiculation Grand Final

Friday 28th March 3:45 end of term, no Late Waiting