



High Notes

Senior High Notes Friday 17th January 2025

Dear Parents

This week has marked an exciting milestone in our already vibrant house competition programme, the introduction of House Chess for Key Stage 3 students. It has been wonderful to witness the enthusiasm, strategic thinking, and camaraderie on display as our students embraced this new challenge with great energy.

The addition of House Chess is more than just an expansion of our house programme; it underscores our commitment to providing a diverse and enriching range of opportunities beyond the classroom. While academic achievement remains at the heart of what we do, we know that a well-rounded education encompasses much more. It is through experiences like these that our students develop essential life skills, teamwork, perseverance, critical thinking, and resilience, while discovering new passions and strengths.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

House Chess Tournament

This year marked the debut of our newest house competition: House Chess, featuring talented players from the KS3 Chess Club. Representatives for each house were carefully selected through preliminary matches held last term.

Over the past two weeks, the final games have been played to determine the overall standings. Congratulations to all participants for their dedication and skill throughout the competition.

The final standings and representatives for each house are as follows:

4th place: St. Andrew (George S)

3rd place: St. David (Vedant)

2nd place: St. Patrick (Yedidia)

1st place St. George (Aarav)

The trophy will be presented in our next Head's assembly.



Year 12 Engineering

The Year 12 Engineering project is progressing very well and this week on Tuesday and Wednesday the students went to the JCB Academy to manufacture their prototype attachments. Both teams worked very hard on both the manufacturing and the fine tuning of their designs, having the time to test these and tweak when necessary. We would like to thank the Academy for making us so welcome both days.



Year 10 Food GCSE take the ready steady challenge

With a set of standard ingredients to choose from including store cupboard basics and fruit and vegetables, Year 10 GCSE students took up the challenge to invent a dish from scratch: ravioli, pizza and fresh pasta were created, showcasing their skills.



Year 10 Netball

On Monday, a Year 10 Netball team played a return friendly fixture against Woodlands at Derby High after school. The game was high paced and end to end throughout, and the Derby High team got better and better as the game went on. The first quarter was fast and furious, and the Derby High girls did their best to soak up the pressure, but Woodlands were able to score a number of goals in quick succession. After a short break and re-focus, the next quarter was much better - the team strung passes together more effectively, and progressed up the court more confidently with some successful shots on goal.

The final two quarters were the best quarters in the game, with the Derby High team winning both individual quarters, scoring a large number of goals, dominating the centre court and, importantly, thwarting a number of Woodlands' scoring opportunities in our defending circle. The team were very proud of their efforts and performance, and despite the final overall score being a 18-20 loss, they were really pleased, as they should be!

The entire team did an excellent job, were supportive of one another and collaborated as a team brilliantly. We look forward to seeing them continue to progress in future fixtures. Well done!



Congratulations on LAMDA Results

Well done to all our students who took their LAMDA examination in December. We are delighted to announce the following students all received a distinction in their latest grading;

Layth, Year 7

Isla, Year 8

Bareen, Year 9

Annabelle, Year 11

Lydia, Year 11

LAMDA

Senior House Music

We are excited to announce the start of House Music 2025! If you play an instrument or can sing, please support your house and earn house points by entering the House Music Competition.

You can collect a form from the music office or complete the attached form. Please email Mrs Lesley rlesley@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk or put it in the box in the music office.

Intermediate entries (years 7, 8, 9) must be in by today (Friday 17th January)

Senior entries (years 10, 11, 12, 13) must be in by Sunday 26th January

Intermediate Heats will take place throughout the week from Monday 20th January

Senior Heats will take place throughout the week from Monday 27th January

The final will be on Wednesday 26th February. House choirs information coming soon.



SAVE THE DATE: Careers Fair Wednesday 5th March

We are looking forward to our Careers Fair on Wednesday 5th March, 5:30pm to 7pm. Years 7 to 13 students and parents are invited to join us, for as little or as long as wished. A HighPost will be sent nearer the time with more information.

We have a large number of local and national companies exhibiting, covering a wide sector of employment opportunities. We also have a number of Higher Education organisations attending the event. If any parents would like to exhibit please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you. There is no charge for a stand and we welcome exhibitors from all industries. For further information please contact Miss Riley via email, criley@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk.

Thank you to all our exhibitors - the event promises to be an excellent opportunity for students to explore a wide range of career pathways.



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast Episode 27 – Radicalisation and Prevent

In this week's podcast Mrs. Bellman and Mr. Thornton discuss Year 8s assembly this week on Radicalisation and Prevent.

For more information on Prevent please click the following links: [Parents' Booklet](#)

Educate Against Hate website: [Parents Archives - Educate Against Hate](#)

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



Free Webinar for Parents - Supporting Neurodivergent Children in the Online World

Internet Matters are putting on a free webinar (29th January) for parents and carers of neurodivergent children and young people who enjoy gaming online. [See HERE](#) for more information.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 27th January – Chapel Choir at Holocaust Memorial Service at Derby Cathedral

Tuesday 28th January – Year 13 Learning Review Meeting (online)

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 20th January 2025 - [click here](#).

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