High Notes

Senior High Notes 17th November 2023

Dear Parents

Children in Need is always such a special event in the senior school. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by each form group, both students and staff alike, in dressing up according to their chosen themes, were nothing short of remarkable. The variety of inventive and clever themes brought a vibrant energy to our school corridors, reflecting the unity and spirit of our community.

The highlight of the day was our assembly, where we had the pleasure of a special appearance by none other than Pudsey himself.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Anti-Bullying Week

Thank you to Year 9 for leading on Anti-Bully Week and for starting the week with a great assembly.

On Tuesday our whole school wore odd socks to school to show our support.

Students had the opportunity to purchase anti-bullying merchandise, including stickers and wristbands from Year 9 during break and form time. All funds raised will be given to Children in Need.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for coming to school in fancy dress, to raise money for Children in Need. Each form was very excited to choose their own fancy dress themes. Thank you for all the kind donations to this wonderful charity. Donations can still be made via our JustGiving page, which raises 25% extra funds for charity due to Gift Aid.

Deciding which form would win this year's "best fancy dress" was extremely difficulty. As usual the standard was extremely high!

The winning KS3 form was 8.2:

And the KS3 runner up form was 8.3:

The KS4 and 5 winner was the Sixth Form:

And the KS4 and 5 runners up forms were 11.1 and 10.3:

The best staff costume went to Mrs Ley for her Crazy Barbie outfit.

ARTiculation Competition

Eliza - Janis Rozentāls; Nāve (Death) (1897)

Sneha - Marc Quinn; Self (1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011)

Anna – Berthe Morisot; Le Berceau (The Cradle) (1872)

On Thursday, the internal heat of ARTiculation took place. This is a public speaking competition in which students present their ideas about a work of art which is significant to them. The students have spent several weeks researching and preparing their presentations.

The judges were impressed by all of the speakers, making the judging process a difficult one - everyone spoke passionately and sensitively about their chosen piece, touching on ideas of shock in art, cultural representations of shared experience, the male and female gaze and the symbolic importance of creating art.

First place was awarded to Eliza and second place to Sneha.

Both students will go forward to the regional final at The Hub in Sleaford on Monday, 5th February.

Arkwright Scholar

Last month our Arkwright Scholar Su, travelled to Edinburgh to attend the annual celebration of the scholarship award. During the ceremony, there were speeches from past Arkwright scholars who explained how the scholarship helped them to achieve their career goals as this was very inspiring. After receiving her certificate, there was time at the end for Su to have conversations with the Arkwright staff, the old scholars, the new scholars and her sponsor from Rolls Royce.

The deadline for Year 11 to apply is January, but Year 10s who are interested should please speak to Mrs. Orr.

Year 9 RS

Year 9 students have been busy designing models, posters and booklets to explain and illustrate their recent work on philosophical questions relating to religion, creation and the existence of God.

A-Level Politics, Q & A With Lord Kirkhope

Last Friday afternoon our A-level politics students had an online Q & A session with Lord Kirkhope, who currently sits in the House of Lords. UK Parliament Week is a great opportunity for people of all ages to get informed about how they can engage with UK Parliament to make a difference. This was a great way to conclude the week of activities and we were very thankful to Lord Kirkhope for spending time talking to our students.

Mass Maths Kahoot 2023

A heaving room 12 was filled with keen mathematicians from Key Stage 3 on Thursday lunchtime, with around 30 students playing through a series of maths-related (and sometimes not related) questions on the popular online quiz platform "Kahoot". The students took part with great enthusiasm and we had a few different leaders during the course of the contest. Questions ranging from adding up how many letters were in the combined surnames of Derby High's maths teachers to which is the fifth planet from the sun got the heads scratching. Congratulations to our winner Oscar, ably assisted by Adi, both from Year 8. Here's to a bigger and better Mass Maths Kahoot in 2024.

Derby High School Astro Club Charity Calendars Update

We took delivery of over 100 copies of the Astro Club calendar on Thursday, and we can't wait for them to find their way onto kitchen walls all over Derby and beyond! We have now raised over £500 in profit from this year's sales of the calendar and this will go to the charity Mind, who campaign for better mental health for all. If you have ordered a copy of the calendar, senior students, or a parent/guardian, can collect these from senior reception. Due to the size of the calendar, parents of junior or early years students should collect these from Mrs Tudor in primary reception. We do have a small number of copies of the calendar in stock, so if you are feeling like you missed out, please email Mr Dodson on rdodson@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk.

U12 A&B Netball

On Tuesday the U12 A&B Netball teams had an away fixture at Littleover Community School. They each played two 12 minute halves. Unfortunately the As lost 13-0 and the Bs lost 12-1, achieving their goal in the final tense minute of the match. It was very tough competition and the team worked really hard against Littleover. There were lots of learning opportunities and the team should be very proud of themselves competing in their first away fixture.

Schoolblazer Flash Sale

Please note, Schoolblazer will be running a flash sale from Monday 20th – Tuesday 21st November 2023.

There will be 20% off ALL in-stock items online at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

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Timetable Information

Please note, next week we will be on timetable A.

Safeguarding Corner

Building Emotional Resilience in Children

Emotional resilience is a key transferable skill for our children in the modern world. Here are some tips and hints from Dr Alicia Drummond, Therapist and Founder of the Wellbeing Hub, on how to help to build emotional resilience in your child as a parent. Building Emotional Resilience in Children by Dr Alicia Drummond, Therapist and Founder of The Wellbeing Hub - Teen Tips

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Dangers of Vaping

From National Online Safety:

In the UK, the proportion of 11 to 18-year-olds who vape doubled between 2020 and 2022. That figure has continued to rise – a worrying trend that's not exactly been countered by frequent portrayals of vaping as cool and fashionable on social media platforms.

Many young vapers simply aren't aware of the habit's potential pitfalls – but with risks including unregulated products, toxic ingredients and future nicotine addiction, there's plenty for trusted adults to help children understand.

Click here to read the What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Dangers of Vaping guide, which brings you lots of essential info.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 21st November – House Drama

Tuesday 12th November – Year 12 Learning Review (online)

Wednesday 22nd November – Maths In Action trip for KS5

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 20th November - click here

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

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