High Notes

Senior High Notes 1st December 2023

Dear Parents

It has been another busy week. Our Year 7 students had their first learning review meetings, discussing with their teachers, the progress they have made in their first term. These meetings are an invaluable opportunity for students to review their learning, hear what they are doing well, and understand areas for further development. With students present at the meetings, they can truly take ownership over their learning journey. We're proud of our Year 7s for engaging thoughtfully in the review process and setting ambitious goals for the rest of the year.

Today the whole senior school came together for a beloved Derby High tradition: the House Dance final. After weeks of preparation, each House dance team took to the floor to perform their impressive choreographed routine. The event was a wonderful display of teamwork and school spirit from all students. House Dance is a highlight every year that brings our community together and showcases the dedication and talent of our students.

The final two weeks of term will be full of festive events and activities. School will close for the Christmas break on Friday 15th December at 3.45pm, please note that there will be no after school activities or late waiting facility on this day.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 11 Theatre Trip: 'The Woman in Black'

On Tuesday, to support their GCSE studies, Year 11 students visited Nottingham Theatre Royal to watch this chilling play, which is based on Susan Hill's novel and has had a thirty-three year run in London's West End.

Packed with atmosphere, several jump scares and some very clever lighting, the production had everyone screaming in their seats, bringing the GCSE novel to life.

Pen pal project

Letters are on the way! Year 9 Spanish have written beautiful letters in Spanish to the students at Edelweiss School in Valencia. They have done a great effort with the language, using a good variety of tenses, nice phrases to introduce their ideas and a great variety of vocabulary.

¡ Excelente trabajo chicos!

Art & Design Photography Competition 2023/24

Year 8 and 9 Football

On Wednesday, Year 8 and 9 girls played in a 6-aside football tournament at Murray Park School. Our first match was against Derby Moor which we drew 2-2 with Elizabeth scoring both goals, Alice saving 9 attempts on goal from the opposition and Derby High having a further 6 attempts at shooting! Our second match was against Murray Park with Pippy and Ruby both scoring a goal, finishing with a win (2-1 to us!). Our final match against Ecclesbourne saw Derby High take an early lead 2-0 with Ruby scoring both goals, Ecclesbourne made a comeback with the final score being 3-2 to them. Pippy played in goal and made 8 impressive saves. It was a freezing night and the girls played with great focus and drive, working really well as a team. They demonstrated excellent skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. There are two more tournaments in the New Year, which will contribute towards the final points, so there is still lots left to play for!

Year 9 and 10 Netball

On Wednesday, a Year 9 and Year 10 netball team travelled over to Ashbourne to play in some friendly fixtures against QEGS. The Year 9s played first and they took the first quarter to settle into their positions and the game in general. Following this, the goals came thick and fast and there were some excellent passages of play in the other three quarters. QEGS did manage to secure a number of lovely goals, despite some much improved marking and defending, but Derby High also scored some

pretty epic ones, too, and the team felt happy with their score in the end - it was a 25-11 win for QEGS, and Summar was named as players' player. Well done.

It was then time for the Year 10s game, which was end to end throughout the entire game. There were some tight battles in the centre court and various goals thwarted at either end, with also some excellent movement and progression up the court by Derby High. Attempts on goal a plenty for Derby High, but QEGS did well to defend to push the shooting opportunities as far away from the post as possible most of the time. The score certainly did not reflect the game, which was even said by the opposition's member of staff at the end, with QEGS winning 21-3; Jasmine was named as players' player.

A huge well done to everyone who played!

Senior Christmas Concert

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to our Senior Christmas Concert on Tuesday 5th December at 6pm in the Senior Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy listening to our programme of fun and festive music, performed by our many co-curricular musical ensembles.

How would you invest £20,000?

This week saw the launch of the new Derby High School Share Competition, 2023-24 to which all Staff and students are again invited to participate. The DHS Investor of the Year will be the entrant that has the highest valued portfolio of shares on Friday 26th May 2024, based around the FTSE100.

Please click on the link below and remember that investments can go down as well as up! League tables will be published every Friday.

Good luck to all

https://forms.gle/3ZPdgyKVzsj9UQbZ9

Polite Notice: Sixth Form Drivers

Please note students who are not siblings may only be driven by a sixth form student if their parents have given clear, written consent to do so and the letter has been handed in at the school office. This applies on journeys to and from school, or during the school day, and regardless of the age of the student. Thank you.

Timetable Information

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

Safeguarding Corner

UK Safer Internet Centre – Threads, A Guide for Parents and Carers

New social media platform, Threads, is rapidly gaining traction. If you want to know more, here is a parent guide to the new app:

Threads - A guide for parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 5th December – Senior Christmas Concert

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 14th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December – Term ends at 3.45pm, no late waiting or clubs.