



Senior High Notes 1st March 2024

Dear Parents

On Wednesday evening I was delighted to attend our Senior Spring Music Recital. The evening was an absolute delight, showcasing the exceptional musical talents of our Year 13 A level students and House Music winners. Their performances were nothing short of spectacular, demonstrating not only their technical prowess but also their profound dedication and passion for music. From captivating melodies to intricate harmonies, each piece presented was a testament to the immense talent of our students. It was truly a privilege to witness such musical virtuosity on display.

It was a pleasure to welcome Year 9 students and their parents last night to our GCSE options evening. This pivotal event marks a significant milestone in a student's academic journey, providing them with the opportunity to make informed decisions about their future pathways and areas of study. It is a crucial step in their academic career, guiding them towards the subjects that align with their interests and aspirations. Beyond the options evening our tutors, subject teachers, and Heads of Year continue to offer invaluable guidance and assistance to our students as they navigate this important decision-making process.

This half term we are launching our Safeguarding Corner podcast called In2. It will feature two minutes of discussion on key topics from our Safeguarding Team. Alongside the Podcast we will be providing links for parents to find additional information and sources of help on each topic. I do hope you find the podcasts useful.

As we navigate through this busy half term, there is much to look forward to. Preparations for our Senior School production are well underway, with rehearsals in full flow. I eagerly anticipate the culmination of our students' hard work and creativity in what promises to be another unforgettable showcase of talent and dedication.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Easter Egg Donations

As we approach the Easter holidays, we are reaching out to ask for your support in a charitable initiative that we are undertaking as a school community. Derby High is partnering with YMCA Derby, a local charity committed to supporting families in need, to collect Easter eggs for families who would otherwise not receive one.

If you would like to participate, your child should bring the Easter egg to main reception by Wednesday 14th March. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Thank you to Kerry and Paul from YMCA Derbyshire for their video message played today in assembly. [Click here](#) to watch on Facebook.



Senior Music Recital

On Wednesday evening we welcomed guests to our recital evening. The programme featured performances by our U6 A level musicians followed by solos and duets from some of the winning performances in the recent House Music competition.

Thank you to all of the performers for sharing their time and talents. Thank you to all of our peripatetic music teachers, staff, Mrs Storey and Mr Marshall for supporting our students throughout the evening.



Performance of 'Macbeth'

On Tuesday, Year 11 students watched a production of 'Macbeth', performed by the visiting theatre company, Katch-22, in support of their GCSE studies.

The performance was followed by a Q & A session, in which students asked some impressive and searching questions of the cast.



Biology Olympiad

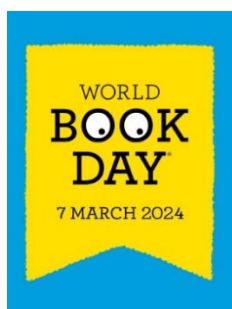
10 of our A level Biologists competed in the British Biology Olympiad 2024. This consisted of them completing two on-line papers covering material from the A level course and beyond. The students were presented with topics and ideas which they were not familiar with, having to use their problem solving skills and biological knowledge. We are very proud of their achievements –Gold Esther L6 and Isobel U6, Silver – Diya U6, Bronze – Megan U6, Poppy L6, Elsie L6, Highly Commended – Maddie L6, Priya L6 and two Participation Awards – Eliza L6, Tilly L6. Esther and Isobel who achieved the Gold Award now have the opportunity to compete in further rounds to see if they can be selected to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad. Well done to everyone who took part.

World Book Day 7th March

Next week all senior students will receive a World Book Day voucher and there will be a limited number of £1 books available in the library.

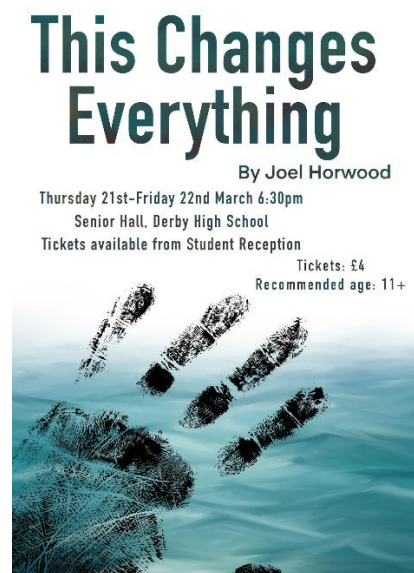
Do also take a look at the special World Book Day themed dashboard for lots of fun activities:

<https://uk.accessit.online/drb01/?serviceId=ExternalEvent&homepageSn=51>



Senior School Production, *This Changes Everything*

Tickets are now available from Student Reception for this year's Senior Production, *This Changes Everything* by Joel Horwood. The performance will be held across two evenings, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd March. Tickets are £4, please note the recommended age for this performance is 11+.



Social Media Accounts

Please do check that your child knows the author/creator of any group accounts on any social media platforms and that they understand the implications of following or subscribing to accounts whose author they do not know.

A number of schools have raised concerns about fraudulent accounts created on platforms such as TikTok. These accounts purport to be affiliated with or authored by school. Aside from concerns over content to which students may be exposed, there is also a very real concern that the unknown creators of such accounts are collecting followers to identify social networks and, where students do not have their privacy settings locked down, collecting personal data which potentially reveals a child's appearance, school attendance and friendship network.

As ever, regular conversations with your children about their online presence is the best way of keeping them safe.

Timetable Information

Please note next week we will be on timetable B.

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast – Episode 1

Welcome to the start of a series of two minute podcasts, led by our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Claire Bellman. We know you are all busy people, so each podcast will be a brief chat with the Safeguarding Team, focusing on a relevant safeguarding topic.



This week, we get the ball rolling with anxiety; how we can recognise it in our children and how we can begin to support them through it.

[Derby High School, In2 Podcast, Episode 1 - Anxiety \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

If you would like to find out more, please head to;

[Supporting A Child With Anxiety | Tips and Advice | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/advice-and-support/child-mental-health/problems-and-symptoms/anxiety.aspx)

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 6th March – Women in STEM Day (12 x Year 10 students)

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day