High Notes

Senior High Notes 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents

At Derby High, we believe in nurturing not only the minds but also the hearts of our students. We understand that education is not just about imparting knowledge; it's about shaping future leaders who are not only academically adept but also compassionate and committed to making the world a better place.

"Peace One Day" is a global movement that resonates deeply with our school's ethos. Established with the noble goal of promoting peace and non-violence, this initiative invites individuals and organisations from all walks of life to come together on a single day to inspire and celebrate peace. It is a day dedicated to reflecting on the power of unity and the potential for positive change. The UN International Day of Peace began on the 21st September 1981 and was organised by the United Nations General Assembly. Each year, there is a different International Day of Peace theme. For example, in 2020, the theme was ‘Shaping Peace Together’, whilst in 2021 the theme was 'Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World'.

Peace One Day

For Peace One Day 2023, the theme is 'Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #Global Goals'. It is a push for us to recognise how our individual and collective actions can affect and foster global peace. After a thought provoking assembly on Peace One Day, each class or form through the whole school have been thinking about what action they could take, whether it be creating less food waste or turning their bedroom light off. Each class has then been deciding upon their pledge for action.

It's heartening to see how each class has taken the initiative to think about the actions they can take to contribute to a more sustainable and peaceful world. This exercise not only instils a sense of responsibility but also empowers students to make a positive impact, no matter how small their actions may seem.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Jeans for Genes Fundraising

Today we supported Jeans for Genes, by organising a non-school uniform day. Jeans for Genes is a national children's charity, which raises money for the care of children and families who are affected by genetic disorders. If you have not yet had a chance to donate, please follow Derby High School's JustGiving link below to donate online. Please click here. Thank you.

All of the money raised will be donated to the Jeans for Genes charity.

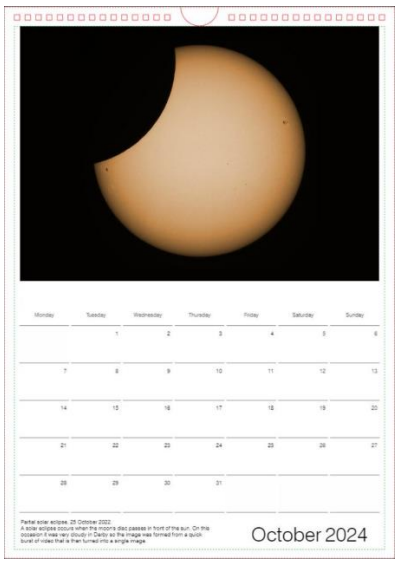
Congratulations Su! Arkwright Engineering Scholarship

We are extremely proud of Su from L6 who has been chosen from a large field of applicants throughout the country to be an Arkwright Scholar, a very prestigious Engineering award. Su had to complete an aptitude exam requiring her to demonstrate her design creativity. Having passed this, she then moved to the interview stage. Excelling in this, her application was sent to industry sponsors and as a result, Su will be mentored by Rolls-Royce Electrical for the next two years.

This is the first year Derby High has taken part in Arkwright and Su will be an inspiration to those in lower years hoping to study Engineering. Well done Su!

Astro Club charity calendar 2024

Last year we raised nearly £500 for the 'Mind' charity via sales of the 2023 Astro Club calendar, and we are pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 calendar today. Even bigger and better than last year, the 2024 version is A3 and features even more stunning imagery of celestial objects such as nebulae and galaxies, as well as our own sun during its partial eclipse last October. The calendar is £12, delivered to students in school, so please reply to the HighPost that is going out today if you would like to order one. Mr Dodson is obtaining a proof in school if any students wish to take an advance look.



Year 11 French

In Year 11 French, we have been exploring the francophone world, where students were at a Moroccan souk, bargaining to get the best prices. All these items are actually from Marrakesh.

Year 13 French

Year 13 French has been very busy learning about the French justice system.

As our module is coming to an end we reused all the vocabulary learnt and put it into a play made by the students. Great arguments from both parties but an impartial sentence was given.

Charity Afternoon Tea In Support of 'Together for Short Lives'

Last week we featured Pragya's (Year 8) Charity Afternoon Tea in support of 'Together for Short Lives' on Saturday 30th September at Mickleover Methodist Church.

Details are below, please RSVP by 24th September. Here is the link for the JustGiving page to pay in advance of attending. Click here. Thank you.

Pragya received an invitation to attend an event on World Peace Day at the Palace of Westminster on Monday 11th September for her community work so far and the support she has been providing to various charities. The event was hosted by the MP Bob Blackman. Well done Pragya for all the hard work you are putting into fundraising.

Timetable Information

Please note, next week will be week A

Safeguarding Corner

Updated Supervision Features for FB Messenger and Instagram

In June 2023 Meta rolled out some new parental features for FB Messenger and Instagram. As of 30th August these updates are now available globally.

Specific updates for Messenger:

- View how much time the child spends on the app.
- Updates on their contact list.
- Notification if the child reports someone.
- View who can message their child.
- View who can see their child's stories.

Specific updates for Instagram:

- Before being able to message someone who does not follow them, people must now send a text only invite to connect (in other words, no more unwanted explicit photos from people you do not follow). No further interaction can take place unless the recipient accepts the invite.

In all these are quite positive steps, for further information please click here.

Discord Family Centre

Discord used to be popular with gamers, now it's hugely popular amongst non-gamers too. Historically Discord has been very lax regarding features that are available for parents to help keep their children safe, but this has recently changed, albeit the changes are a miniscule step in the right direction at least it's something.

Essentially, like many other apps, Discord now has a Family Centre. Once set up parents can see:

- What servers (chat rooms) their children have joined or participated in.
- Everyone they've messaged.
- New users they've connected with.

You can read more about these functions and limitations by clicking here, and this page (click here) will show parents how to set up Family Centre.

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 27th September – Sixth Form Open Evening (for Year 11)