



Senior High Notes 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents

This week we find ourselves experiencing a mix of emotions. On one hand, there is immense pride and joy in celebrating the remarkable achievements of our Year 13 students - their dedication, resilience, and unwavering spirit have been an inspiration to us all. However, it also carries a tinge of sadness, as we bid farewell to this fabulous group of young people. These young individuals have left an indelible mark on our school community, enriching our lives with their talents, passions, and unique personalities. They have grown into confident, ambitious young adults, prepared to embark on the next chapter of their lives.

While their physical presence will be missed, their legacy will endure. The memories we have shared, the lessons they have learned, and the bonds they have forged will forever be etched in our hearts. They are poised to make their mark on the world, armed with the values and skills instilled during their time with us.



As we bid them farewell, we wish our departing Year 13 students every success in their future endeavours. May they continue to embrace challenges with the same tenacity and zeal that have defined their journey thus far. Though they may be leaving our school, they will forever remain part of our extended family, and we eagerly await the extraordinary accomplishments that lie ahead.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 13 Leavers' Night

Last night Year 13, their parents and their teaching staff, gathered in school in their best dress for Leavers' Night. Guests enjoyed welcome drinks and a buffet to the brilliant backing of Mr Bournon's band, before taking their seats for speeches and prize giving. There was many a laugh looking back on their time in the school and maybe even the odd tear or two. We hope that Year 13 have enjoyed their last week in school, with some outstanding fancy dress efforts each day, and wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming exams and future careers. They have been a phenomenal year group and we are sad to see them go!



Good Luck Year 11

Today was the final day of school for Year 11 before they head off on study leave; GCSE exams begin next week. The students put on their annual Top of the Pops show at lunchtime and there were some excellent lip synch/dance performances from Pitch Perfect to the Macarena, with a few guest appearances from staff thrown in. To reward the students for their hard work in and out of the classroom these past couple of years, we invited the ice-cream van into the crescent outside school for a break time treat. In the afternoon, the year group came together for an assembly where each of our students were individually

celebrated; this was all rounded off by cake in the Refectory. We wish all of our Year 11 students the very best for their examinations.



Senior School Recital

On Tuesday, talented musicians from across the senior school performed as soloists to a welcoming audience. The programme included music from a diverse range of musical genres, from Classical and Impressionist music to jazz and rock performances. Thank you to our performers, Juliette, Katarina, Mollie, Sumi, Lydia, Jessica, Emilie, Anna, Hannah, Esther, Olivia, Rowan and Ted, for a wonderful evening of music making. You are inspirational. Thank you to all of the instrumental and singing teachers for preparing students so well and to our supportive audience. We look forward to more recital opportunities next year.



Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Last weekend our Silver Duke of Edinburgh teams set off for their practice expedition in the Peak District. Despite having to put up their tents in a hail shower on Friday evening, both groups showed resilience and maintained a great spirit throughout. There was much evidence of team work on site, and excellent communication and map reading skills. We even had time to celebrate Hattie's 16th birthday with a chocolate cake. Well done to all the students, let's hope the qualifying expedition in July is a little warmer!



Great Plastic Count, Form 8.3

During British Science Week, Mrs Orr's 8.3 Physics class took part in the Great Plastic Count along with 28,913 other students across the UK. For a whole week they counted all the different types of plastic they and their families threw out. Today they got the results and learnt how much plastic waste we throw out as a nation and some of the measures we can take to improve our plastic waste habits.



International Chemistry Olympiad

The 56th International Chemistry Olympiad took place in school last term. The test, run by the Royal Society of Chemistry, is designed to stretch and challenge the most able Year 12 and Year 13 chemists using contexts from real world Chemistry problems to stimulate debate and raise awareness about the Chemical sciences. A number of Year 12 and Year 13 students participated with an unprecedented number achieving an award. We are delighted to announce that Annie and Isobel, from Year 13, achieved a Bronze award and Chandni, Jasmine, Diya, Megan and Kirthi from Year 13, and Madeleine, Esther and Joshua from Year 12 achieved a Silver award. Megan (Year 13) and Joshua (Year 12) achieved best in school. Congratulations to all the students who participated.

Community Champion Award for Pragya

Pragya had a great time yesterday at the British Parliament, receiving her award for "Community Champion" as a recognition of all the hard work she puts in towards her various fundraising activities for multiple charities like Together for Short Lives, Calcutta Rescue, A-Sisterhood and also her involvement in various community activities like volunteering, spreading awareness, donating etc. The Inspire Award 2024 was organised by BYITC (British Youth International College) to recognise young achievers in various fields like Academics, Sports, Art and Culture and Pragya got her Community Champion Award in the "All Rounder" category. The award event was sponsored by MP Afzal Khan CBE and Lord Wajid Khan. It was a great honour for Pragya to receive her award at the British Parliament. Well done, Pragya!



Congratulations May

Congratulations to May in Year 7! May went for an audition with Rare Productions who are putting on a production of Matilda. After the open auditions, she was offered the role of Miss Honey and will be appearing at Melton Theatre in June. We look forward to hearing more about May's role in this exciting production next month.



Barney Competes in the KHS Cup U13

During the Easter break, Barney (Year 8) travelled to Malta with Derby County Academy U13s squad to compete in the KHS Cup U13 tournament. This involved 12 teams from the UK, Italy and Malta. Derby qualified after the first day for the champions group of the top 6 teams and came joint second along with Aston Villa. Congratulations, Barney!



Congratulations Lydia

Lydia (Year 10) competed in the Derby Arts Festival on 1st May. Lydia took part in the festival's drama heats and received 2nd place for her Shakespeare performance of Lady Anne from Richard III, and 3rd place for her non-Shakespeare piece. Well done, Lydia!

Parents' Breakfast in The Refectory, Friday 10th May 8am – 9am

We are delighted to invite Senior parents to join us for breakfast in The Refectory on Friday 10th May. If you are able to attend please respond to yesterday's Highpost by Tuesday 7th May. Thank you.

THE REFECTORY
AT DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

We are delighted to invite parents to join us for breakfast in our new dining facility.

FRI 10TH MAY 2024
Senior Parents - 8am to 9am

FRI 17TH MAY 2024
Primary Parents - 8am to 9am

Please reply to the **Highpost** to let us know if you are able to join us. If you have a child in **Primary** and **Senior**, please select one date. We look forward to welcoming you!

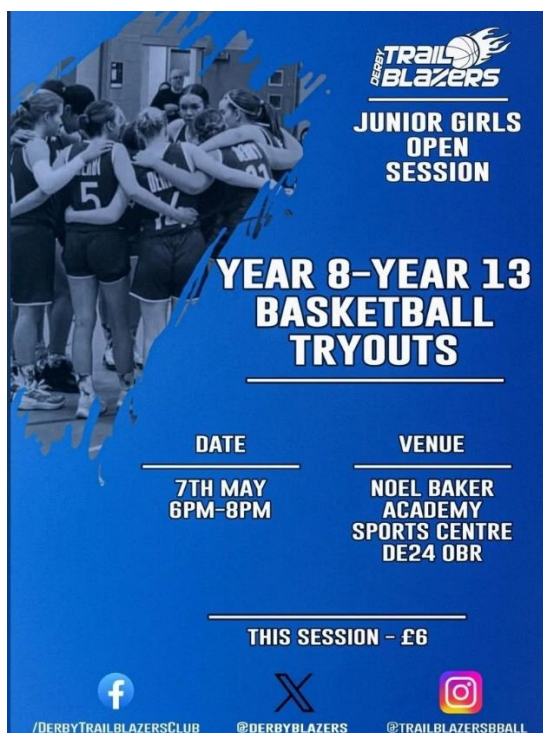
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Swim England East Midlands Regional Champs

Good luck to all our students who will be competing this weekend at the Regional Long Course Championships 2024. This is the second weekend of this competition which will be held at Moorways Sports Village. Please do let Mr Moorhouse know how you get on.



Derby Trial Blazers Junior Girls Tryouts



Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 6, Online Digital Footprint

Welcome to our sixth episode of our two-minute podcast, this week we focus on what is online digital footprint and why does it matter. To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



For more information on what a digital footprint is, please follow the link below;

[What is a digital footprint? \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)

In2 Podcast – Please send us your feedback

Last week we asked for feedback on our new series of Safeguarding Corner podcasts. We are keen to hear parent views on the podcast and if there are any topics you would specifically like the safeguarding team to discuss. Unfortunately there was an error with the link, therefore please see the new link below for any feedback you may wish to send.

Thank you for completing this very short survey, we really appreciate your feedback.

In2 Podcast Parent Survey – [CLICK HERE.](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 5th/Sunday 6th May – Bronze DofE Training Expedition

Monday 6th May – Early May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Tuesday 7th May - Year 10 Geography field trip depart

Wednesday 8th May - Year 10 Geography field trip returns

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 18th March - [click here.](#)

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

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