



High Notes

Senior High Notes Friday 7th June 2024

Dear Parents

In my Senior assembly today, I shared a fascinating lesson from the humble goose, which beautifully illustrates the importance of community - something we cherish deeply here at Derby High. Just as geese fly in a V formation to achieve a 71% greater flying range than flying solo, our school thrives when we work together towards common goals. When one goose tires, another takes the lead, demonstrating the value of shared leadership and mutual support. Similarly, at Derby High, we rely on each other's strengths, talents, and encouragement to excel. Geese honk to motivate their leaders, reminding us of the power of positive reinforcement and kindness, especially during challenging times. And when a goose is in trouble, others stay with it until it recovers, teaching us the importance of being there for one another through thick and thin. As we reflect on these lessons, let's continue to foster the sense of belonging and community that makes Derby High such a special place. Just as John Donne, the poet, wisely noted, "No man is an island," we too need each other to soar to our greatest heights.

This week our Year 10 and 12 students have been diligently completing their final examinations, demonstrating the culmination of their hard work and dedication throughout the academic year. Our Year 7, 8, and 9 students have received valuable feedback on their recent assessments, providing them with insights to further their learning journey.

This half term promises to be a whirlwind of activities and events. We eagerly anticipate welcoming parents and families to our upcoming end of term concert on Wednesday 26th June, where our talented students will showcase their musical prowess. Additionally, our annual Sports Day is just around the corner, on Friday 21st June, offering an exciting opportunity for friendly competition and school spirit. Further information will be sent to parents on Highpost.

Best wishes

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 7 Visit Conkers

On the Friday before half term, Year 7 went to Conkers as a celebration for completing their first Senior exam week! It was a fantastic day where the students took part in the Assault Course Challenge, Bushcraft and Kata-Canoeing.

The Assault Course Challenge was a physical and mental team challenge, where each team of students had to take care of a bucket full of water and manoeuvre it, and themselves, safely and within the rules over the various obstacles - including a huge slide towards the end, where some buckets certainly emptied!

At Bushcraft, students learned how to make effective shelter in woodland and got to have a go themselves to make the best shelter! They then had the opportunity to learn how to start a fire, and even got to toast marshmallows!

The Kata Canoeing was also a fun activity, focusing on team work and communication with canoes carrying 4-6 students and various challenges and races took place, even crossing the finish line whilst canoeing backwards!

A great day was had by all and the students were commended for their politeness and effort in the activities by the activity leaders. Thank you to the teachers who accompanied the trip, too!



War Child

Last half term, Year 11 put on a fantastic show of dance and music - our annual "Top of the Pops". After weeks of rehearsals, the lunchtime event saw the Senior Hall packed with an excited audience and much fun was had. The event raised £780 and this money is going to the students' chosen charity, War Child.

War Child is a UK based charity who work to protect, educate and stand up for the rights of children living through conflict and they go to the hardest to reach places to support them.

A huge congratulations to Year 11 for putting on the event and helping to raise valuable money for children who need it most, when they need it most, because no child's life should be torn apart by war.



U13 Cricket v Repton Prep

On Wednesday afternoon our U13 cricket team visited Repton Prep. In an exciting cricket match, Derby High set a competitive total of 120-4 in their allotted overs. The innings was anchored by a splendid knock from Amad, who top-scored with a stylish display of batting. He received valuable support from Jai and Rory, who both contributed crucial runs to the team's total.

Chasing 121 for victory, Repton's batsmen put up a brave fight. They batted with determination and skill, keeping the match evenly poised throughout their innings. However, despite their efforts, they fell just 8 runs short, ending their innings at 112-3.



Alice and Emilie Compete at the Trentham Regatta

On Sunday 2nd June Emilie and Alice (Year 8) competed at Trentham Regatta. The girls were entered in the junior doubles and represented Derby Rowing Club. Their first race was against Trafford where they secured a win and moved through to the final. The final was then against North Staffordshire. The result of the final was a win for the girls. Congratulations to Alice and Emilie on their fantastic result!



Derby High Alumni Summer Get-Together

We are delighted to welcome our alumni and staff to Derby High on Saturday 22nd June from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

If any parents are alumni and have friends and family who were at our school, please do spread the word, everyone is invited.

We will be hosting an informal afternoon tea in our newly opened refectory and offering guided tours by our sixth formers. There will be a display from our archives, looking back on the wonderful history of our school.

To confirm your attendance please complete this short form: [click here](#). or email, DHSalumni@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk. Thank you.

A colorful flyer for the Derby High's Alumni Summer Get-Together. It features a yellow background with green and blue accents. The text reads: "Please join us for Derby High's Alumni SUMMER GET-TOGETHER SAT 22ND JUNE 2024 1:30pm to 4:30pm". Below this, it says: "We look forward to welcoming you back to Derby High for an informal afternoon tea in our newly opened refectory. Guided tours by our Sixth Formers will be available throughout the afternoon. Friends and family are very welcome to join you." At the bottom, it says: "Please let us know you are coming, along with any dietary requirements: dhsalumni@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk". The flyer is decorated with illustrations of a teapot, cups, and saucers.

Safeguarding Corner

In2 Podcast, Episode 10 - Vaping, Part 2

This week Mrs Bellman and Mr Thornton follow up on our first podcast regarding vaping, offering useful advice on how to speak to your child about e-cigarettes.

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Vaping: Part 2



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