



Senior High Notes 8th December 2023

Dear Parents

What an absolutely wonderful week it has been here at school. A true highlight was our Senior Christmas Concert on Tuesday evening, which was a magnificent showcase of our students' musical talents. The pieces performed were a feast for the ears. We are so proud of our young musicians who practised tirelessly to put on such an impressive show.

The progress on construction of our new building and sports facilities continues at pace. The sports pitches are on track to be surfaced next week, allowing them to be ready for games and practices from the start of next term. The new dining hall, kitchen, and changing rooms are really starting to take shape. It's incredibly exciting to watch this facility come together before our eyes.

As we head into the final week of the term, there is much festive fun to look forward to, with Christmas Jumper Day and the whole school Christmas lunch on Thursday a particular highlight. I look forward to welcoming many families to our Carol Service at Derby Cathedral on Tuesday 12th December.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Senior Christmas Concert

Tuesday night's Senior Christmas Concert was a wonderful occasion as our guests enjoyed listening to a programme of fun and festive music. Performed by our many co-curricular musical ensembles, it was a joyful celebration of music at Derby High School.

Thank you to all of our talented performers for a fantastic evening, to our music staff, peripatetic music teachers and to all our guests for supporting our young musicians.

For more photos please visit our website gallery [Senior Christmas Concert - Derby High School](#)



U18 Football

On an extremely wet and cold Thursday afternoon the U18 football team travelled to Twycross House School for a much-anticipated football match. After a nervous start and conceding an early goal, the boys went on to build a 4-1 lead with goals from Neal, Taran and Charlie. Unfortunately, some calamities in defence and an own goal allowed Twycross back into the game which eventually finished 4-4. Congratulations to everyone, it was an extremely enjoyable afternoon for both players and spectators.

Year 7 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 7 Basketball team who made a good start to the season at the Derby City Basketball Festival. Although the game is new to many of our students, they showed a growing understanding of tactics to win four out of the five games. A special mention to Aleksa and Arjun who were excellent in both offensive and defensive.



U14 Netball vs Woodlands

On Tuesday, the Year 9 A and B netball teams played in friendly fixtures against Woodlands at home.

The B team played first and worked hard together to progress the ball up to our attacking circle and maintain possession, and there was some fantastic effort with our defending, where a number of goal attempts and circle entries were thwarted. It was quite end to end for the majority of the game, but Woodlands were able to secure more goals and unfortunately, and won the game.

The A team's game was also very end to end, with interceptions, fouls for obstruction, contact and footwork causing the possession to constantly change hands. It was a tighter finish in their game, with only 2 goals in it - but the team worked hard specifically to focus on winning their final quarter, which they did.

A great job by all! Well done!



U16 Netball vs QEGS

The U16 Netball team played a great match against QEGS on Wednesday. The game was very tight with both teams having periods of dominance with the scoring going back and forth constantly. In the end QEGS just pipped us 25-20.



East Midlands Schools Trampolining Championships

Congratulations to Pippy, Year 8, for her fantastic result in the East Midlands Schools Championships (British Gymnastics Trampoline Event).

Taking place last weekend, Pippy won the Girls' Elite competition for Year 7-9, making Pippy the East Midlands Champion for this level and age group.

Pippy has now qualified to represent the region at the next competition which is due to take place in January. We look forward to hearing how Pippy gets on!



Dancing Success for Amelia

Amelia, Year 8, has recently moved up to junior level in solo Latin Dancing. Competing against girls aged 12 to 15 around the country, Amelia certainly has a passion for this dancing genre.

Amelia is now being trained by Kristina Rihanoff who as many know was a regular on Strictly Come Dancing. Whether it's the Pasodoble or the Rumba, Amelia is competing at a very high level. She recently made the final in Under 14s Cha Cha Cha/ Rumba competition at the Stoke Dance Festival and won the Under 14s Jive/ Samba at the East Midlands Titles competition. Amelia will also be competing at the Champions of Tomorrow event at the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool this January. We look forward to hearing how Amelia gets on in Blackpool in the New Year!



Good Luck to Eesha starring in 'Cinderella' at Derby Theatre

Eesha in Year 7 is looking forward to performing in the Christmas production, Cinderella at Derby Theatre. The production is on now until Sunday 31st December. Inspired by the classic fairy tale, this sparkling new version by Annie Siddons promises a unique and utterly uplifting production full of heart, joy and laughter all interwoven with original live music and songs performed by a wonderful company of actor-musicians. For more information please [click here](#).



Young Writers' Competition – Congratulations Kara

Congratulations to Kara, Year 7, for having her poem chosen for publication in a book showcasing young writers' work, called *This Is Me*.

Kara's poem was chosen from thousands of entries nationwide and will be featured in *This Is Me; I Am – A Whisper of Words*.

The competition was run with schools across the UK to promote poetry and creative writing. A copy of the book will remain in the National Archives of the British Library forever!

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14th December

As part of our Christmas Celebrations, we will be having our annual Christmas jumper day on the same day as our Christmas dinner.

We are asking for donations of £1 please and will be raising money for Save the Children. By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we will be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We will be helping them fight for the future they deserve.

Students are expected to wear their normal school trousers or skirts with a festive, decorated or sparkly top or jumper. We encourage students to reuse / redecorate an existing jumper rather than buying new. Christmas hats are optional extras!

If you would prefer to donate online, you can do so via the following link. [Derby High School - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

The charity will also receive 25% extra funds through GiftAid.



Derby City Mission

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts for our collection for Derby City Mission. The team were overwhelmed when they came to collect all the donated gifts this week.



Carol Service - Cathedral

We are very much looking forward to our Carol Service on Tuesday 12th December at the Cathedral. We still have some remaining seats available. If you wish to attend please respond to the HighPost sent earlier this week to reserve your seats. Thank you.



Astro Club returns in January 2024

We are excited that Astro Club returns after school on Thursdays after the festive break. We have a great mix of former and new speakers on topics such as black holes, dark energy, gravitational waves and exoplanets. We also ask whether Earth is the only intelligent planet as well as how we can detect alien signals using radio telescopes. Our speakers are a great mix of academics including Professors, PhDs and other astronomy communicators, and always present to our students so well, so while the topics are going to be weighty, they are accessible to all.

A HighPost has been sent today with more information - parents of senior students can sign up on SchoolCloud as of now. Since this an after school club we will need to take a register, so responses on SchoolCloud are essential please. If there are any queries about Astro Club please email

rdodson@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk but in the meantime we look forward to seeing as many students as possible in January.



Lost Property

Please be reminded all items of uniform and equipment should be clearly marked with the student's name on. If your child has any items missing please do ask them to visit student reception to check lost property. Thank you.

January Flash Sale

Schoolblazer will be running a January Flash Sale from Thursday 4th – Friday 5th January 2024.

There will be up to 1/3rd off selected in-stock items at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

Schoolblazer will email subscribed parents separately closer to the date as a reminder.

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Timetable Information

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

Safeguarding Corner

Keeping children safe online this Christmas

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow you to go online. Even with the best intentions, many parents have a false sense of how to keep their child secure, or think their child is more secure than they actually are.

Safety Net have a great range of Parent Guides on their website available for anyone to access. These include a parent's guide to gaming, live streaming and privacy settings. [Click here](#) to view the guides.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 12th December – Christmas Carol Service – Derby Cathedral

Thursday 14th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

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