



Senior High Notes Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents

Today has been a truly wonderful day celebrating everything that makes our school community so special. Sports Day is always a highlight in the summer term calendar—and this year did not disappoint! From the enthusiastic cheering on the side-lines to the incredible determination, teamwork and sportsmanship on display, it was a joy to witness the whole community coming together. Whether competing, supporting friends or helping to run events, our students embodied the values of courage, kindness and curiosity in action.



A particular thank you must go to our Director of Sport, Mrs Watkins, and the PE department for their excellent organisation and energy. Their hard work behind the scenes ensured the day ran smoothly and successfully.



Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Senior Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a fantastic Senior Sports Day. It was an exciting morning, with many school records being broken! We look forward to announcing the overall winner during our Senior Celebration Assembly next Friday.

A full gallery of photographs will be available on the school website next week.



Year 7 Quad Kidz

Derby High School proudly participated in the Year 7 Quad Kidz Athletics event this week, taking along a talented team of boys and girls eager to represent their school across four challenging events. The competition brought together schools from across the region, giving young athletes the chance to showcase their skills in both field and track disciplines.

Each athlete competed in four events: the howler throw and long jump on the field, alongside the 100m sprint and the gruelling 800m race on the track. Our students showed fantastic determination, athletic ability, and team spirit throughout the event.

A huge well done to all our Year 7 athletes for representing the school so well. We're incredibly proud of their efforts, and this event has laid a strong foundation for future competitions.



Year 7 and 8 Tennis Fixture

On Thursday afternoon, a girls' Year 7 and 8 tennis team and boys' Year 7 and 8 tennis team played in an LTA Youth Schools National Championship league match against Trent College, at their site in the sunshine! Each team comprised of 4 players, with every player playing a singles game and a doubles game, first to 6 games for one set each.

For the boys, Jayan and Edward played their doubles game first, whilst Christos and Carter played their singles games. Jayan and Edward lost their game 3-6, in a tightly fought game, but this gave them good preparation for their singles. Carter won his game 6-5, and Christos also won his 6-2. A good first round of games! Carter and Christos then took to their court to play doubles, securing a strong 6-1 win. Edward worked tirelessly in his singles game, and was unlucky in a number of points. He lost his game 0-6 but never gave up - a true sportsman. Jayan topped off the win for Derby High, with his win of 6-1 over his opponent.

The girls, sadly, only fielded three players, which meant that one of the doubles games had to be forfeited. However, Mahi and Imogen started off the afternoon excellently, winning their doubles game 6-3. Mahi then continued the winning streak, beating her opponent 6-4; Imogen had a tough game, but never gave up - she lost 3-6, but also worked with great determination right through to the end. Maya had a long afternoon of tennis, playing her opponent and then the other opponent in a friendly game in lieu of her doubles game. Her first game was a narrow 4-6 loss, and her final game went down to the wire - it was 5-5 with the final game determining the winner. She fought right to the end but sadly, she narrowly missed out on the win. The girls unfortunately didn't win their match, but there was some wonderful tennis on show and they should all be proud of their efforts.

A big well done to everyone who played!



Match Report: U14 County Rounders Competition

On a bright and sunny Thursday, our U14 rounders team took part in the highly competitive County Rounders Competition, finishing in a respectable 5th place overall. The team showed real promise and produced some encouraging performances throughout the tournament.

There were narrow and frustrating defeats against both Littleover Community School and Lady Manners School, where the margins were fine and the games could have easily gone our way. Moments of player indecision at crucial times proved costly, but the effort and commitment from the whole squad was never in question.

Despite the challenges, the team remained positive and showed great character in each match. There were flashes of excellent fielding, smart batting, and strong teamwork that demonstrate the potential within the group moving forward.

It was a valuable experience, with plenty to take away and build upon. The team should be proud of their efforts on the day, and with continued development, there's every chance of climbing higher in future competitions.



Athletics Competition

A big well done to all the students who took part in the Derbyshire Schools' Athletics Competition at Moorways on Saturday! Everyone who competed showed brilliant effort and determination while representing Derby City in their events in the rather warm Saturday sun. There were some fantastic performances on the day, with some students successfully getting through to represent Derbyshire in the Mason's Trophy (an inter-county competition between 10 counties), held later this month. Some exciting results from the day include the following:

- Ailsa had a great long jump, securing a best jump of 4.15m - a strong result!
- In the sprints, Evie and Elise both ran in tough heats but should be proud of their efforts, coming 4th in their respective 100m and 200m races.
- The Hammer Throw was a highlight, with Poppy smashing her personal best by over a metre to finish 2nd, and Ava right behind in 3rd—amazing!
- In the Intermediate Girls 3000m, Millie took 1st place and Indi came 2nd—a brilliant double result for Derby High!
- Over in the 1500m, Charlie (intermediate girls) and Connie (senior girls) both ran strong races and finished 2nd in their events!

It was great to see so many students taking part, giving it their all, and cheering each other on. Whether it was a top finish, a personal best, or just the effort to step up and compete - everyone should be very proud of their achievements! Well done!

Year 9 Mayor of Watford visit

On Tuesday, 12 Year 9 students travelled to Watford at the invitation of the Mayor, Mr. Peter Taylor, to show him the work they have been doing to redesign Watford Station. This was a fitting finale for a whole year's hard work from the two teams and as ever throughout this project, they were terrific ambassadors for Derby High. The Mayor spoke to the students at length hearing their ideas, questioning them on such topics as budget, accessibility, sustainability and their future plans. They showed him the models they have made and he took away a copy of both teams' reports to look at further. It was a wonderful

day and huge congratulations go to our Year 9s as well as thanks to council staff, staff from London Northwestern and of course the Mayor himself.



Silver CREST science award

Over the past few months, Elise and Charlotte for Year 8 have been hard at work designing and building a wind turbine as part of their Silver CREST Science Award. Their turbine, made using recycled materials, is a brilliant showcase of creativity, sustainability, and applied knowledge in physics and engineering.

Their project is now complete and ready for submission — a fantastic achievement that reflects their dedication and innovation.



Year 7 Geography Fieldwork

This week Year 7 Geographers have been out and about around the school site investigating microclimates. Students have made their own anemometers to measure the wind speed at 5 different sites. They have also measured the temperature and precipitation to determine whether factors such as aspect, shade and shelter have any effect. The skills developed will be of great use on future Geography field trips. Students may also have discovered some cooler spots to take a break in during this current heatwave!



Hockey Success

Zach (Year 8) has been selected to represent the Mercian Marauders at the UK Lions Boys U13s Tournament taking place on Friday 20th June to Sunday 22nd June at Nottingham Hockey Centre. This is a fantastic achievement, representing his region in a national tournament against other regional teams from across the UK.

We are wishing Zach luck for his weekend of games!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Appointments for the Second Hand Uniform Shop can now be made for during the Summer Holidays. If you would like to book an appointment please email Mrs Holland on, uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk or call main reception on 01332 514267. Thank you

Summer Workshop

If you love dancing, singing, acting, and crafts, the Cabaret Theatre School is offering exciting summer workshops that you won't want to miss! These workshops are a fantastic opportunity to develop your performance skills, unleash your creativity, and make new friends – all in a fun, supportive environment. Please note the Workshops are not ran by Derby High School. For more information and to book: sally@cabaret-theatre-school.com



Summer 2025

Summer Workshops

Dancing - Singing - Acting - Crafts



Wicked

Friday 15 August

10.00 - 3.00pm

Age 7yrs +



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Friday 22 August

10.00 - 3.00pm

Age 7yrs +

£25 per day

open to anyone - bring a friend!

at Cabaret Studios, Hawkins Lane, Burton DE14 1PD

Email to book: sally@cabaret-theatre-school.com

Safeguarding Corner

Safer Screens Campaign

[Health Professionals for Safer Screens - Our campaign](#) have published a range of posters and information available for teachers, parents and carers on how screen use affects our children. To view the full range of posters please click the following link: [Health Education Resources - Health Professionals For Safer Screens](#)

Screen Time This Summer – From Culture Reframed

The arrival of summer brings a shift in family schedules. School's out, which leaves weekdays open for new activities. For parents, keeping kids occupied for weeks on end can be challenging and can lead to fewer restrictions on screen time. While that may be an okay option some of the time, extended use — and engagement with the wrong content — can have negative effects.

Please see below a link with support and advice on this topic:

[How to Keep Kids Safe From Harmful Screen Time This Summer - Culture Reframed](#)

[How to Keep Kids Safe Online - Culture Reframed](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 25th June – Senior Celebration of Cultural Diversity – Non Uniform

Wednesday 25th June – Senior Summer Concert

Thursday 26th June – Saturday 28th June – Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Sunday 29th June – Wednesday 2nd July – Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Monday 30th June – Year 10 Work Experience Week

Monday 30th June – MFL Trip Departs

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 12 University of Nottingham Visit + UCAS Discovery Day

Thursday 3rd July – Year 9 Yorkshire sculpture park trip

Friday 4th July – End of Term – No Late Waiting

Useful Links