



Senior High Notes Friday 24th May 2025

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe we are already at the end of the half term, it has gone by in a flash and has certainly been a busy one. Our Year 11 and 13 students are now well into the rhythm of their examinations. Years 7, 8 and 9 have completed their end of year exams, Year 10 are halfway through theirs, and Year 12 are preparing to start straight after the break. These exams are not only a way to gauge academic progress, but also a chance for students to learn about preparation, managing pressure, and identifying areas for improvement. Whatever the outcome, what matters most is that students use the experience to move forward with greater confidence and awareness of how they learn best.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable in helping shape the continued development of the school, and we are very grateful for your input.

Wishing you and your families a well-earned and restful half term break.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 7 Visit Conkers

Today, 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 building a scooter with Construction Derby.

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 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 an 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!

There was lots of teamwork and communication skills were put to the test with Construction Derby. The teams followed instructions to build a scooter and then raced against others teams!

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.



Learn With the Lords

Our Year 12 Politics and Business students, got the opportunity to question Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, a current peer in the House of Lords. Baroness Bennett was once leader of the Green Party and was questioned on her views on climate change, mental health in schools, the impact of Brexit, Sir Keir Starmer and immigration to name just a few. It was an engaging and interesting session. Thanks go to Yassin, Ava and Alana (the Politics students) for their outstanding questions.



House Reading

The current scores for house reading stand at:

Andrew	George	Patrick	David
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9	6	2	6
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The books you read over half term will count towards your House's reading score, therefore please remember to fill in and submit a 'quote slip'. Submitting one of these will count towards your score and you will be in with a chance of earning a personal House Point for your great work.

Quote slips can be collected and submitted in the library. Enjoy your half term reading!

Cricket Success

Last week Autumn (Year 7) played for Derbyshire U13s. She was the top scorer of the day, and contributed well in the field taking catches and stopping a lot of runs with some great running and even diving to prevent a four! Well done Autumn, keep up the hard work.



Individual Portrait Photos – Reminder

A reminder that the order deadline for individual portrait photos is tonight at midnight for orders to be sent back to school (within 10 working days of the order deadline).

Orders can be placed after this deadline date, however an automatic charge of £5 postage fee will be applied to the order and the photographs will be sent to the parents' home address. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Shop – May Half Term Holiday

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

Parent Survey Reminder

A gentle reminder that our Parent Survey (sent via High Post on Wednesday) will be open for responses until Monday 2nd June. If you haven't had chance yet to complete the survey please do

click on the link and complete the short survey, your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. Thank you.

Safeguarding Corner

This week Mrs. Bellman and Mr. Thornton discuss ways to boost your wellbeing with some very handy tips and advice. To listen to this week's podcast, [please click here](#).



For more information on this topic there is a very interesting TED talk from board-certified internal medicine physician Sandra Dalton-Smith who *“reveals the real reason why we are chronically tired despite getting the requisite amount of sleep and the 6 other types of rest available to us in this fast-paced and informative talk”*.

To watch the TED talk click the following link;

[Sandra Dalton-Smith: The real reason why we are tired and what to do about it | TED Talk](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd June – Start of Term

Monday 2nd June – Year 10 Exam week (2 of 2)

Monday 2nd June – Year 12 Exam Week

Thursday 5th June – Information Evening (Online) for MFL French Trip

Saturday 7th June – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Sunday 8th June – Bronze Duke of Edinburgh

Useful Links