



Senior High Notes Friday 26th June

Dear Parents

Thank you for your understanding and support during this week's exceptionally hot weather. We have made a number of adjustments to events and activities, including moving some key occasions to later dates. Whilst changing long-planned events is never ideal, the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and families must always come first, and we are grateful for the flexibility shown by our community.

The concerts, performances, competitions and celebration events that fill our calendar at this time of year are not isolated moments. They are the visible culmination of a year's worth of effort, learning, perseverance and growth. Behind every confident performance, every success and every achievement are countless lessons, practises, conversations and small acts of determination that often go unseen.

The events we celebrate at this time of year are not the point of education; they are the evidence of it. They allow us to see the confidence that has been built, the friendships that have been formed, the skills that have been developed and the character that has been shaped over the course of a year.

Schools have a wonderful way of making growth visible. A student who lacked confidence in September stands proudly on a stage in June. A student who found a subject difficult discovers a newfound passion. Young people develop resilience, independence and a stronger sense of who they are and who they might become.

As we enjoy the final two weeks of term, I hope we all take a moment to recognise how far our pupils have travelled this year. Education is not simply about reaching destinations; it is about the person each child becomes along the way. The celebrations of the coming weeks give us an opportunity to do just that.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Silver Qualifying Expedition: 19th-21st June

Nineteen members of Year 11 completed their Qualifying expedition in the Peak District over the weekend, walking for three days and camping at Sparkbrook and Hulme End. The conditions were hot and humid, especially on the Sunday, and our three teams stayed in good spirits despite the conditions. They did very well to support each other to complete their expedition and their project work along the way. Well done to all!



Year 7 & 8 Tennis

On Monday 22nd June the Year 7 and 8 boys' tennis team and the Year 7 and 8 girls' team welcomed St Anselm's for some matches in glorious sunshine.

All players played in timed matches to manage the conditions and rotate pairings on the courts.

In the girls' fixture, Imogen and Eve won their two matches 4-1 and 6-0, whilst Gabrielle and Maya won one 4-0 and lost one 0-4, resulting in a 3-1 win for the girls overall. In the boys' fixture Benjamin and Edward won a match 3-2, and lost their others 2-3 and 3-7, but with almost every game going to deuce. Freddie and Seth 4-0 and 5-2, along with a 2-2 draw. The final pairing of Christos and Carter tied one match 2-2 and won both of their other matches 5-2. Resulting in an overall win of 5-2 for the boys.

Well done to all our players!



From Derby to Paris – Former Students Thrive Abroad!

We were delighted to receive a wonderful update from former Derby High School students who previously studied A Level French with Mr Ince and Mr Quichaud-Diavara.

Fiona Judd (Class of 2021) is currently in Paris, where she is nearing the end of her first year of teaching. She shared how much she has enjoyed the experience and how confident she is becoming using French in a professional setting—an incredible achievement!

In an exciting coincidence, Fiona recently reconnected with Hannah Sahota (Class of 2022), who is now studying French and Italian. They are currently working together in the same organisation in Paris and often find themselves reminiscing fondly about their French lessons at Derby High School.

The pair even recently completed a teaching placement in a school in Paris—with a classroom view of the Eiffel Tower!

Fiona wrote:

“Chaque fois que nous nous retrouvons... nous ne pouvons pas nous empêcher de parler de notre temps à DHS... les cours de français avec vous, que nous nous souvenons avec beaucoup de tendresse !”

“Every time we find ourselves together... we can’t help talking about our time at DHS... and French lessons with you, which we remember very fondly!”

It is fantastic to see our students building global careers, reconnecting abroad, and continuing their passion for languages.

We are incredibly proud of Fiona and Hannah and wish them continued success in their exciting journeys.



Special Break for Distinguished Scholars

Mrs Ceney has been extremely impressed with the work of our Scholars this term. The following students were selected for a special break with Mrs Chapman on Wednesday to celebrate the outstanding work they have completed this term. This recognition of distinguished scholars will be a termly event moving forward. Well done to all selected! You embody our school values of curiosity, kindness and courage.

- Tabitha
- Pippy
- Juliette
- Saachi
- River
- Jasmine
- Jack
- Imogen
- Sophie
- Aarav
- Charlotte

Year 8 Maths

Mrs Ley used the air-conditioned music room today to explore links between maths and music with her year 8 class today. Students used keyboards to look at patterns and write sequences, listening to how different patterns sounded. They considered which sequences created the most pleasing results, helping to develop both their mathematical understanding and listening skills.



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast Episode 73 - Student Discussion on Social Media Ban

This week's podcast features Mrs Bellman and Mr Wood in conversation with four Senior School students: Ruby, River, Daniel and Josh. Together, they discuss their perspectives on recent proposals to impose a social media ban for under-16s. The episode offers a thoughtful and balanced exploration of the issue, examining the arguments both for and against the proposed restrictions.

To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



Water Safety in the Heat

In the heat, it is tempting to jump into open water to cool down, especially with friends encouraging you too! We wanted to share a short video from Derbyshire Fire and Rescue about why you never should. It also offers advice on how to talk to your children about this – [please click here](#).

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 30th June – Senior Sports Day

Wednesday 1st July – Year 12 trip to Lincoln UCAS fair

Wednesday 1st July – City Sports Day

Wednesday 1st July – Dance Show

Thursday 2nd July – Lunchtime Food Festival

Thursday 2nd July – Senior Summer Concert

Friday 3rd July – Senior Prize Giving Assembly

Saturday 4th – 5th July - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Monday 6th July – Thursday 9th July – Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Monday 6th July – Year 10 work experience week

Friday 10th July – End of Term 12pm Midday

Useful Links