



Senior High Notes Friday 6th March

Dear Parents

This week's House Music was, quite simply, a joy. The breadth of talent on display across the school was remarkable. From confident soloists to thoughtful duets, vibrant ensembles to powerful vocal performances, the standard was incredibly high. It was particularly wonderful to see such a wide range of instruments represented and so many pupils willing to step forward and perform.

Events like House Music remind us how important the creative arts are within school life. Music brings people together, requires courage, collaboration and discipline, and allows pupils to express themselves in ways that are both personal and communal. A huge thank you must go to the music department for the hours of preparation behind the scenes, and to all the pupils who practised, rehearsed and ultimately shared their talents with such confidence. It was a celebration not only of musical ability, but of the spirit of participation that makes our community so special.

I also want to briefly return to the inspection report I shared earlier in the week. I do hope that many of you have had the opportunity to read it in full. It is a report that we are incredibly proud of, not just because of the judgements within it, but because of the language used to describe the school and its community.

Inspection reports are written very carefully and within a tightly controlled framework. Words such as excellent, outstanding or exceptional are simply not used within the reporting system. Instead, inspectors must choose language that is precise and measured. Within that context, phrases such as pupils making good progress, or aspects of the school being identified as a significant strength, represent very high praise indeed.

As a Reporting Inspector for ISI myself, I have the privilege of leading inspection teams in other schools and writing the final reports following an inspection. Through that work I know just how carefully each sentence is considered and how deliberately that language is chosen. For that reason, I hope you will read the report with confidence and pride in what it reflects about Derby High: a school where pupils flourish academically, personally and within a genuinely supportive community.

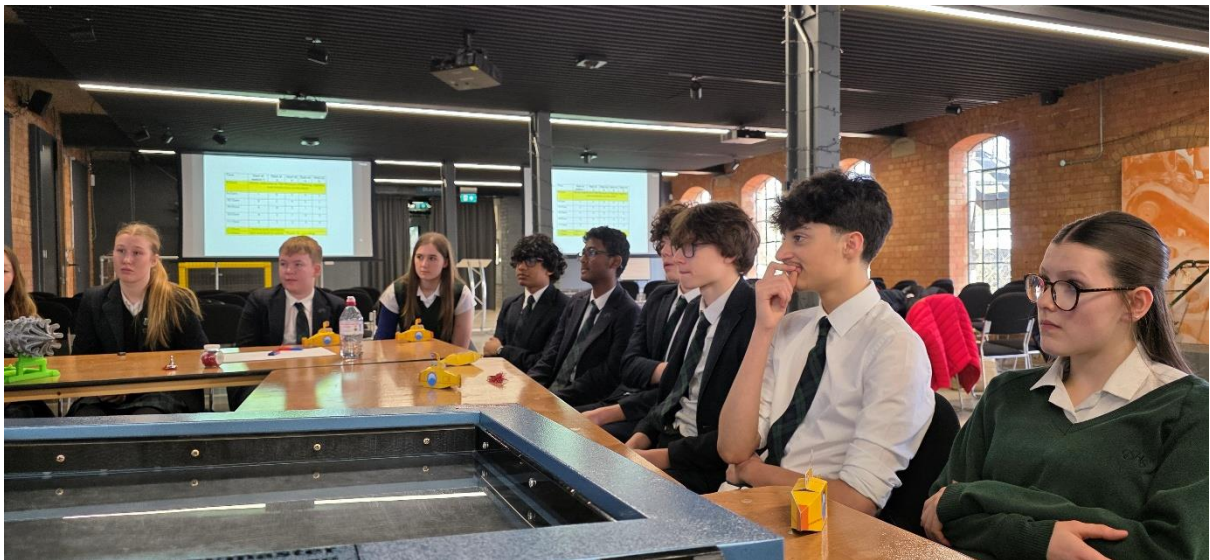
Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 10 Museum of Making

On Wednesday, 35 Year 10 Physicists took a trip to the Museum of Making to attend a Careers in Engineering Workshop run by Rolls Royce Apprentices. As well as getting to hear all about choosing the path of an apprenticeship, the students got to take part in 5 hands on activities ranging from learning how a nuclear submarine works & building a smaller version through testing methods for faults using magnetic fields and ultrasound, planning and completing a design and drill task to building and designing a turbine blade in a materials workshop. We even ran into an old Derby High student who is an apprentice materials engineer. All in all, it was a highly enjoyable and informative morning and a huge thanks to Rolls Royce and the museum for welcoming us.



Senior House Music

What an incredible day of music we had this Tuesday! The House Music competition finals were nothing short of spectacular – a true celebration of talent and our Derby High spirit. This annual event is always a highlight of the year, bringing together students and staff alike for a day filled with excitement and pride. We were delighted to have adjudicator, Alan Losh, with us. His constructive feedback and glowing praise for the exceptional performances made him the perfect judge, though he had a tough job picking winners with such a high standard of talent on display. From piano and strings to woodwind, brass, and drums, every category was filled with standout performances. The competition included everything from soulful solos to dynamic duets and small ensembles.

Next Wednesday, our Senior school will be coming together to showcase their House Choirs which they have been working extremely hard on.

Thank you to Mrs Lesley for such an incredible day and to the House Captains for all of their hard work.



Derby High Year 7 Girls – Derby City League Plate Finals Match Report

After successfully qualifying from their group stage, our Year 7 girls' football team travelled to the Derby City League Finals to compete in the Plate competition, producing an outstanding afternoon of football and teamwork.

In the opening match against West Park, Derby High dominated possession from the start and controlled the tempo of the game. The girls moved the ball well and created several promising opportunities but struggled to find the decisive finish. With the game looking destined for a draw, Derby High's persistence finally paid off. With just two minutes remaining, Georgia scored a well-deserved winner to secure a 1–0 victory and reward the team's dominant performance.

The second match saw Derby High face Chellaston 'B' team. Once again, the girls controlled the majority of the game, showing confidence on the ball and strong organisation across the pitch. The breakthrough came thanks to excellent work from Bea, who created the opportunity for Darcey to score the only goal of the match. Raya was superb in goal throughout, making key saves and showing excellent decision-making to ensure the team kept a valuable clean sheet in a hard-fought 1–0 win.

In the final game of the afternoon, Derby High produced their most complete performance to defeat Noel Baker 3–0. Bea and Lily both found the net, while sustained attacking pressure also forced an own goal. The team played with confidence, energy and excellent teamwork to finish the afternoon in style.

Across all three matches, the girls were fantastic. Raya's decision-making and shot stopping when called upon were superb, giving the team the confidence to push forward. The defensive unit of Mahi, Saran, Romy and Isla rotated well, consistently breaking up opposition attacks and distributing the ball effectively into midfield.

On the wings, Bea and Lily provided a constant attacking threat, linking up well with Georgia, Racil and Darcey. Lily using her quick footwork and close control, whilst Bea beat players with her speed and strength time and time again. Darcey brought tremendous energy and work rate to the team and scored the crucial goal in the second game, while Racil was a constant threat leading the line.

Player of the Afternoon went to Georgia, who worked tirelessly in central midfield. She showed great strength in disrupting opposition attacks and was consistently involved going forward, demonstrating excellent passing and intelligent movement throughout.

Well done to all the girls – a fantastic achievement and a brilliant afternoon of football.

Year 9 Netball

On Thursday, the Year 9 netball team took part in the Derby City Netball tournament held at Allestree Woodlands School. The team played in two pool games to begin with, with the first game against West Park being very positive. There was some excellent possession and some lovely goals from Eesha. The final score was a 2-0 win for Derby High. The team then played against Woodlands, who were a very vocal and powerful team. The team worked hard, and demonstrated some excellent defensive and attacking play, but were unable to thwart Woodlands' shooting. The game finished as a 5-0 win for Woodlands.

As the team finished 2nd in the pool stages, this meant that they progressed to one of the Cup semi-finals, where we played against Ecclesbourne. The team should be proud of their effort and determination in this final game, as they played some of their best netball of the year, but Ecclesbourne took every opportunity they had and maintained a significant amount of possession. The game finished as a 10-1 win for Ecclesbourne, but each and every Derby High player should be proud of their effort and contribution to the afternoon's netball. Well done to everyone who took part!



Celebrating Student Achievement

We are delighted to share that one of our A Level English Language and Literature students, Sophie in Year 12, has entered the prestigious *Quotation Bank Essay Writing Competition* in partnership with Oxford University. Her essay, which explores how *The Handmaid's Tale* reveals what it means to be human, is both impressive and thought-provoking, offering fresh insights into Atwood's dystopian world.

Winners will be announced later this term, but in the meantime, students are warmly encouraged to read Sophie's work—it's available on the noticeboard outside R3.

Well done, Sophie, and good luck!

Flash Fiction Competition

Students in Year 9 submitted entries into the Flash Fiction competition, and we are delighted to share that several of their pieces have been shortlisted. The judges have been incredibly impressed with the quality of their writing.

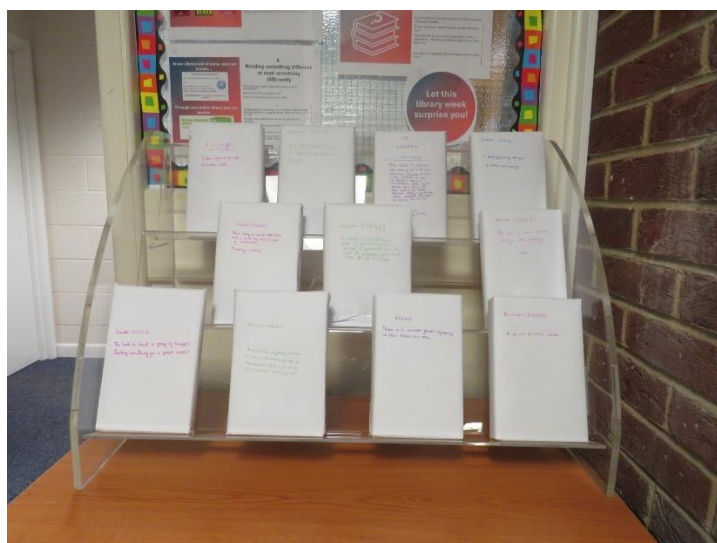
Congratulations to Henry, Aarav, Lucy, Sophie, Faye, and Trisha, whose work has been recognised. An extra well done to Trisha, who has had two entries accepted onto the shortlist.

The winners will be announced by the end of March.

We are extremely proud of you all!

Library Week

On Monday, Mrs Smith did an assembly about library week this week and how reading can help us develop our understanding and literacy skills as well as helping us develop and add to our vocabulary to use in our writing in lessons and exams. She also said trying new books that might surprise is a good idea as it allows us to read genres we might not normally want to read or have previously read. She told us about how in the library there are books in white tissue paper with just a little bit about them written on the front as we are very quick to judge a book by its cover and trying one of these may allow us to be pleasantly surprised and curious.



Sixth Form Truly Educated This Week

With thanks to Jazz, our Marketing Prefect for the report below;

In this week's Year 13 Truly Educated session the students had a talk from a guest speaker named Meg from university of Sheffield about student finance. We were informed of the tuition fee cost and other costs and how to apply for the loans. There is the tuition fee loan to cover the tuition fees completely and how everyone can apply for it. Then we also were informed about the maintenance loan and how it depends on household income and how the amount is different for each person. Also, it is different depending on where you go to university.

Invitation to Celebrate Our ISI Inspection

Further to my HighPost on Tuesday, I am delighted to invite parents to join us in school to celebrate the outcome of our recent ISI inspection report.

On Monday 23 March, we will be hosting two informal celebrations in the refectory:

Parents' Breakfast from 8.00–9.00 am

Afternoon Tea from 2.45–3.45 pm

We very much hope that you will be able to attend one of these events. We are incredibly proud of the findings of the report and look forward to sharing this achievement with our school community. To mark the occasion, we will also be holding a special celebratory lunch for all pupils and staff during the day.



Celebrate With Us

To **celebrate** our recent **ISI inspection report** we invite parents to join us for **breakfast or afternoon tea**.

Please refer to the **Highpost** for more information and to RSVP.

 DERBY HIGH SCHOOL	Inspection Report Celebration	BREAKFAST 8:00am to 9:00am	 REFECTORY
	MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2026	AFTERNOON TEA 2:45pm to 3:45pm	

Please reply to the HighPost sent at 3:15pm today to confirm whether you are able to attend, indicating one event only.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion.

Primary Open Morning – Saturday 14th March 9am to 11:30am

We are very excited to be holding a Primary Open Morning on Saturday 14th March.

If any parents know of any friends and family who may be interested in looking around our Primary school for their children, please do spread the word! Please ask them to contact our Admissions Team so we know they are joining us for this event, either via email – admissions@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk or via the form on our website by [clicking here](#).

The poster for Derby High School's Primary Open Morning features a blue border. On the left, the school's crest is above the name 'DERBY HIGH SCHOOL'. Below this, a text block describes the school as a thriving independent day school for children aged 3 to 18, and includes an invitation to visit the primary school. The center of the poster contains two photographs: one of a teacher and two children working at a table, and another of two children sitting on stone steps outside. The bottom right section of the poster, set against a dark blue background, prominently displays the event title 'Primary Open Morning' and the date 'SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2026', along with the time '9:00am to 11:30am'.

Tennis Holiday Camp

Littleover Tennis Club will be running another Tennis Camp during the Easter Holiday. The camp runs each day from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

This will take place during the following week:

- From Monday 30th March to Thursday 2nd April
- From Tuesday 7th April to Friday 10th April

We can accept children from 5 to 14 years. All abilities are welcome.

The information and the booking form can also be found and downloaded from our website at www.littleovertennis.co.uk.

Please note, this is not ran by Derby High School.



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TENNIS HOLIDAY CAMP

Littleover Tennis Club



As an accredited Mini Tennis Centre for the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), Littleover Tennis Club is proud to announce their Easter Holiday Camp.

Alex Roome and his team of experienced, DBS Checked Sports Coaches deliver a quality program in a fun and safe learning environment.

Where:

Littleover Tennis Club
40 Eastwood Drive
Littleover
Derby
DE23 6BN

When:

30th March – 2nd April (9:00 - 15:00)
7th April – 10th April (9:00 – 15:00)



The Holiday camp is for children aged between 5 – 14 years old and will run from 9:00 – 15:00. A low pupil to coach ratio is in place to ensure a high quality of learning is always given to the children. In every session we ensure it is suitable for all levels of skill from beginners to more advanced players.

We ensure that the court size and Mini Tennis equipment is modified to ensure that every child is playing at a level that is right for them.

Throughout the week Alex and the team will make sure that the children learn but also get involved in fun and games including some competitions.

What's needed:

- Appropriate sports clothing (PE Kit)
- Packed Lunch & Drinks for the day (non-fizzy)
- Positive attitude to learning & FUN!



Summer Term Notice

Please be aware that the summer term calendar has now been published for the summer term. Parents can view the calendar via the iSAMS parent app or the iSAMS parent portal.

Late Waiting - End of Term Reminder

Please note that there is no Late Waiting on the last day of Spring term – Friday 27th March.

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY Immunisations

Tetanus, Diphtheria & Polio (Td/IPV) & Meningitis ACWY Immunisations are due to take place at Derby High School for Year 9 on **Thursday 19th March 2026**. These vaccines are free of charge.

Please complete the link below to give consent for the vaccinations, **this will close on 8th March 2026**. If you do not wish your child to have the immunisations, you can complete a refusal via the same link.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/40e7dcb9>

Further information is on the High Post sent to Year 9 parents on 2nd March. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on 033 3358 3397 option 5 or Immunisations.Derbyshire@intrahealth.co.uk

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast Episode 61 - No Place for Hate in Derby

In this week's podcast Mrs Bellman (Deputy Head - Pastoral, DSL) talks about Derby's No Place for Hate campaign. The core mission of this campaign is to establish a clear, united front - hate, discrimination, bullying and harassment will not be tolerated.

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



For more information on the campaign please click the following link; [No Place for Hate in Derby - Derby City Council](#)

Ivison Trust Webinars

Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting their parents, disrupting the exploiters and working in partnership with police and family services.

They are hosting some home webinars to support parents and carers on the topic of child exploitation.

For more information and to book a place on the webinar please follow the link below:

[Child Exploitation and Missing From Home Webinars for Parents and Carers - Ivison Trust](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9th March – Senior School care home visit

Wednesday 11th March – Senior House Music Choir

Thursday 12th March – House Music Winner Recital

Friday 13th March – Non uniform day – Easter Egg Collection for YMCA

Friday 13th March – House Challenge

Saturday 14th March – Primary Open Morning

Monday 16th March – Year 12 Food and Nutrition Exam

Tuesday 17th March – Year 12 Food and Nutrition Exam

Tuesday 17th March – Year 7 Learning Showcase and Afternoon Tea

Wednesday 18th March - Year 12 Food and Nutrition Exam

Wednesday 18th March – Performance of a Midsummer Night's dream to KS3

Thursday 19th March – Year 9 vaccinations

Friday 20th March – A Midsummers Night's Dream performance

Friday 20th March – House Challenge

Saturday 21st March – Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice

Sunday 22nd March - Gold Duke of Edinburgh practice