

# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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## Headteacher's Blog – Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

I hope that the whole school community had a great Easter break and I would like to welcome everyone back to the City of Derby Academy.

The week before Easter was fantastic, as was this first week back. The number of opportunities provided for our students is breath-taking and they all create memorable experiences. I would like to thank all of my staff, again, for going above and beyond to support the students at CODA.

Over 600 students enjoyed Activities Day 2 in the last week before the Easter break. I would like to thank Mrs Eames for organising so many great activities. The feedback from everyone was first class. The powerpoint highlights some of experiences. If you have not seen it yet, please give it a view.

Students should also be working towards Activities Day 3. Again, the magic 95% is the key. However, if any students has qualified for Activities Day 1, 2 and 3 and completed their pledges, the day will be FREE! This is a reward and recognition for those students absolutely brilliant attitude towards learning and school.

A massive well done has to go to the Drama club at CODA who performed their first production before Easter, Lord of the Flies. Again, the feedback has been phenomenal. Well done to everyone and thank you to Mr Corboz and Miss Baker who directed the production.



Mr Corboz's comment is as follows – 'The show was an amazing success. The students were all grinning like Cheshire cats and bouncing around like Tigger, after the show. They performed with confidence and energy and only needed a couple of prompts. They didn't even have to pick up their scripts! I am so proud of their work. The feedback I got was all positive and the parents were grinning as much as the kids, although slightly less bouncy. Many were asking when 'Teachers' was going to be performed'

Since the French drop down day, our year 11 pupils have been in a competition to see who could score the most points on Memrise (A language online program). The following three students won the challenge. I am sure you will agree, this a fantastic achievement and Mr Milner will be handing out his own prizes as well.

- 1st place- Josh L (103535 points)
- 2nd place- Roseline A (48532 points)
- 3rd place- Chloe L (44532 points)

Well done to all of the students at Connect, who participated in a 'bush tucker trial' event. The tried delights such as liquidised crocodile (guacamole), fish eggs (pomegranate seeds), sardines and many other strange

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delicacies dreamt up by the healthy schools team led by Tracey Simpson. The girls competed against the boys and everyone had a great time. Lots of positive reward points earned by all of the students for their positive energy and enthusiasm.

Mrs Walker Smith and Mrs Zahid created an International Cuisine Event with our students being supported in CODAs EAL provision. The students all prepared and cooked a dish from their home country. The quality of the food was awesome and the communication and teamwork from all was of the highest order. The food was that good that this event will be the first of many!



The whole of year 11 were very excited this week. Shaun, from 'Free Science Lessons' came to CODA and tutored all of the year group in a variety of sessions. Shaun was supporting our year 11's with preparing for their Science GCSE in his unique style! The feedback was outstanding and we will be inviting him back next year. I would like to thank Mrs Fairclough for arranging such a fantastic opportunity.



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I would like remind all students about the 'keeping CODA litter free' challenge. So far, our site team have commented on a marked improvement. This means that the promised non-school uniform day on the last Friday of the term is still possible! Keep up the great work everyone!

The Academy Council met on Tuesday 2nd April. We spent the whole meeting discussing and deciding the new menu for our canteen. The students voted on their favourite meals from a wide selection with representatives from Derbyshire Council. These meals have now been included in the menus in school. The new food is going really well and the return of fish and chip Friday is a winner! Well done all.

In addition, I have signed a lot of positive cards and I am delighted to see the Class Charts totals. The vast, vast majority of students are already above their 95% proportion, which puts them in great shape for the next activity day.

This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -

**Year 11** – Rebeka J (178), Leo D (149), Jake P (148)

**Year 10** – Irena M (210), Ibrarul K (185), Ria D (181)

**Year 9** – Karina S (199), Mahedin G (183), Mohammed A (181)

**Year 8** – Danyaal N (346), Harry B (324), Amrinder S (252)

**Year 7** – Joshua F (251), Harry B (230), Paige D (219)

## Overall

**First** - Danyaal N (346)

**Second** - Harry B (324)

**Third** - Amrinder S (252)

## **Extra Rewards**

In addition to that, I would like to say a big thank you and well done to all of the students who achieved 100% attendance so far this year. Attendance is so important to learning and I will award an extra 20 points for those with 100% attendance.

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Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Students name	Students name	Students name	Students name	Students name
A, Sami Anwar Haroon	A, Boluwatife	B, Joshveer	A, Khadeejah	A, Aahad Khan
A, Joshua	A, Olivia	B, Paris	B, Rajan	A, Amrit
B, Alisha	B, Muhammad Adeel	C, Muhammad	B, Joshua	A, Simran
B, Aminah	B, B, Harry	C-P, Akmal	C, Lauren	A, Sabrina
B, Sara	B, Thomas	G, Nekeesha	H, Barbora	G, Harpreet Singh
B-T, Aidan	D, Kylie	H, Craig	K, Joshua	I, Zainab
D, Klaudie	D, Ella	J, Samra	K, Shaheer Ali	J, Armani
D, Justin	D, Isabell	K, Gurleen	O B, Gloria	K, Lauren
G, Andrew	F, Oliver	K, Harleen	O, Lisa	L, Louise
K, Harman	G, Sian	K, Garv	P, Alfie	L, Joshua
K, Parmeet	G, Oliver	M, Nikola	R, Jaskomal	L, Donniece
M, Archie	H, Dylan	M, Vinjeru	R, Kulwant	M, Erion
R, Juwiria	H, Viktoria	M, Lewis	R, Adam	N-L, Joshua
S, Madina	K, Parneet	P, Lina	R, Mark	P, Alicia
S, Sarthak	L, Estera	R, Ali	S, Kumbona	S, Tiarna
S, Gurpreet	N, Izaaz	R, Jenson	S, Bhawanjot	S, Navdeep Kaur
S, Shakina	O, Vivian	S, Muskan	S, Jasleen	U, Emmanuel
S, Ethan	O, Abigail	S, Gurjot	S, Aishmin	
T, Kieran	P, Eddie	S, Lovepreet	S, Jaskaran	
W, Jayden	S, Giya	S, Prabhjeet Kaur	T, Courtney	
Y, Keira	S, Gladis		U, Eloise	
	S, Amrinder			
	T, Michaela			