



Message from Mr Smith

Success, Success, Success

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As we approach the Easter break, I am growing more impressed, and proud, with all of the young people at CODA. The school vision of 'improving the life chances of all students' is evident every single day and most importantly I see a lot of happy students.

This term has been phenomenal on many levels. Not only have the students been learning exceptionally well by following the school culture of the 3 R's but students are enjoying, and benefiting from, a plethora of activities outside of the classroom.

The volume of memorable experiences is breath-taking and this is demonstrated by my Headteacher Blog which keeps getting longer and longer. In addition, the top scores for Class Charts point achieved in a week keeps rising as well. Well done to Amrinder S in Year 7 who achieved a whopping 471 Class Charts points in one week.

I also wish our Year 11 students all of the best on the final run in to their GCSE and Level 2 exams. I am delighted that all of the students have already been revising well and I am sure their PPE (Mock) exams will recognise the diligence that they have demonstrated. I am also aware of many grade 9 pieces of work in the PPE's, which is absolutely brilliant. Keep up the great work!

As you will read, there a lot of special achievements that will be mentioned in more detail in the newsletter. These demonstrate what wonderful opportunities our students have

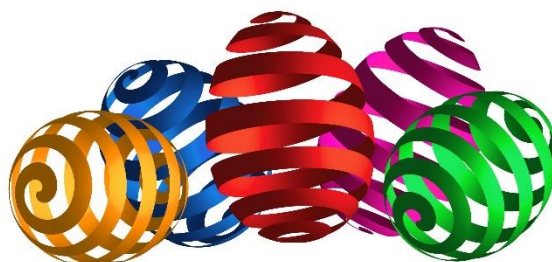
- Year 11 Charity work
- Year 10 Debating team success
- Year 10 football team success
- Other sporting success
- Careers marketplace
- Young enterprise
- Great work in the community
- Rolls Royce Apprenticeships
- Enterprise Day
- Outward bound aactivities
- E-safety and safeguarding workshops
- Intu assessment workshops
- CODA choir
- Leadership opportunities such as iRail, YES scheme, DCFC and RAIR
- STEM workshops

Finally, I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break and come back refreshed for another exciting term.

**Mr P Smith –
Proud Headteacher**



HAPPY EASTER



Raising Money for Rainbows

Our fantastic Year 11 students raised over £300 for the Rainbows charity before Christmas with a raffle. Following this we had the opportunity to present a representative from Rainbows with the cheque. Well done to our Head Students Connie S and Amrit A and their excellent team for such a well organised and executed piece of charity work.



Year 10 Dazzling Debate

Last year we were so proud of the Year 11 debating team who won the Derby Law School City debating competition. This term our Year 10 team embarked on their route in the same competition. The team of McKenzie E, Gemma T, Alice B, Tianya A beat a team representing the Derby Law school who are currently at University. The judge commented that the standard of debating was of the highest he had ever seen and the performance from the girls was the best first round performance, ever! They were just as successful in their second match. They remained unbeaten and we had a nervous wait to see if they had accrued enough points to qualify for the next phase of the competition.

The results from the city were published and the girls came fifth out of the 12 schools who entered. 5th is a great achievement but they were only 1 point from being in the finals. Bad luck girls, but you did us proud! you are a credit to CODA.

Careers Marketplace

The first term following Christmas saw CODA hosting a careers marketplace. Over 20 representatives from providers of Post 16 choices were gathered together. Both Year 10 and Year 11 accessed the event and discussed their options after they leave CODA. The market place was then accessed by Year 11 parents at our Year 11 parents evening. The evening had an updated format and was a big success. Not only did we discuss the learning and GCSE preparation for over 70% of the year group, all students who attended with their parents received an additional 200 class charts points.

In addition, Year 10s had the opportunity to participate in an additional two hour careers workshop. The feedback from the company delivering the event was of the highest order I have ever heard. He informed us that we were by far the best school he had visited. Well done Year 10 a great achievement.

Young Enterprise Masterclass

Well done to our Year 10's who were part of a Young Enterprise masterclass. All the students got so much from the experience and Mrs Bruce was incredibly proud of everyone who went.

Students in the Community

I would also like to say a huge well done and thank you to four of our students who stopped to help a disabled lady out of her car and into the shops over at the precinct.

I was also emailed by our local councillor Joanna West during the week. Joanna shared a story of one of our students who had performed a significant kind act in helping a visually impaired member of the community.

The story was truly magnificent and I would like to say well done, and thank you, to Christian W in Year 7.

Rolls Royce Apprenticeship Training Course



We have 5 Year 10 students who attend an apprenticeship style training course at Rolls Royce. We have had the reports from their first term and they have all passed with flying colours. Well done to Lemuelia Anna Z, Sam G, Jordan M, Charlie S, and Bhawanjot S, you are a credit to us all and I am so proud of you.

Enterprise Day

The whole of Year 9 were engaged in an enterprise day. The feedback from the company delivering the day was of the highest order and was a credit to us all. In addition, the quality and inventiveness of the final presentations were also something special. Well done all.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Year 9 Parents Evening as it was a fantastic evening. I would also like to say a big thank you to the NHS school health team who set up a stand on the night as well.

Our Year 8 parents evening was a great opportunity for us to discuss the progress of our year 8's with parents. We also had the Schools Healthy Schools Practitioner there. She was supported by Zainab I and Ketcha A who discussed the butterfly project concerning self-harm and mental well-being with students. This was a fantastic opportunity and well received by all. Well done to all who attended and students who attended with their parents receive an extra 200 Class Charts points.



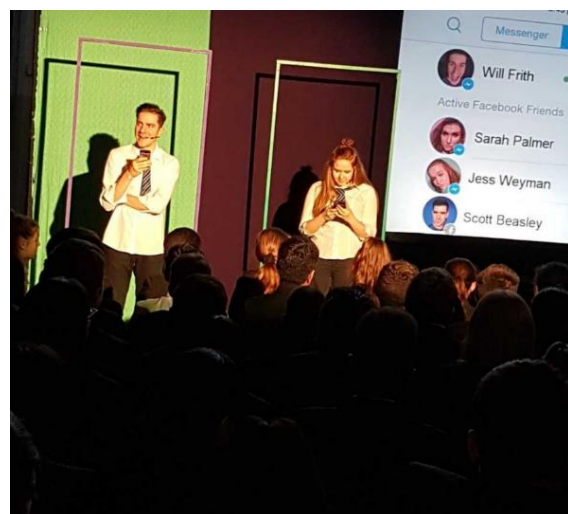
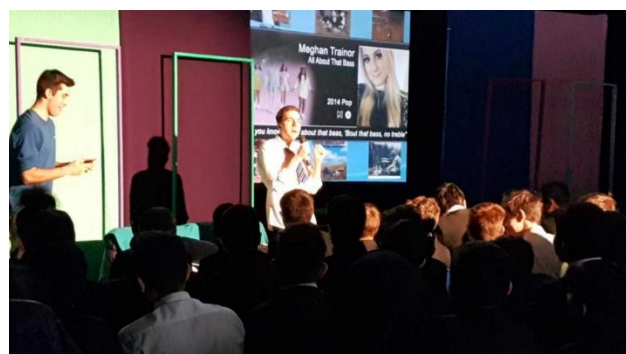
Outward Bound

We had 10 students (Emy, Juwairiyah, Millie, Dior, Moesha, Keisha, Bailey, Denis, Alfie, Craig) on an outbound adventure in Wales. Not only did they perform exceptionally well, they survived the latest arctic blast on a Welsh mountain. Well done guys! Mr Cholerton, the trip leader said 'The pupils have been amazing this week and a great credit to the school. It's been tough for them as last night they camped in -6 and over the last two days they've walked over 15km across the snowy Wales mountains as part of their expedition but they have taken in amazing scenes. They completed a gorge walk, orienteering, canoed in awful weather conditions and all jumped off a 20 ft jetty. On the last day they climbed Jacob's ladder. They've all overcome individual and group challenges to become more resilient. As a group they worked brilliantly together and I'm very proud of them. The outward bound instructor said, it's one of the best groups he's ever worked with.'



e-safety Workshop

Our Year 8 and 9 students had an e-safety performance and workshop. There is a lot in the press at the moment about the dangers and risks of inappropriate use of the internet and social media and this event was first class. The students had a great time and learnt about how to be safe online.



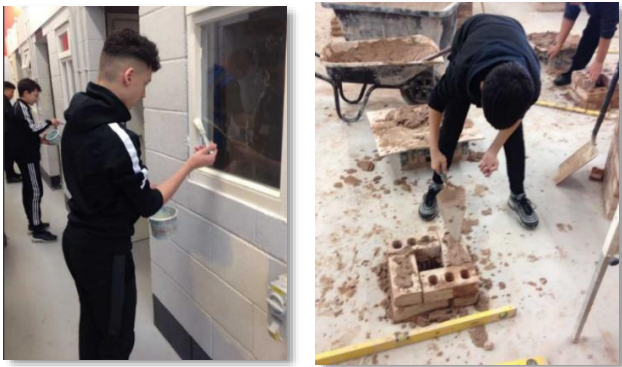
Jungle Book

Thomas C in year 9 that has been selected to perform in the forthcoming Derby Theatre production of Jungle Book. We are all incredibly proud of him and wish him all the best for his performances.

Vocational Pathways at Derby College



A number of year 9 students have had the opportunity to look at a variety of vocational pathways at Derby College. Students participated in taster sessions which included Travel and Tourism, Hospitality and Catering, Construction, Animal Care, Health and Social Care, Engineering and Hair and Beauty. All of the students enjoyed their experiences and this will help them make decision about their futures.



Amazing Assemblies

Mr Cudworth led a great assembly with the theme of The Holocaust but was also expertly supported by some students who are studying History. The students volunteered their time as they are passionate about educating others about the holocaust. They also did this despite being really nervous about speaking in public. Both Mr Cudworth and I would like to say a big well done and thank you to Michaela J, Patricia G, Zara S, Mollie S, Shereen M and Nikola W. Both Mr Cudworth and I are immensely proud of you!

I would like to say a huge well done and thank you to four Year 11 girls who delivered a fantastic assembly. Connie S, Donniece L, Partiksha D and Simran A educated and informed our students about forced marriage. The assembly was part of their GCSE Citizenship course. Performing in front of 200 of your peers every day would have been daunting but they did an absolutely fantastic job. Well done girls!

I would also like to thank, and say well done, to all of year 9. They had an assembly called 'Your Choice'. This was a difficult assembly as the presenters talked passionately and openly (from their personal experience) about how damaging gang violence and knife crime can be. The feedback from the organisers was absolutely brilliant. Well done all.

Badminton County Finals

I would also like to say a huge well done to Vikram R, Amit K, Kartik R, Kai M and Alex D. These boys won the level 2 badminton finals and then progressed to the Level 3 badminton county finals. The boys performed brilliantly and finished tied for 3rd/4th out of all of the schools in the county. Well done you have done us proud!!

Sport Science

Whilst focusing on sport, Ben W in year 10 produced an exceptional piece of written work for his year 10 Sport Science qualification. According to his teacher the quality of the piece was of the highest quality and should achieve a grade 9! Well done Ben.



Work Experience

I would like to say a big thank you to INTU, who have provided an assessment centre experience for all of our year 10's. The feedback has been first class I am so proud of the whole year group. Well done everybody.

Derbyshire Sports Awards Night

Our choir were selected to perform at the Active Derbyshire Sports awards night. They were selected out of all of the schools in Derby and Derbyshire. This was a fantastic opportunity and recognition for the quality of their performances. Their performance on the night was absolutely breath-taking. We are all so proud you and everyone really enjoyed watching the performance.



Castle View Choir Collaboration

Castle View primary school brought 27 students to join our choir for a singing workshop. Everyone involved had a great day and I am sure this will be the first of many cross Trust events.



To view their performances on YouTube visit

<https://youtu.be/37i5HQ9p3NU>

<https://youtu.be/aSgLUqWc-Lw>

<https://youtu.be/trEG63mDBH4>

Following on from the singing workshop with Castle View primary school, I was presented with some thank you cards. The cards are so special and demonstrate the inspiration we can all have when we work with other schools. When I presented Miss Woods with her card, guess what, it brought many a tear to her eyes. Well done and thank you to all who were involved. These are truly memorable experiences.



iRail Challenge

The following Year 9 students took part in the iRail Challenge 2019. Kyan P, Alyssa M, Abby D, Kiya R, Madison M, Sophie C, Zoha A and Steven S. CODA took two teams of five students for this event. Students competed against 20 other schools from around the East Midlands area.



The students had a tour of Bombardier and saw how the trains were manufactured using complete knock down process. The students were a credit to us and Ms Matthews was that impressed she awarded an extra 50 Class Charts points to them all. Well done!



Year 10 Football Team

I have to say a huge well done to the Year 10 football team who won their semi-final by beating Littleover. In addition, the boys beat Murray Park 5 – 0 in the cup competition. They carried on to beat St Benedict's 5-1 to win the league trophy and gain promotion to Division 1. This is a fantastic achievement and I am so proud of them all. I wish them all the best for their cup run and also for next year in Division 1. Well done boys we are proud of you.

Year 9 RAIR project

Mr Cholerton took eight year 9 students to DW Sport. As Young Leaders from the RAIR project they ran a year 3 and 4 primary football festival involving 22 schools. Pupils include: Karina S, Vinjeru M, Skye S, Danielle S, Blaraj N, Alex D-M, Kai M and Jayten K-B. We have also had our first 4 students achieve their Silver Award. Well done to Emma W, Ali R, Zoha A and Paris B. They were a real credit to the school and many positive things were said about them. Well done everyone, we are proud of you.



Derbyshire Fire Service YES Programme



Some of our Year 9 Students had a great week on the YES programme with Derbyshire Fire Service. They learnt to hose, do ladder drills, using a thermal camera, door setting approach to a fire, used breathing apparatus, completed first aid and completed a half day on the low and high ropes at Conkers.

The students were brilliant and enjoyed a fantastic Pass Out ceremony. Well done to Vanesa L, Vanesa G, Sandra B, Kristian T, Jenson Ryder, Juraj S, Gurjap S and Nathan Stevens.



Author Daniel Blythe

Year 7 pupils had a visit from author Daniel Blythe. Daniel writes books for children, young people and adults, including Dr Who novels (BBC Books) and the successful Shadow Runners (Chicken House Books) which has sold all over the world. He is also a long standing member of the Society of Authors. Daniel is passionate about getting children and young people reading and writing.

First of all Daniel gave a talk to the whole year group about his life and his influences on his writing, particularly his love for Dr Who! He then ran three workshops in the Library on various aspects of writing including great story openings, how to develop inspiring characters and creating alien words! He finished the day with a book signing and pupils were able to purchase books at a discount if they wished. Daniel is a very engaging speaker and Year 7 had a fantastic day learning more about his life and how to improve their own writing.



DCFC Leadership Course



Some Year 10 students are participating in a six week leadership course with DCFC. All students have been performing brilliantly and are credit to themselves and the school. Mrs Bruce and I are incredibly proud. Well done to Haniyah B, Ryan W, Joel C, Roman A, Deuce Ahsan H, Nathan W, Michael J, Mya P, Josh A and Rhyanna B.

NEXT STEPS Careers Evening

On the 28th of February the first Next Steps careers information evening was held in Normanton as a joint venture between secondary schools in Derby. It was an excellent opportunity for some of our Y10 and Y11 students to meet with local employers and learn about careers, jobs and education routes that are available. As an added incentive to come along, two iPads were given away to pupils as raffle prizes and we were delighted that one of our Y10 students, Hira B, was the lucky winner of one of them! The event was such a success that the next one is already being planned, and even more CoDA students will be invited. Watch this space for more information.



Netball Success

Our mixed year 7 and 8 netball team have had a great season including a match against Bemrose School with a 12-3 win.



STEM Workshop at Alton Towers



Miss Seymour and Mr Smithson took students on a STEM workshop to Alton Towers.

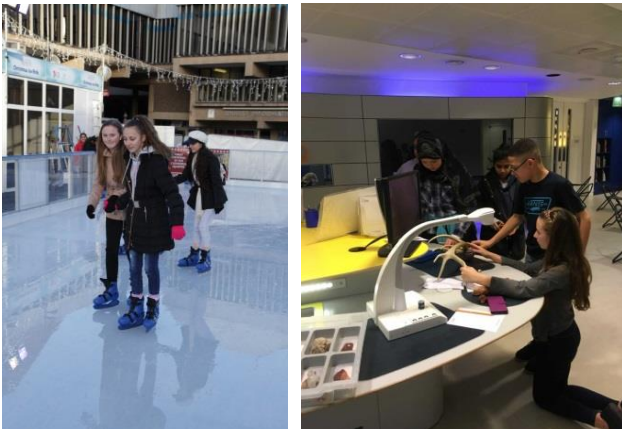
The students were an absolute credit to the school. They were all so well behaved, polite, respectful and a pleasure to take on the trip. The work shop was great and they all really got stuck in. They learnt how to build a theme park ride out of Lego, then used algorithms to make it perform different motions and tasks. Well done to Danyal W, Faizaan A, Ahad A, Parmeet K, Justin D, Ashley H, Alisha B, Samuel H, Karina S, Saamiyah-R and Juwairiyah A.



Activity Days

December 2018 saw our first Academy Activity Day – where every student had the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. In order to qualify for an activity – a student had to have 95% positive to negative ratio. Students can earn positive points for a variety of reasons. The activities included: Ice Skating, Arts & Crafts and a visit to the Natural History Museum. As can be seen from the photos, the students who qualified had a great time.

This April sees our next Activity Day with even more activities on offer for those who can earn enough points.



Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-city-of-derby> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Hello and Goodbye

We will be saying Farewell to Miss McKinlay, Miss Preston, Mr Green and Mr Skervin. We wish them all the best in their new ventures. We would like to welcome all new staff that have started with us since Christmas;

- Mr Sandor – Family Support Worker
- Mr Green – Head of Technology
- Miss Smith – Teacher of PE
- Mr Bird – DT Technician
- Miss Bottinelli – Cover Supervisor
- Miss Dhillon – Learning Mentor
- Mrs Barker – Learning Mentor
- Mr Williams – Learning Mentor

Talk English Course

Derby Adult Learning Service are running Talk English Courses in school every Wednesday between 15:00 - 17:00. The FREE sessions are for parents and designed to improve speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

For more information, please visit; <http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/new.../free-english-lessons/>

Mr Smith's Weekly Blog

Each week Mr Smith uploads a weekly blog to our website, Facebook and Twitter pages. The blogs are a great way to showcase/ recognise students. To read Mr Smith's blogs please visit our website: <http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/headteachers-blog/>

Student Lockers

Student lockers have now been installed in school, this is something the students have asked for through the School Council. Letters have been sent out on how to rent a locker for an annual rental fee of £25.00. If you have not received a letter and would like one they are available from Student Services.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is available to all students, from 8.00am - 8.30am every morning.



Appointments

It is a requirement that evidence is produced for medical appointments to enable us to authorise and code absences correctly. Where possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours. Any appointments during school hours should be reported in advance by calling the office. Students under 14 must be collected by an adult from school, if leaving for an appointment during school hours. They will not be allowed to leave school alone. Please do not hesitate to call school if you require any further information.



Did you know...?

When paying for school dinners, trips, etc we are asking that all monies are paid electronically by ParentPay. To access your account please contact the school for your activation details. ParentPay is a much safer way of making payments, it means your child no longer needs to carry cash with them. You simply top up your account as and when needed to pay for lunch, trips, revision guides, ties, etc. If you require assistance with this, or need further information. Please do not hesitate to contact us. <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Important Dates for Your Diaries

Terms Dates 2018-19

- 25th February – 12th April 2019
- 29th April – 24th May 2019
- 3rd June – 19th July 2019

INSET days 2018-19

- 22nd July 2019

Early Closure days 2018-19

- 17th June 2019 (school closes at 12:25)
- 8th July 2019 (school closes at 12:25)

Parents' Evening 4:00pm–6:00pm

- Wednesday 15th May 2019 – Year 10
- Wednesday 12th June 2019 – Year 7

Year 11 Prom

- 21st June 2019

Uniform Pop-up Shops

Our uniform supplier – Trutex - hold monthly pop-up shops in the school gym between 15:00 – 16:15. The forthcoming shop dates are below:

- Thursday 2nd May 2019
- Thursday 6th June 2019
- Thursday 4th July 2019

You can now purchase uniform direct from our supplier, further details can be found on our website:

<http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/uniform/>

Two Week Timetable Schedule

As you will be aware, the City of Derby Academy deliver lessons using a two week timetable.

Following feedback from parents/carers and students, we have uploaded the schedule to our website at

<http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/school-day-timings/>

City of Derby Academy regularly keep parents/guardians up to date via our website, Facebook and Twitter account. Please ensure you follow us on the following pages to be kept up to date. We also have a text messaging and email service. Please get in touch if you need to update your contact details.



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