

# **Moving on to Secondary School**

**Welcome to the**



# **CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY**

A guide for Year 6 students and Parents/Carers



## Welcome from the Headteacher



May I take this opportunity to welcome you to The City of Derby Academy. I am delighted, and very proud, to be the Headteacher. Our educational philosophy is to provide all students with an engaging and enjoyable learning experience which will develop both academic and personal success.

Your child is at the heart of everything we do and the school's vision of 'improving the life chances of all students' is nurtured through our shared values of the '3Rs' – being Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Achieve.

At the City of Derby Academy, we believe that academic outcomes are important and our expectation is that we will achieve national progress standards. However, we do not measure the success of our students by their examination results alone. Students access a balanced curriculum and we continually strive to develop characteristics such as self-confidence, self-belief and self-esteem so our students are fully prepared for life in modern Britain.

We believe that when the school, parents/carers, and students share high expectations every child will achieve great things. This includes having an excellent attitude centred on respect, high standards of appearance, good manners, full attendance and punctuality.

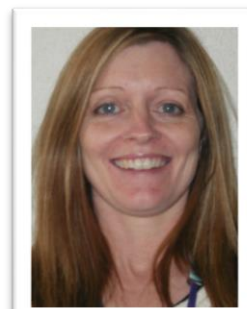
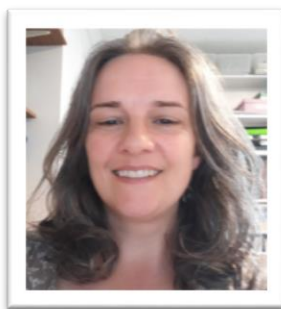
We believe that the City of Derby Academy is a vibrant and successful school where all students thrive through shared principles of Question, Explore Give and Succeed.

I look forward to welcoming you to the City of Derby Academy



**Mr P Smith**  
**Proud Headteacher**

## Welcome to the Year 7 team



<b>Mr Meehan</b>	<b>Mrs Bruce</b>	<b>Ms Rerrie</b>
<b>Assistant Headteacher Year 7 Link</b>	<b>Head of Year 7</b>	<b>Deputy Head of Year 7</b>

At the City of Derby Academy we aim to provide outstanding, personalised support for every student which meets both their pastoral and academic needs. This will allow all students to achieve their full potential.

The move from primary school to a large secondary can be daunting. We recognise this and understand that students and parents need to feel reassured, happy and safe during this transition period. This pack aims to provide information which will help you through the transition process.

During the current times, parent/carers and students are invited to attend a remote induction meeting via Zoom. Meetings will be held on:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 4.30 pm (surname starting with A-L)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 4.30 pm (surname starting with M-Z)

The meetings will be led by Mr Smith and Mrs Bruce and you will be able to ask any questions. If you would like to take part in the meeting, please download the Zoom app and enter the Meeting ID and Password provided below to join. We have provided a useful link below which includes a short film on how to use Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/j/96285749302?pwd=QnVFdGJLY25hRGRTZ05vVDR0V210QT09>

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Password: 3fyL1r

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

For further information or support, please email or call Mrs Bruce using the following contact details: [jbruce@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto:jbruce@cityofderbyacademy.org) or 01332 270450.

## School Day/ Term and INSET Dates

### School Day Timetable

Registration/ Assembly	8.40am – 9.00am
Period 1	9.00am – 10.00am
Period 2	10.00am – 11.00am
Break	11.00am – 11.25am
Period 3	11.25am – 12.25pm
Period 4	12.25pm – 1.25pm
Lunch	1.25pm – 2.00pm
Period 5	2.00pm – 3.00pm

### Term Dates 2020-21

NB. Year 7 students will start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Years 8-11 will start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September

7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

### INSET Dates 2020-21

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



## Year 7 curriculum

Year 7 students will study a broad and balanced curriculum. Our curriculum is tailored to the needs of different students. This includes additional support in English and Mathematics for those students who are below the required standards.

Below is a guide of what a student can expect to study over every fortnight:

- 7 –8 hours of English
- 7 –8 hours of Maths
- 6 hours of Science
- 4 – 6 hours of Modern Foreign Languages
- 3 hours of History
- 3 hours of Geography
- 2 hours of Religious Studies
- 3 hours of Art
- 4 hours of PE
- 3 hours of Music and Drama
- 4 hours of Design and Technology
- 2 hours of PSHE



Some students will also be selected for curriculum pathways that provide additional support in areas of need.

We also have a wide range of extended opportunities. There are a large number of clubs and activities available at break time and after school. We also offer a range of trips and in school enrichment activities throughout the school year.

## Form time

Students will spend the first part of every day in a mixed ability form group. During form time the form tutors will deliver an additional curriculum which supports QEGS (Question, Explore, Give, Succeed) learning.



## Catering

We do not allow students to leave the Academy site during the school day. Students are encouraged to eat either a school lunch or a packed lunch in our dining hall.

At the City of Derby Academy we provide reasonably priced, healthy food options at both break and lunchtime. Our food is cooked on site in partnership with Derbyshire County Council.

If students bring their own packed lunch please ensure that it is healthy. We do not allow energy drinks or fizzy drinks in school. Students may drink water in lessons, or we have water fountains in our corridors.

If your child receives Free School Meals at their current school, we ask that you complete and return our free school meal postcard which is available online or, alternatively, you can collect a postcard from school reception.

Please note that if you qualify for free school meals at primary school this does not automatically transfer to your chosen secondary and a new claim **MUST** be made.

## Payment System

The City of Derby Academy operate a cashless payment system for lunch and trips, etc

In line with many other schools, the City of Derby Academy has a biometric system where students' accounts are linked to their fingerprint pattern. This is safer and quicker than using money each day.



ParentPay should be used to “top up” your child’s balance so they can use this towards lunch each day. You can also use this to pay for trips, revision guides, etc.

For more information, please visit ParentPay’s website: <https://www.parentpay.com/>

ParentPay activation letters will be distributed to students and parents/carers in September.

It is important that you keep a check on your child’s balance to ensure they have enough on the account to buy snacks and lunches. Students who qualify for free school meals will have the correct amount added to their account every day.

## B line

B\_line is a travel discount and library card for young people aged 11-19. It is for young people in school, college, on training courses or in an apprenticeship.

From 2019 b\_line cards must be applied for through the local council website. To find out more, please visit the website:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/public-transport/fares-tickets-passes/b-line/b-line.aspx>

## Student lockers

ILS provides lockers for City of Derby Academy students.

The lockers are owned by ILS and are available for students to rent on an annual basis. Rental costs are £25 per year allowing use from September through to July.

Please note all bookings terminate at the end of the school year in July. We apologise but there is no discount for lockers booked late in the year.

The locker size is as follows: Height: 595mm, Width: 300mm, Depth: 450mm

To guarantee a locker please book online at our website [www.ilsschools.co.uk](http://www.ilsschools.co.uk)

Lockers for September 2020 – July 2021 will be available online from **June 1st**. Lockers are subject to availability please book early to avoid disappointment.

All available lockers are shown online.

All rentals are subject to our terms and conditions which are available during the booking process.

**Please note we are a separate entity from the school and all dealings will be directly with ourselves.**

Lockers cannot be reserved or booked via the office telephone.



## Uniform and Equipment

Please note, that due to the current circumstances, your child is NOT required to wear a tie and blazer on their first day. These items are provided to all Year 7 students free of charge. These items will be distributed during the first week of term.

We enforce a strict uniform and presentation policy at the City of Derby Academy. Year 7 students will receive a free blazer and tie.

### **Uniform requirements:**

#### **School Uniform**

- City of Derby Academy blazer
- City of Derby Academy tie
- Optional City of Derby Academy black jumper to wear under a blazer
- Smart black trousers or skirt (must be a sensible length skirt and not stretchy material)
- Plain white school shirt (not polo t-shirt)
- Suitable dark socks or black tights
- Sensible all black school footwear

#### **PE Uniform**

- Suitable footwear for PE (trainers)
- City of Derby Academy PE top or plain black t-shirt
- Plain black PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms/skort/leggings
- Black PE socks
- Optional outdoor PE wear: black jumper/hat/gloves for the winter, cap for the summer



**Additional items:**

- A warm, dark coloured coat for travelling to and from the Academy. Hoodies are not allowed.
- Students can wear a watch and one set of small stud earrings and/ or one small item of religious jewellery.
- Students should not wear excessive make up or brightly coloured nail varnish. Nails need to be of an appropriate and safe length.

You can order uniform direct from our supplier, please visit their website:

<https://www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/>.

Our supplier also provide pop-up shops once a month in the school's gymnasium between 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Please visit our website for future dates.

**Equipment for learning:**

- A dark coloured, rucksack style bag suitable for carrying A4 books and equipment.
- All students should have their own black/blue pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and calculator. A planner and any other equipment needed for learning will be provided by the school.





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