



CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

*bringing news to our community*

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## Supporting Your Child's Education

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

Although life has taken a significant change, I have never been prouder to be Headteacher at the City of Derby Academy. The school vision of improving life chances for all is at the heart of everything we do and this philosophy is in abundance every single day. Even in these unprecedented times where school is closed, we are surrounded by excellence and a heart-warming community humanity. I have been left very emotional by the amount of positive messages and well wishes from all members of the community. When students email staff asking if they are safe and well, we have all been doing something right. Well done to all.

I am also impressed by the volume and standard of the work that our students are completing on a daily basis. Teachers are still awarding ClassCharts points and my blog will still recognise, weekly, the successes of students whilst working remotely at home. The volume of staff who have emailed me examples of great work is pleasing so keep them coming everyone.

Proof reading this newsletter is humbling. The number of memorable experiences, both academically and in the wider curriculum, that CODA colleagues provided for our young people is breath taking. Please enjoy the range of successes and memories that have been recognised in the newsletter, they are all fantastic. They also, for me, provide an excitement for what school will return to when it re-opens. The newsletter also gives the community a lot of guidance on accessing work and other areas of support during these uncertain times.

I hope that all members of the community are keeping well and following the advice given by the government. The corona virus is deadly and we must all do everything we can to slow its spread.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support in these most challenging of times and the time you put into supporting your child's education.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the staff for their hard work to provide quality remote learning opportunities. But, also, for those colleagues who are risking their own and their family's health by providing a place of education for the children of key workers and vulnerable children. True dedication to the nation's cause. As a community, we will be forever indebted.

For now, please accept the best wishes from CoDA and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school when these difficult times pass.

**Mr P Smith –  
Proud Headteacher**



## Engineering Learning

A small group of Year 11's started an engineering placement at Engineered Learning this term. The boys all had a great start to the course and the feedback from the course deliverers has been first class. Well done boys we are proud of you.



## Creche at CODA

This term also witnessed another first for CODA. The first Creche! Some of our Health and Social Care students, as part of their course, had to run a crèche. The event was so breath-taking and the students all performed splendidly. Mrs Dacus and Miss Gallagher supported the event and they were also delighted with how everyone got involved and cared for the toddlers and babies that came. When I went to see them, I was so impressed it brought a tear to my eye. You never know, we may have to set up our own business!!

Well done to Aishmin S, Gloria OB, Gloria B, Simranjit K, Jasleen S, Lisa O, Abbie H, Olivia H, Diljit B, Ben W, Holly M, Ellie F, Khadeejah A. So proud of you all.

## Indoor Athletics

Miss Smith, Miss Bulloch and Miss Rae took 9 students to Leesbrook to take part in an indoor athletics competition. The results came in and we are so proud of all of them...

The boys came 6<sup>th</sup> - amazing job as they were 1 team member down and the girls came 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Congratulations to the students that were involved: Mia S, Soreya I, Carly T, Lionella E, Tornie S, Sukhmandeep G, Hayden F, Riley H and Ashley B.



## Holocaust Assemblies

Mrs Beeson and Mr Anderson have been giving holocaust assemblies to all of the children this term. They decided to share the story of Janine Webber, who we had the privilege of meeting on our trip with year 9 late last year. Staff then did follow up to the assembly in form time. It has been a humbling time but students have been very empathetic and understanding with this upsetting topic. Well done all.

## Debating Team Success

Mr Cholerton and the debating team made up of Juwairiah, Karina, Kai and Samer have been competing at the University of Derby Law School. They won their first heat which was against Derby University Law students as well which made their victory even more special. They went on to win their second match convincingly. Mr Cholerton said 'The debating team scored over 100 points more than in their last contest. It was overwhelming to witness how much progress that they had made since their first debate. I was so impressed and proud of all of them.'



## Acting Excellence

We are all proud of Corey G in 8LR. He has performed in 16 shows at this year's panto at the Arena. Mr Corboz went to see him and was very impressed with his performance and professional attitude. He auditioned earlier in the year and beat hundreds of hopefuls to get the spot.

## Hate Crime Assemblies

Mrs Grewal and Miss Rozan organised a brilliant event at CODA, outside speakers came in and shared emotional stories and guidance around the topic of hate crime. The presentations were that powerful that it had a number of us in tears.

## Tate Modern London Trip

Miss Wilshaw and Mr Bane took our Year 11 Art students to the Tate Modern gallery in London. They also had the chance to see the sights of London including the London Eye. The trip was brilliant and well done to all who went. Another memorable event!



## Switch Project

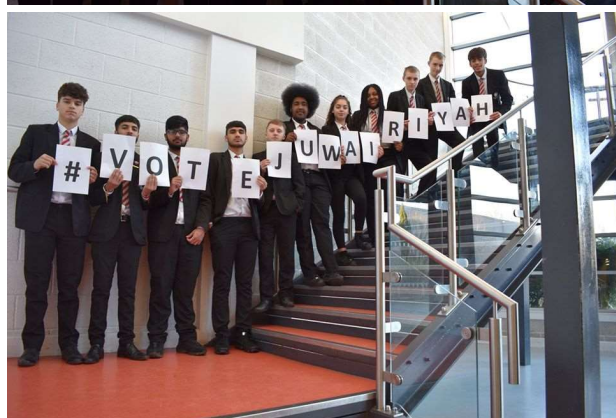
Some of students had the opportunity to join a joint project ran by both the Police and the Fire service. The project lasted for a whole week and not only were students put through their physical paces they completed a number of initiative tasks and challenges. The feedback has been brilliant so a big well done to Hubyab A, Chris B, Ans M and Kyle T.



## Derby Youth Mayor

This year CODA had a representative as a candidate to be the Youth Mayor of Derby. Juwairiah A of year 10 was selected to be one of the 4 candidates. We also had an ex student, at a sixth form in another school, also shortlisted in the final 4 (Connie S). We held assemblies discussing the role of Derby Youth Mayor and completed the voting as the students across Derby were all voting.

The votes were counted and I was so proud that Juwairiyah A was shortlisted in the top 4 particularly at such a young age. Although she was not successful this year, I am pleased to announce that Connie S, who was in last year's year 11 was successful. Everyone who knows her knows that she will do a fantastic job. Well done to both of you and I hope that Juwairiyah A will be successful next year. Again, CODA leading the way!



## Year 11 Class of 2019 Presentation Evening

We were proud to hold CODAs first ever Presentation Evening for last year's year 11. It was a special evening and it was lovely to see everyone back at CODA, their home! I have to thank Mr Smithson supported by Mr Bult and Miss Rerrie for organising the event.



## Mental Health Ambassadors

The following students have been invited to take part in the Mental Health workshop "MK2K" run by 'Leaders Unlocked', as part of their Wellbeing Ambassador role. This is phenomenal that we have so many students committed to supporting others. I am so proud of you all. So well done to:

Ben S, Gloria B, Aishmin S, Gloria OB, Ria D, Priya S, Thomas C, Muskan S, Jamie R, Riya R, Jasmin S, Areesha S, Kulveer B, Jaspreet S, Harkeeret H, Jaskiren K, Michela B, Parneet K, Isabell D, Simran H, Sukhmanpreet K, Gurleen K, Anshika S, Rashmeet K and Fiza S.

## Switch Up Saltmines Production

Mrs Grewal organised an external company to perform their Switch Up Saltmines Production. This is a hard hitting production educating students about the dangers and life changing outcomes of knife crime. The session was a huge success and the students were glowing about the show. Feedback from the company was also phenomenal. Well done all and thank you to Mrs Grewal for organising this.

## 'Late, Late Christmas Show'

This term saw the Late, Late Christmas show. Following the event I sent this to all staff. 'I have just had the pleasure of watching the Late, Late Christmas Show. It was absolutely fantastic. The students performed their hearts out, I was so proud. Not only did they show their excellence they did it with enjoyment and a smile on their faces. Definitely this is CODA moment!

I have to say a huge thank you to Mr Corboz and Mrs Eames who have pulled this together, they must be incredibly proud and they did a cracking job! Hopefully the first of many!'

Following the evening, Mr Corboz organised an after show party as a reward. Fun was had by all. Well done everyone we are so proud of you.



## Derby Scholars

Fifteen CoDA students attended the Derby Scholars event at Derby Uni. The university hosted the event in conjunction with Oxbridge Universities. 75 students from other Derby schools also attended the event. Students had the opportunity to take part in various activities plus a tour of the university. The next event, which is part of project, students will have the opportunity to meet with staff from both Oxford and Cambridge.

The following students were selected to be part of the programme as they have been identified as those who have the potential to get the grades for the top universities in the country.

Well done to Michael W, Nika A, Gurveer K, Tyler G, Gurleen K, Dale M, Ella D, Karanveer S, Zoe B, Giya S, Aleksandra G, Michela B, Harkeret H, Natasha K and Sukhmanpreet K, we are so proud of you!



## Rolls Royce Visit

Thirty of our students attended an event hosted at Rolls Royce LDC. Students had a tour of the Heritage Centre plus the Apprentice Academy. Various prospects such as apprenticeships were explained to students and how Rolls Royce is a major British manufacturer of aircraft engines, marine propulsion systems, and power-generation systems. Students had the opportunity to take part in a design, make and test session demonstrating the concept of how a jet engine works. Students then competed against each other to see which team's plane flew the furthest. A great day was had by all and our students enjoyed the experience. Well done everyone and thanks to Miss Matthews for providing such a wonderful experience.



## Princes Trust Award

The following students achieved a Princes Trust Entry 3 Award in Personal Development and Employability Skills. Well done to; Sylwester J, Mohammed Kaif H, Bohumil H, Rosvita G, Holands K, Patrik P, Alex L, Vanessa B.

## Health and Social Care Derby University Visit

Miss Gallagher and Mrs Dacus took 10 of our Year 10 H&SC students to Derby Uni for a H&SC careers day. Mrs Dacus said 'We were one of about six Derby schools that attended. The students got to attend taster uni lectures and get a feel for what uni life and careers in health and social care were all about. We heard from some excellent speakers and the girls got to try out some lovely activities.

Highlights of the day include free Papa John's pizza from the university and Sophie C cleaning a gruesome wound on a fake arm (that also leaked 'blood')! The students were brilliantly behaved throughout & a real credit to CoDA.'





## East Midlands Airport Y9 Visits



Sixty Year 9 students attended three visits to EMA. During the visits students had a tour of the airport and learnt about the various careers opportunities that are available at the airport. Students had the opportunity to use the flight simulator used to train pilots and had the chance to take part in speed networking careers interviews. They met with employees of the airport such as security staff, customer relations officers, fire service and a graduate who was completing his training on the EMA graduate scheme that is open to post graduates interested in working in the aviation industry.

The students received fantastic feedback from the hosts with their questioning skills and overall enthusiasm, interest and engagement during the visit. In both events, the feedback I have received was first class. Well done to all.



## Tomorrow's Engineers Year 8 STEM Workshop

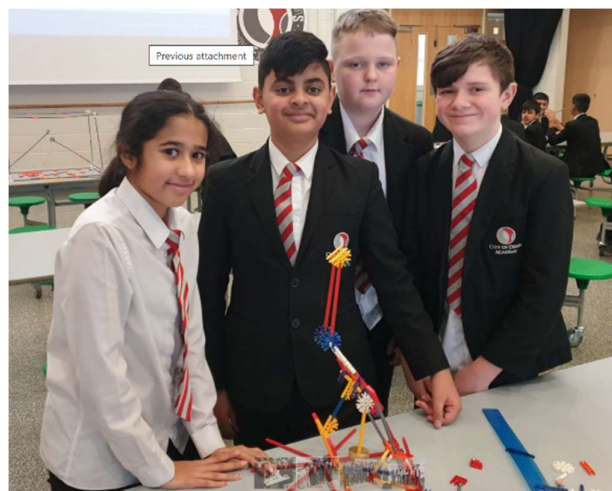
Our students took part in 3 workshops on a rotational basis;  
The Design Room  
iEngineer  
Engineering XFactor

Students had the opportunity to plan futuristic engineering designs and also had the opportunity to use the latest VR headsets. Students also learned how to programme robots in the iEngineer Workshop. In the Engineering XFactor workshop students found out about the different routes into engineering such as apprenticeships, college and universities and how important engineers are in various job roles. Our students impressed the team with their innovative ideas and design.

## iRail Challenge Event

Five Year 10 students attended the event where they competed against 7 other schools to design, make and build a machine that could lift a container from a train wagon and move it to a location next to the track. The students had the chance to talk to representatives from all areas of the rail industry and the career opportunities that are available within this area too.

Our students were a true credit to us and received a certificate and award as participating finalists. Kai M, Samer K, Balraj N, Jake B and Eesa H all have received 50 class chart points for their outstanding contribution to the event.



## Library Thanks

This week I was contacted by Mrs Ayres, who used to be the CODA librarian. She is an avid reader of the school blog and wanted to say a special thank you to a couple of students who helped her out when she was school librarian. She said 'I saw one of your recent blogs the other day and it made me think about two of my library helpers who were very dedicated and helpful whilst I was working there. They were also very reliable and volunteered their time to assist in the Library nearly every day.' Those girls are Gloria B and Amritpal. Well done girls we are so proud of you.

## STEM Event at CoDA

CODA participated in a STEM event which was sponsored by Rolls Royce and called Tomorrow's Engineers. The session encouraged and inspired students into the world of engineering as a career. The feedback was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Matthews for organising and I have to say a big well done to all of the students involved.





## Celebration of Dance

Miss Bulloch took a CODA dance group to a festival of dance. She said 'Just wanted to inform you about the Celebration of Dance and how amazing the students were! They represented the school outstandingly and are a real credit to us. Many members of the audience said 'Wow' 'They were our favourites' and 'The lifts were incredible' and 'I've never seen lifts like it'. They were just fantastic and we had some of our feeder schools Pear Tree and Ash Croft primary there and they were great role models for them! Myself, Laura and Ann are so proud and happy of them! To view the performances please see the following links:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JEsSS0mCyw>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L634ri4o4M>



## World War 1 Artefacts

Mr Anderson managed to secure a fantastic opportunity in History. He acquired some artefacts from WW1. The students and staff at CODA have been using these in lessons. The students have been excited to use them including holding an actual Enfield rifle from the First World War. Well done everyone.

## Rolls Royce Success

We currently have 5 Year 11 students studying an engineering apprenticeship at RR. This week we have had really good news from the course provider.

'I hope you are well. Just to inform you that Samuel G, Charlie W, Bhawanjot SS, Lemuella Z, and Jordan M sat the final exam for their EAL Engineering aspect of the YA. The results of which will then be combined with the synoptic to give an overall grade. All of the pupils passed the exam, which is great news. The final overall grades of Pass Merit or Distinction, will be with you before June'

Well done everyone, we are proud of you.

## Book Swap

Mrs Zahid organised a book swap for students. This is what she said following the event 'The area was chock-a-block with so many pupils. It was lovely to see that the pupils had brought in books to swap. Lots of pupils had a look at the books on offer and asked if they could take one even though they didn't have a book to swap.

I want to thank you all for getting the message out to pupils during registration and a thank you to all of those who donated books. This only went ahead because of your support so thank you. Thanks to Mrs Walker Smith, Mrs Farrell and Mrs Eames for your support.' Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.

## Contemporary Dance Workshop

Miss Smith and Miss Bulloch organised a fantastic dance experience for our students. Miss Bulloch said 'Dance4 from Nottingham came and gave the 19 students (Y10 BTEC Dancers and potential Y9 BTEC Dancers) a workshop in contemporary dance. They were all outstanding and performed amazingly. They worked on so many elements of dance including technique and creating their own solo pieces. It was an honour to watch them perform it really was. Also, every single student got an audition handout which is in Derby because Dance4 were that impressed with them! Well done to everyone involved.



The students were:

Vinjeru M, Kiya R, Madison M, Mia C, Iveta N, Ruzena B, Maria L, Sukhmanpreet M, Shannon T, Olivia A, Ella B, Ruby K, Natasha K, Jaroslava H, Vivian O, Leah S, Jessica W, Faith K. Well done girls we are so proud of you.

## Athletics Excellence

Miss Smith and Miss Bulloch took 11 Year 8 students to Leesbrook to take part in their indoor athletics competition. All students were exemplary and made the school proud. They also did very well. The result are as follows:  
Boys- 4th (2 points of 3rd)  
Girls- 5th (3 points of 4th)

A big well done has to go to Mia T, Riana B, Keira Y, Pru P, Leah S, Kayde T, Viktor K, Aston B, AJ D, Tyler D, Josh F. Well done everyone we are so proud of you.

## Year 8 EDT Stem Event

The Year 8 EDT Stem event was a team task where students designed, built, tested and modified a model trebuchet that could successfully launch a projectile over a short distance and clear a 20cm wall.

The winners of Heat 1 were Klaudie D, Harman K and Roya O. The winners of Heat 2 were Jaya S, Martinus B, Noor S and Archie M. All these students were awarded 50 class chart points for winning their heats. Students got the chance to learn about the various roles and careers that are available within the engineering industry and a talk was delivered by a Rolls Royce STEM Ambassador who outlined the various roles and routes into the engineering industry.

## CoDA Primary School Football Festival



Mr Cholerton supported by our Year 10 sports leaders organised a city wide primary football tournament. He said 'As Head of Year, I am so proud of the 6 students (Kai, Vinjeru, Danielle, Karina, Skye and Balraj). They have organised two football festivals for over 500 primary students from across Derbyshire. They ran a festival for Year 5 and 6 and one for Year 3 and 4.

A real good news story for CoDA, as you can see in the photo, the students are proudly wearing the Academy colours. They refereed games, organised teams and supported player development through the day. They were great ambassadors for the school.'

Awesome guys, absolutely awesome.



## UK Maths Challenge

Mr Birkinshaw took 4 of our brightest mathematicians in Year 8 and 9 to the UKMC team event. The team came 12<sup>th</sup> out of 22 schools which was a phenomenal achievement. In the last section the team achieved 52 out of 56, which is staggering.

Mr Birkinshaw said 'Our amazing team of maths challengers this year consisted of Yara S, Tyler G, Isabel W and Noor S; 2 students from each of Year 9 and Year 8 combining to form the team of four. Michela B also needs a mention having worked with the team in the run up to the event.

They travelled to Ratcliffe College in Leicestershire, where the competition ran throughout the whole day, and consisted of 4 rounds during which our students pitted their maths skills against 21 other schools from the area. Round 4 even included a maths relay which involves running up and down the sports hall with questions and answers!

Our team's final result for the day was a very respectable 12th place out of 22 schools, with very strong results in the first 2 rounds in particular. For Mr Birkinshaw, who took the team along on the day, it is the best final placing for any team that he has taken! Well done!





## CoDA Chromatics

On Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup> the *The CoDA Chromatics* visited Merrill Academy and united with *The Merrill melody Makers* to form a mass choir known as *Encore* and participated in a **Singing Skills Workshop** designed to improve their breathing, listening, pitching and communication techniques. They also worked together to build a repertoire for a future concert together. Comments made by students...

*'I enjoyed the warm up games and learnt how important it is to be able isolate sounds and match them'*

*'The work shop helped me realise how we communicate with our faces and bodies as well as our voices. It was exciting to see what we can achieve together.'*

*'I am proud of my voice, singing makes me full of joy. I am happy to be in the choir'*

*'It was great to sing with other boys and I can't wait to sing at the Cathedral.'*

*'The harmonies were incredible'*

*'It was a fantastic chance to learn from each other.'*



The event culminated in the singers performing for a very special visitor, Mr Philip King (conductor of Cantabile, member of the Associated board of Choral Directors, founder/director of the Derby City Music Partnership, director of the South Derbyshire Music Centre and former Music Advisor for Derbyshire)

The quality of the performances were so high that the choir have impressed Philip King. Mr King was so impressed he personally emailed me to say;

*'It was great to see such an enthusiastic group of singers who were fully engaged in what was taking place. They were also so welcoming! I'd like to arrange for *The Coda Chromatics* and *The Merrill Melody Makers* to have a combined workshop with the Youth Choir from the South Derbyshire Music Centre.'*

Also, I would like them to take part in the annual *Rainbows Children's Hospice Christmas Concert* in Derby Cathedral (this year, it's on Wednesday 9th December). This is a major concert in the county, attended by the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff, Mayors of City, County and District Councils, plus parents and friends. Last year, £5,500 was raised at the concert for this very worthy charity.'

This is a phenomenal achievement and something that we should all be proud of. Well done to Shannon M, Sienna-MJ, Gloria B, Jack DW, Gemma G, Talia P, Jilissa P, Jamie R, Lizzie P, Kiera Y, Jaya S, Georgia B, Crystal D, Estera S, Cristina N, Miya M, Corey G and Marshall S. I am so proud of you all!

## Year 9 WE Day Event

On March 4th, Mr Birkinshaw and Miss Mallen took a group of 14 Year 9 students to Wembley arena for the WE Day event. This was a celebration held by the WE charity to inspire and thank those that have worked with the organisation over the past few months.

Everyone that attended the day had created a project designed to help their school, their community and ultimately make the world a better place. Our projects involved Helping the Homeless and Supporting Mental Health. These projects are continuing to grow and will make a difference in the world!

At the celebration the students listened to a variety of celebrities, including X-Factor winner Leona Lewis, Love Island's Laura Whitmore, actor Idris Elba and several of the cast of Game of Thrones. They were also entertained with a selection of dance acts, music stars and inspirational guest speakers.

The event is held annually, and we will be looking to current Year 8 to take up the challenge as soon as we get back to school! Well done to all involved.



## Year 11 Last Day

The last day of Year 11 was impromptu due to the school closures, but we did not want to say goodbye without a send-off. It was an emotional day but students got shirts signed and said goodbye to CODA. We will continue to support our students until they are successfully into their next stages of life. A message for Year 11;

*It has been a privilege seeing you grow and mature into the Year 11 we have been so proud to be Head and Deputy Head.*

*"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."*

*To the best year group ever! we hope you achieve everything you set your hearts and minds too.*

*Take Care and Stay Safe*

*Mrs Bruce & Mrs Woods*

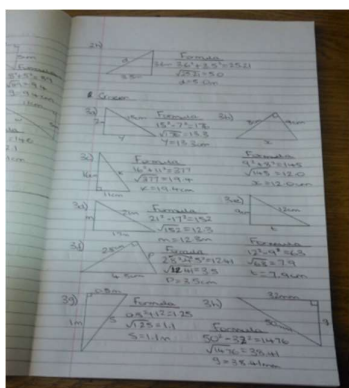


## Maths Success

Well done to the 888 of you who have been accessing the additional Mathematics support on MathsWatch. Mr Howell is really impressed and proud of you all.

Mr Birkinshaw wanted to say a huge well done to Amina P, who has produced a near perfect answer in a very difficult congruence question. Well done Amina.

Mr Blackwood received this excellent work from Skye S, she has been working very hard at home. Mr Blackwood wanted to show off her efforts. Well done Skye we are proud of you!



## Science Success

Ella D Yr9 has produced two high quality pieces of work this week. This was in response to her test feedback from the exam Year 9 took recently. In addition, Ella got nearly a whole grade above her target on it! Mr Lowe-Bird said it was 'really great to see students participating in 'fix it' remotely.'

Miss Williams was really impressed with Tyler D, who produced a cracking PowerPoint summary of the digestive system. Well done Tyler, we are proud of you.

## Music Success

Mrs Willatt has put a special mention for Gemma G, Timon S and Isabel W for their excellent effort in music this week. In particular Gemma who has learnt a new keyboard piece and sent in a video! Well done everyone we are proud of you.

## French Success

Mr Day was proud of Anne-Marie B who taught herself all of the weather conditions in French, practising them and then assessing herself on linguascope.com.

## Well-Being Success

Mrs Dacus has been setting a daily wellbeing activity for all students. Day 1 was to leave positive notes around your house for loved ones to find, a quiz, a YouTube link and some mindful colouring on each sheet so students can pick what they have a go at.

Mrs Dacus also has given each student +10 for completing it. Well done everyone!

## Hello and Goodbye

We would like to welcome all new staff that have started with us in the last term;

- Mr M Lowe-Bird - Science teacher
- Mr E Hughes - Business and IT Teacher
- Terri Taylor - Exams Officer
- Jo Ark - Pastoral Administrator





## School Closure – Corona Virus Covid 19

The City of Derby Academy was closed to staff and students from Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

The directive to close the school was instructed by Department for Education (DfE) and other Government officials. This was to support phase two of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) strategy. Unfortunately, the school will remain closed until the Department for Education (DfE) instructs all schools nationally to re-open.

The coronavirus is potentially life threatening for some people, therefore, we must act within the advice and guidance given to us by DfE.

We are keen to protect the health and safety of all members of the school community so whilst the school is closed I advise you to follow the government guidance on the coronavirus (COVID-19).

You can access this guidance by using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

If you have further concerns beyond this guidance, please contact NHS 111 who will provide you with advice.

My other duty as Headteacher is to ensure the students learning is not affected whilst the school is closed. I have detailed below how your child can contribute to their own learning during this period of time.

### Accessing work at home in all Year Groups (Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11)

- Members of staff, who are not ill, will be working whilst the school is closed. Teachers will be setting work through ClassCharts. You and your child can access this website/App. Please check daily for work and activities.

In the meantime, as well as the advice below, your child should have been given a revision pack/preparation materials from their teacher that they should work on while the school is closed.

In addition, there are the Schemes of Learning for all subjects, across all year groups, on the school website. They can be found at: <http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/letters/home-study-guide/>

The Schemes of Learning provide a checklist for yourself and your child. Please look through the lists and if there are areas that your child is unconfident in, they can revisit their prior learning. To do this they can access their class books, or there are great resources on the following websites;

SUBJECT	Websites recommended by teachers at CODA
Art (AQA)	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206">www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/art-and-design/gcse/art-and-design-8201-8206</a>
Business (Edexcel)	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z98snbk</a> <a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> <a href="https://businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/gcse/edexcel-gcsetheory">https://businessed.co.uk/index.php/home/theory/gcse/edexcel-gcsetheory</a>
English Literature (AQA)	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> <a href="http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/">www.sparknotes.com/lit/</a>
English Language (AQA)	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a>
Food Preparation & Nutrition (AQA)	<a href="http://www.illuminate.digital/aqafood">www.illuminate.digital/aqafood</a> USERNAME: SCITYOFDERBY3 PASSWORD: STUDENT3 <a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> Food Preparation and Nutrition: AQA GCSE <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zdn9jhv</a>
French (AQA)	<a href="http://www.linguascope.com">www.linguascope.com</a> <a href="http://www.memrise.com">www.memrise.com</a> <a href="http://www.languagesonline.org.uk">www.languagesonline.org.uk</a>
Geography (AQA)	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> <a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> <a href="http://www.coolgeography.co.uk">www.coolgeography.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.internetgeography.net/gcse-geography-revision">www.internetgeography.net/gcse-geography-revision</a> <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035">www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/geography/gcse/geography-8035</a>
History (Edexcel)	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a> <a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a>
Mathematics (AQA)	<a href="https://mathswatch.co.uk">https://mathswatch.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.mymaths.co.uk">www.mymaths.co.uk</a>
Music (OCR)	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zv7gxyc">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zv7gxyc</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> (search for OCR GCSE Music Virtual Textbook)
Resistant Materials (AQA)	<a href="http://www.technologystudent.com/">www.technologystudent.com/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/resistantmaterials/">www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/design/resistantmaterials/</a> <a href="http://home.howstuffworks.com/">home.howstuffworks.com/</a> <a href="http://www.ergonomics4schools.com/">www.ergonomics4schools.com/</a> <a href="http://www.design-technology.org/">www.design-technology.org/</a>
<b>Science (AQA)</b>  <b>Triple Science only:</b> <b>Biology (AQA)</b> <b>Chemistry (AQA)</b> <b>Physics (AQA)</b>	<a href="http://www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• freesciencelessons (AQA 9-1 course)</li> <li>• Primrose Kitten (AQA 9-1 course)</li> <li>• Fuse School</li> <li>• Cognito</li> <li>• Don't memorise</li> </ul> <p>Past Papers:</p> <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse</a> Combined Science: Trilogy (double science) Triple Science ONLY: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Sports Science (OCR)	<a href="http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/sport-science-level-1-2-j802-j812/">www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/cambridge-nationals/sport-science-level-1-2-j802-j812/</a>



## How To Join A Class On Seneca Learning

SenecaLearning.com

**Step 1:** Open an internet browser  
Any browser except Internet Explorer will work

**Step 2:** Go to SenecaLearning.com

**Step 3:** Click on "Get Started" or "Sign Up"

**Step 4:** Create your account  
If you don't know your parent email, then type: N/A

**Step 5:** Click on "Classes & Assignments"  
You'll find this in the top menu

**Step 6:** Click on "Join Class"  
It's the green button in the top right corner

**Step 7:** Type the code from your teacher  
If you received a link instead, then open the link

The science department are using Seneca whilst the schools are shut. Well done to all the students that have signed up so far. If you haven't then please follow the instructions to do so, the class codes can be found below. More detailed instructions have been sent out via class charts.

**IF YOU NEED HELP:** email Mrs Ryan: [ryan@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto:ryan@cityofderbyacademy.org)

Year / Class	Level	Science Codes
Year 7	Key stage 3	<b>v9m5sfyyt0</b>
Year 8	Key stage 3	<b>uw1zbhdqx7</b>
9A1, 9B1 (& higher level set 2 students)	GCSE Higher	<b>prd6mrasic</b>
Year 9 - Sets 2, 3, 4	GCSE Foundation	<b>cgxf0x2hll</b>
10.1 & 10.2	GCSE Higher	<b>j8bxno20yp</b>
10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8	GCSE Foundation	<b>1yizvbqddu</b>
11.1	GCSE Triple	<b>p7bjvy5yaf</b>
11.1	GCSE Higher	<b>1n19x8xct5</b>
11.2, 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7, 11.8	GCSE Foundation	<b>muekl2kir1</b>



Activities For All Ages	
<b>PE with Joe Wicks -</b> Streamed at 9am, daily <b>YOUTUBE.COM/THEBODYCOACH</b>	Fitness guru The Body Coach is leading a 30-minute livestream on his YouTube channel every morning with workouts created specifically for kids. Kick off your day with some exercise and keep your energy levels up!
<b>Geography &amp; Environmental Studies with Steve Backshall -</b> Streamed at 9.30am, every Wednesday	Bring the wild into your living room with naturalist and TV presenter Steve Backshall! He'll be answering all of your burning questions about animals, conservation and the environment with his live Q&A broadcast across Facebook and YouTube.
<b>Maths with Carol Vorderman -</b> Access anytime <b>THEMATHSFACTOR.COM</b>	Legendary Countdown alumnus and mathematician Carol Vorderman has opened up her incredible maths website The Maths Factor to the public, giving free access to 4-12 year olds until they go back to school.
<b>Science with Maddie Moate and Greg Foot -</b> Streamed at 11am, daily <b>YOUTUBE.COM/MADDIEMOATE</b>	Join Maddie Moate from CBeebies' Do You Know every day for a science lesson with a twist, all from the comfort of your own home! Let's Go Live features quirky garden activities, craft ideas and plenty of fun facts to keep little brains busy.
<b>Dance with Oti Mabuse -</b> Streamed at 11.30am, daily <b>YOUTUBE.COM/OTIMABUSEOFFICIAL</b>	Oti Mabuse is bringing some Strictly magic to your living room every morning with her free daily livestreams where she and Marius Lepure will be teaching you how to dance like a pro in just half an hour. Each day has a different theme - so far there's been Mary Poppins, Trolls and even Shrek!
<b>English with David Walliams -</b> Released at 11am, daily <b>WORLDOFDAVIDWILLIAMS.COM</b>	Bestselling children's author and brilliant comedian David Walliams is releasing an audio version of one of his stories each day on his website at 11am. When you've got a quiet moment during the day, settle down and listen to his hilarious 20-minute storytelling session and escape the world for a bit.
<b>Food Tech with Jamie Oliver -</b> Streamed at 5.30pm, daily <b>CHANNEL4.COM/KEEPCOOKINGANDCARRYON</b>	Chef Jamie Oliver is releasing new episodes every day of his Keep Cooking and Carry On series on Channel 4, focusing on how to make the most of what you've already got in the kitchen. Plus, Jamie's 9-year-old son Buddy has an entire playlist on YouTube dedicated to kid-friendly cooking that you can join in with.
<b>History with Dan Snow -</b> Access anytime <b>TV.HISTORYHIT.COM</b>	The History Guy Dan Snow is offering free access to his website History Hit for 30 days, which you can use to help stick to your history curriculum. You'll find documentaries on everything from Roman Britain to Jack the Ripper and in between.
<b>Music with Myleene Klass -</b> Released at 10am Monday, 6.30pm Wednesday, 10am Friday <b>YOUTUBE/MYLEENEMUSICKLASS</b>	Enrol in Myleene's Music Klass, where she'll be posting 3 lessons a week to get your children's music abilities flowing. You'll learn all the basics about rhythm and reading music and who knows, you may even end up with some mini Mozarts by the time lockdown is over!
<b>Story Time with Amy Adams, Chris Pratt and more -</b> Access whenever	Loads of huge Hollywood stars have joined forces to bring you Save With Stories - an Instagram account where celebrities read their favourite children's stories and sing their favourite songs to keep kids entertained.
<b>Home Economics with Theo Michaels -</b> Streamed at 4pm, Monday and Wednesday <b>https://www.theocooks.com/kids-cookalong-live/</b>	Join Masterchef semi-finalist and TV chef Theo in a live family-friendly cook-along as you create something delicious from your cupboards. He usually posts the ingredients you'll need on his website beforehand, so you can check you have it all ready.
<b>Art with Miss Wilshaw</b>	<p>A fun arty project if you have young ones at home when it's sunny again or put a lamp on the table/floor! Put a piece of paper down with your kids toy so it casts a shadow, they can then draw around the shadow and then colour it in...</p> 

While we've done our best to make sure all the lesson times are correct, bear in mind they are subject to change - keep checking back for updates. Source [www.kidadl.com](http://www.kidadl.com)

## KEY CONTACTS



**Derby Social Care**  
**01332 641 172**  
 (Out of hours 01332 786 968)







### BME FAMILIES AND NEW COMMUNITIES

<b>Derby Bosnia-Herzegovina Community Association and Derby Refugee Forum</b> 	Services to former Yugoslavia. Advice & information to Bosnian/ Serb/ Croat language. Food parcels, clothing, help to small new community ethnic groups.	<a href="http://www.bihcommunityderby.co.uk/">www.bihcommunityderby.co.uk/</a> <a href="mailto:bihcommderby@hotmail.com">bihcommderby@hotmail.com</a> 01332 347497 99 Curzon St, Derby DE1 1LN
<b>British Red Cross</b> 	Supports refugees and asylum seekers to access services to adapt to new country.	<a href="http://www.redcross.org.uk">www.redcross.org.uk</a> 01332 525423
<b>Roma Community Care</b> 	Grassroots community organisation for Eastern and Central European Roma people living in Derby.	<a href="http://www.multifaithcentre.org/projects/roma-community-care/">www.multifaithcentre.org/projects/roma-community-care/</a> 01332 289818
<b>Hamaari</b> 	Support and advice for disadvantaged and socially isolated people from East Africa in Derby.	<a href="http://www.hamaari.org.uk/">www.hamaari.org.uk/</a> 01332 342564 <a href="mailto:info@hamaari.org.uk">info@hamaari.org.uk</a> 284 Normanton Rd, Derby DE23 6WD
<b>Upbeat Communities</b> 	A Christian charity that welcomes refugees and gives support.	<a href="http://www.upbeatcommunities.org">www.upbeatcommunities.org</a> 01332 360737 96 Whitaker Rd, Derby DE23 6AP
<b>New Arrivals Team</b>	Families and children who have lived in Derby for less than 12 months and need some support.	01332 640733 or 07812300516 <a href="mailto:newarrivalsteam@derby.gov.uk">newarrivalsteam@derby.gov.uk</a>
<b>Eastern European Network (EEN) Centre</b>	Supports Eastern European's about crime.	01332 408228 <a href="mailto:Center.een@gmail.com">Center.een@gmail.com</a>

### DEAF AND DISABLED CHILDREN

<b>Umbrella</b> 	Supports young people 5-30 years and families with disabilities.	<a href="http://www.umbrella.uk.net">www.umbrella.uk.net</a> 01332 785658 <a href="mailto:admin@umbrella.uk.net">admin@umbrella.uk.net</a>
<b>Funability</b> 	Clubs, activities and trips for disabled children and young people aged 3-18 years.	<a href="http://www.stjamescentrederby.co.uk/fun-abili8y">www.stjamescentrederby.co.uk/fun-abili8y</a> 01332 604080, Malcolm St, Derby DE23 8LU <a href="mailto:reception@saintjamescentre.org">reception@saintjamescentre.org</a>
<b>Q-Club</b>	Afterschool club for children with Autism, or additional needs, socially excluded, have disabilities or are young carers or bereaving.	<a href="http://www.derbyquad.co.uk">www.derbyquad.co.uk</a> 01332 285427 <a href="mailto:abbiec@derbyquad.co.uk">abbiec@derbyquad.co.uk</a>

## COUNSELLING SERVICES, INCLUDING BEREAVEMENT

	Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people.	Kooth.com
Breakout	Provide care, planned treatment and advice to people under age of 19 on any aspect of drugs or alcohol misuse.	The space @ Connexions Curzon House 8 Curzon street Derby DE1 1LL 01332 623700 <a href="http://www.derbyshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/breakout/what-we-offer/">www.derbyshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/breakout/what-we-offer/</a>
	Supporting young people affected by alcohol, drugs and gambling.	<a href="http://www.derbysubstanceuseservices.org.uk">www.derbysubstanceuseservices.org.uk</a> 0300 790 0265 <a href="mailto:derby@aquarius.org.uk">derby@aquarius.org.uk</a>
	Support for children and adults after the death of someone close.	<a href="http://www.cruse.org.uk">www.cruse.org.uk</a> 01332 332098 Helpline 0808 808 1677 <a href="mailto:derbyshire@cruse.org.uk">derbyshire@cruse.org.uk</a>
	A free, confidential counselling service, which focuses on unplanned pregnancy, miscarriage or termination.	<a href="http://www.talkitoverderby.com">www.talkitoverderby.com</a> 0786 7470588 18 Curzon St, Derby DE1 1LL <a href="mailto:talkitover@hotmail.co.uk">talkitover@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	Counselling to 5 – 18 year olds to support to make sense of what is happening in their lives. (RELATE)	<a href="http://www.safespeak.org.uk">www.safespeak.org.uk</a> 0800 093 5264 or 01332 349301 <a href="mailto:info@safespeak.org.uk">info@safespeak.org.uk</a>
	Offer support to anyone who is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender or issues with identity.	<a href="http://www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk">www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk</a> 01332 207704 <a href="mailto:INFO@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK">INFO@DERBYSHIRELGBT.ORG.UK</a>

## ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

School nurse	Advice around sexual health, healthy eating, self-harm, emotional health, drugs alcohol and smoking.	TEXT 0750 0078 330 0800 040 ext 88537
Safeguarding	City of Derby Academy	Mrs Bancroft 0771 076 0765 Mrs Grewal 0771 2407863
Wendy Roe Chaplain	Listening service – grief, anxiety, overwhelmed by life.	<a href="mailto:Wendy.roe1@hotmail.co.uk">Wendy.roe1@hotmail.co.uk</a>
Camhs Rise	Self-harm	0300 123 3124

Students can still access school health, text the number **0750 007 8330**

Make sure that your children are safe when working on line

<https://youtu.be/BhLWwQ4Ay5s>

Childlines new coronavirus webpage

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>

The association for Child Mental Health podcast for parents to be aware of their child's mental health

<https://www.acamh.org/podcasts/dr-jon-goldin-on-the-coronavirus-and-child-mental-health/>



## *Dear Year 11 Parents,*

I was incredibly disappointed with the announced by the Department of Education (DfE) that all exams will be cancelled for this academic year. Your children have worked incredibly hard during their time at CoDA and we have been proud of how they have prepared for themselves for their GCSE's.

I am confident that every single one of them would have performed exceptionally well in their exams/assessments. However, the decision by the DfE to cancel the exams would not have been taken lightly and demonstrates how potentially life threatening the COVID-19 is to all members of our community. I would like to reassure all parents and students that we will do all that we can to support your child progressing onto their next stages of education and also easing their anxieties in what are unprecedented and difficult times.

We are unsure yet of how qualifications and grading will be awarded but as soon as we are made aware, we will communicate this to you. I do not want your child to feel their time at CoDA has not had benefit due to the cancellation of the exams. On the contrary everything that they have learnt will be useful in their next stages of life and beyond.

It is my belief that six form, college, apprenticeships and employers will now seek to assess student's ability and aptitude before courses/ placements are undertaken. Therefore, my advice to all year 11 students is to keep accessing ClassCharts as teachers will still be setting some developmental work for them to complete. In addition, accessing revision materials will also be a benefit to their next steps in life.

If any student would like any specific work setting with regards to their level 3 options, please do not hesitate to email class teachers who could provide further support.

The cancellation of the examinations is uncertain about how your child will progress onto their next stages of life. I would like to reassure you that if you and your child have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school by telephone or email. We are here to help!

In the future, we are keen to look into a leavers assembly and presentation evening in recognition to the 5 years that have spent at CoDA. We will share the details when we have this information. I would like to close by thanking all students in year 11 for being the amazing, brilliant individuals that they are.

The whole of the school community will miss them and we wish them every success in their next stages of life as well as staying fit and healthy during these difficult times.

If you have any concerns or further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



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