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Headteacher's Blog Week Commencing 24th May 2021

This is my last blog of the half term and, as ever, I am delighted and proud of the school community. This half term has had so many memorable events, that included our wonderful Year 11 students finishing off their assessment records and enjoying other events such as sports day and celebration day.

I am impressed by the excellence and positivity of our students every day and those students have now qualified for Activity Day 3. This is a fantastic achievement and rewards the students who have been consistently meeting our 3R expectations throughout the whole year. Well done to the 648 of you, you are amazing.

My blog is a testimony to our ongoing excellence and is full of just some of our successes. Well done to all, keep up the great work! I am delighted and proud of the volume of points achieved, well done everyone.

As another reminder, any student who gets a mention in my blog, gets awarded 20 additional Classcharts points and there are also 50 points available for attending each 'live' lesson.

Debating Team Success

CODA has a wonderful tradition of entering and being successful in the Derby Law School debating competition. I am delighted to say that CODA have entered two teams this year and their first round took place last week. The students were all amazing. They were well prepared, presented their case in a logical and passionate way and debated excellently as a team. They all have a bright future in this field. I am so proud of them, they brought a tear to me eye they were that good!

I would like to thank Miss Bell and Miss Matthews for supporting the students and they said 'Me and Mrs Matthews want to express how deeply proud we are of the students who took part in the debate competition last night.

The City of Derby Academy entered 2 teams into the Derby City Schools Debate Competition during the evening of the 19th May 2021. The CoDA teams, comprising of year 10 students, were up against students from Littleover Community School and Da Vinci Academy. During feedback, the judges said 'the standard of debating today was 'outstanding' despite the unusual conditions that covid presents.

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In the first round, Team two went first who were for the motion that ‘Humanity should fear developments in artificial intelligence.’ In the first round, our first team lost against Littleover. However, the judges said ‘it was very close’ and praised the team for their passionate performances.

Team One, who were against the motion of ‘Space exploration is a waste of time’ were praised by the judges for their excellent presentation. The judges said that they were very impressed with the passionate debate, where data were backed up with examples, making it relatable. The judges praised the team for a compelling and well argued debate despite Da Vinci Academy dropping out at the last minute. The judges said that the teams efforts were so strong that they would have won even if the other team had participated.

Both teams worked exceptionally hard to research and prepare for the competition and should be very proud of themselves for representing our school. A big thank you to Ella D, Lewis S, Michael W, Abbie S, Michela B, Parneet K, Jaskiren K and Gurleen K and the reserves Tyler G and Jack D-W. A special mention must be made for Tyler who attended all meetings and did an outstanding job supporting our teams.’

Simply AMAZING!



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Numeracy Success

Well done to 9LR who solved the latest numeracy challenge in an efficient and accurate way. Mr Birkinshaw said 'Fantastic work on this challenge and your answer summarised by Mrs Redding is correct 👍. I love the deduction you have shown in your answer!'

I solved it by putting the possibilities into a table and then eliminating the ones that aren't true!

	Annie	Bart	Carrie	Des
	A	B	C	C
Possibilities				
1	D	D	C	C
2	C	D	D	C
3	C	C	D	D
4	C	D	C	D
5	D	C	D	C
6	D	C	C	D

Class Charts points awarded.

Art Success

Miss Wilshaw has been being creative with her Year 11s now their course has been completed. She said 'I know you like to see what your year group get up to. Our course is complete now and they cannot do anymore to it, so this week, as I know they have A LOT of assessments to end their year, I thought they could do with a little down time, so they made some clay (monster) sculptures and I have to say, I have never known my photography group so focused.'

Hope you enjoy the pictures.



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Charity Success

Kai M will be taking part in a sponsored walk. All money raised will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society. Please find below Kai's email to you all which provides more information and details on how you can donate. Well done Kai we wish you all the best and we are proud of you. Kai said

'Hello,

I will be walking the 'coast to coast' (182 miles) from St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay at the start of July. I will be doing this to raise money for Alzheimer's Society as this is a cause that is very close to my heart. I would greatly appreciate your support by donating. You will be able to track the route and how well I am doing via my just giving page whilst I am doing it.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/-kaimyerscoasttocoast>

Library Success

Miss McQuilton wants to say a huge well done to the following students. She said 'Also, this week within the library;

- 8 students have completed their Carnegie competition. During this time, they have each read a whole book within 6 weeks and completed a range of complex activities finishing this week with a presentation on their book. They have given up their form and lunchtimes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday! I am very proud of all of them.
- Corey G, Marshall S, Pawandeep S, Andrew G, Juwiria R, Sarah-Aminah Z, Julie I and Miya M.
- We have had a total of 103 books taken out!
- Students have been accessing the library during lunchtime clubs.
- 98 students entered the 'design your own front cover competition!
** 1st prize - Phoebe P, 2nd prize - Kyan SD, 3rd Prize - Helen C, 4th prize - Ebaney R and 5th prize - Megina M. * All students entered receive class chart points and the winners will receive a special prize on the first day back after the break!

That's all for this week!
Have a fantastic week off.

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Reading Success

Miss McQuilton wants to say a huge well done to all of the 'star readers' of the week. There is one available for every form group. The reading competition runs every week and here are the last three weeks winners. Well done everyone, keep up the great work.

7GS – Summer S, 7RT –Ayotomiwa A, 7AO- Banipreet R, 7SE- Jasmine S, 7LS- Karina P, 7ZW- Helen C

8HD- Layla B, 8PW- Danis B, 8LS- Rozh DM, 8LR-Jemeka L, 8TR-Parleen K, 8MG- Antonin K

9HL- Keira Y, 9DB-Juwiria R, 9EH-Ashmeet S, 9LR-Mckenzie R, 9JA-Callum H, 9EB-Grace G, 9KW-Kacey M

Mr Smith's

Ella D, Gurleen K, Tyler G, Jack DW, Michael W, Michela B, Lewis S, Abigail S, Parmeet K, Jaskiran S

This Week: -

7GS – Dylan H, 7RT –Hadia Q, 7AO- Tyler M, 7SE- Yuvraj S, 7AH- Jasdeep S, 7LS- Kianna H, 7EN- Deena Z, 7ZW- David M

8HD- Leyla R, 8PW- Emily W, 8CW- Charan S, 8TR- Haristh Z, 8MG- Leyland S

9HL- Altin D, 9DB-Isabel W, 9EH-Miriam N, 9LR-Jasmine D, 9JA-Katie G, 9EB-Paige G, 9KW- Amanpreet K, 9RR- Dominik B

Mr Smith's

Sarah Aminah Z (9DB)

Nominations

Miss Wilshaw – Gabriel W

Mrs Goodman - Marshall S, Altin D, Martinus B, Andrew G, Harman K, Ramandeep K, Sadiyah P, Harjot P, Safeela H, Corey G, Fatima BU, Keira Y, Sanad S, Courtney B, Georgia B, Harkeet B, Corey H

Miss H Lewis – Sarthak S, Corey G

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Mrs L Walker- Smith – Moad S

Mr Henry – Warin D, Marwa T

Geography Success

Mr Barker would like to pay special thanks to Year 11 students and how well they performed leading up to and including their skills assessment in Geography this week.

The following pupils from the rest of the year groups deserve a special mention for their hard work and dedication this week:

Connor A 8A Go3: Excellent dedicated performance to his geography throughout this week.

Tanya D 9B Go1: Consistent and hard working every lesson.

Lizzie P 9B Go3: Once again, Lizzie works hard in lessons, but also goes the extra mile by giving out and collecting in the exercise books. This helps the lessons run smoothly and is a huge help to nomadic teachers! Thank you.

History Success

Mr Beech said 'As part of our 'Fight for the Franchise' history module we researched a local case study, that was national news in 1917 and has been in the news as recently as 2012. We learned about a Derby woman called Alice Wheeldon, who lived behind her second-hand clothes shop on Pear Tree Road. During the First World War Alice would hide Conscientious Objectors in her house. She became known for this, and other Suffragette activities, and was under the investigation of MI5. To ensure she would be no more trouble, an MI5 agent called William Rickard had Alice arrested after framing her for conspiracy to commit murder, her supposed target was the then Prime Minister, David Lloyd George.

Alice was subsequently charged on fabricated and extremely flimsy evidence and sentenced to 10 years in jail. She was released a year later under the orders of Lloyd George himself after she took part in a hunger strike.

To this day, Alice has never been cleared of the crimes she supposedly committed and her granddaughters, who live in Australia still petition to have Alice's name cleared.

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Additionally, there is a history in group that also campaign for this. They are the Derby peoples history society.

I suggested as an additional task that if any of my year 8 students wanted to support Alice then they could write a letter to the Derby peoples history society to maybe help get Alice cleared of her supposed crimes.

Please find attached Muskaan R's letter that she wrote for this cause, I think it really is amazing, well researched and something Muskaan should be really proud of.'

Dear Derby People's History,

Hello! I'm Muskaan from the City of Derby Academy.

The reason why I am writing to you is that I would like to show my support in the innocence of Alice Wheeldon.

Since we have been recently studying about this at school, I decided to take this matter further and research!

I believe Alice Wheeldon was framed by William Richard.

Alice Wheeldon, born on the 27th of January 1866, she grew up in a political household. She joined the Women's Social and Political Union for women's rights. Alice also was part of the anti-war campaign. Her and her family give shelter to conscientious objectors [men who did not want to go to war].

Obviously, men who were conscientious objectors were shown in the press as negative and cowards.

My evidence to prove that she was framed is that a MIS agent, named William Richard arrived at Alice's doorstep disguised as a conscientious objector, knowingly told her to free more people like himself out of jail. Now, in those days, the prison had guard dogs and in order to kill them Alice suggested that they use poison. She bought some from the chemist.

Keep in mind at that fact that William was a alcoholic and was about to lose his job.

However, the next day, Alice's household and herself included get arrested for conspiracy of murder of the Prime Minister David Lloyd George. The government was informed by William how she wanted to poison Lloyd George.

Although, on trial day, William was nowhere to be found. The evidence against Mrs Wheeldon wasn't efficacious however the Government didn't want a woman who sheltered conscientious objectors on the loose. So instead, they sentenced her to 10 years of imprisonment.

Now, Alice also had a trick up her sleeve, something called the 'cat and mouse' act. She went on hunger strikes which then got her released by Lloyd George. If she were to reoffend she would be sent back in prison.

However, she died aged 53, on the 21st February 1919 caused by illness due to the strikes.

I hope this sums up as to why I think Alice Wheeldon is innocent!

Thank you for taking your time in reading this!

Yours Sincerely,

Well done Muskaan, this is amazing. We are so proud of you!

Year 11 Success

As mentioned earlier, our Year 11s enjoyed their sports day and shirt signing day earlier on in the week. Well done all!

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MFL Success



Modern Foreign Languages success



This week, our focus is on year eight.

Our star pupils of the week, who receive an MFL pencil and a success slip home, are

(Mr. Milner) Jasleen K, Charan S (their work is pictured below)

(Mrs. Nielsen) Riya S

(Mr. Day) Maylee A

(Mrs. Sagoo) Ishkaran S

Other pupils in year 8, who have been working really well and will receive a success slip home, are

(Mr. M.) Manraj H, Sukhraj S

(Mrs. N.) Marcel W, Muskaan R

(Mr. D.) Diana S, Emmanuela F

(Mrs. S.) Manpreet S, Leeyah M

All of the pupils named above have shown skills which would be used at GCSE languages.

Das ist fantastisch! C'est fantastique!



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Careers Corner In the Library Success

Miss McQuilton, our new librarian, has been reorganising our library. I am pleased to announce that it now has a new careers corner for students to access.



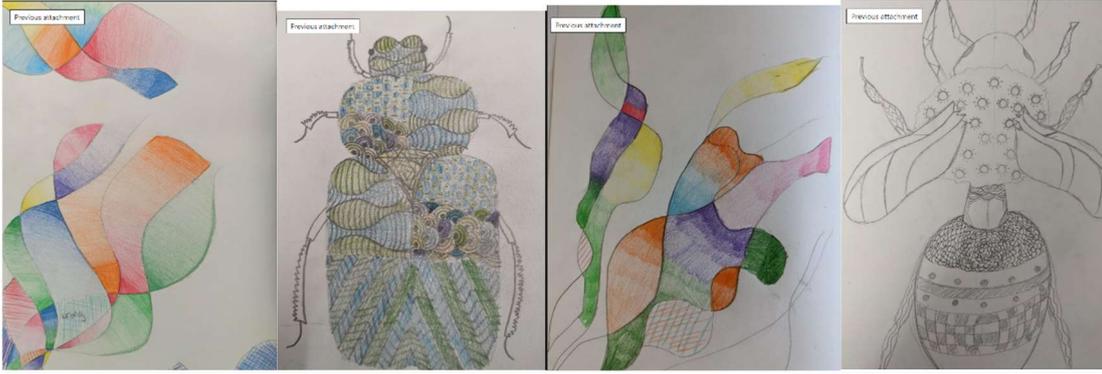
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Art Success

This term the year 7 theme is The Natural World. They are showing incredible skill in using pencil crayons as well as demonstrating use of shape, tone and some fantastic pattern work inspired by the artist Hannah Davies. Keep up the good work year 7s.



Year 8 theme this term is Fantasy Art, they have produced some incredible drawing over the first half term, we are extremely proud of the work so far.



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Maths Success

Maths Circles

Mr. Birkinshaw, Miss Willatt, Mr Williams and 18 students from year 7 and year 8 have started a new project this term call Maths Circles. Under the guidance of MESME (Mathematics Education for Social Mobility and Excellence) the group are now 4 weeks into a 10-week programme. It has been a fantastic experience so far and together we have already worked on lots of difference problems, using and learning skills in maths to try to solve and explain all sorts of different challenges. The Maths Circle students which deserve great credit for all their efforts so far are. We are already looking forward to what the programme will offer when we return after the half term break!

Mohammad T
Bilal K
Lerayah W
Banipreet R
Douaa K
Kayla C
Mateusz O
Leo C
Charan S
Leyla R
Jasleen K
Mehardeep S
Ishkaran S
Gemma G
Millen W
Riley H
Jagveer G
Izzy-Lou C

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Class Charts Top Scorers

This week's top scoring class charts students, who will be awarded 20 extra points are: -
This was only three days this week as well!!

Year 10 –Nehemie I (492), Jasmine S (414), Yaicika K (411)

Year 9 – Ethan S (302), Juwiria R (300), Aseel D (292), Holly G (292)

Year 8 –Jasleen K (213), Aishjit K (209), Layla RB (203), Riya S (203)

Year 7 – Jasmine S (247), Summer S (205), Bainpreet R (204)

Overall

First - Nehemie I (492)

Second - Jasmine S (414)

Third - Yaicika K (411)

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

Year 11 – Bailey W (153), Vinjeru M (148), Amritpal S (135)

Year 10 –Ella D (240), Jack DW (227), Michael W (226)

Year 9 – Amanpreet K (336), Arshmeet S (266), Juwiria R (262)

Year 8 – Jasleen K (256), Lily A (205), Ruby D (205), Dlin Y (205)

Year 7 –Summer K (261), Connor L (204), Corey H (199)

Overall

First - Amanpreet K (336)

Second - Arshmeet S (266)

Third - Juwiria R (262)

The following students will receive 20 points for being amazing and having 100% attendance.



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100% ATTENDANCE (8TH MARCH - 28TH MAY 2021)

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9		YEAR 10		YEAR 11	
A	Divjot	B	Hanna	A	Amber	A	Joyce Acheampongmaa	A	Raeanna
B	Simran	B	Amisha	B	Roseann	A	Alisha	B	Joshveer Singh
B	Neve	B	Priya	B	Ashley	A	Aneruin	B	Sandra
B	Ishveer	B	Danis	B	Jagjit	A	Lily	B	Samuel
B	Sara	B	Subhan	B	Aminah	B	Thomas	B	Jake
B	Vanesa	B	Courteney	B	Sara	B	Harry	B	Paris
B	Abel	B	Matilda	B	Martinus	B	Prince	B	Keisha
B	Hanna	C	Izzy-lou	B	Ashton	B	Michela	C	Nathan
C	Helen	D	Justin	C	Nikita	D	Kylie	C	Dusan
C	Kayla	D	Kornelija	D	Paige	D	Ella	D	Abby
C-S	Leo	D	Ruby	D	Klaudie	D-W	Jack	D-M	Alex
D	Christophe	D	Inderpreet	D	Charlotte	D	Tanisha	D	Alexandra
D	Jake	D	Sebastian	D	Aj	D	Isabell	G	Nekeesha
D	Harmani	E	Kobe	F	Joshua	D	Alexandra	H	Natasha
G G	Ramondee	E	Lionella	F	Anna-Leigh	E	Leah	H	Craig
G	Sukhdeep	E	Ted	G	Paige	F	Mackai	H	Georgia
H	Dylan	E	Arsenil	G	Callum	F	Paige	I	Danut
H	Ella	F-C	Hayden	G	Corey	G	Sahil	J	Priya
H	Tiffany-Le	F-C	Lewis	H	Callum	G	Sian	J	Pyush
J	Amleena K	G G	Sukhmandeep	H	Erika	G	Oliver	K	Avneet
K	Harleen	G	Brayden	I	Julie	H	Simran	K	Gagandeep
K	Harnoor	G	Namneet	J	Weronika	H	Dylan	K	Gurleen
K	Sabprit	G	Gemma	J	Sienna-Mai	I	Emmanuel	K	Kirandeep
L	Nikita	G	Jagveer	K	Amanpreet	I	Nehemie	K	Amit
M	Finlee	H	Riley	K	Gurleen	J	Toms	K	Rohan
M	Tyler	H	Manraj	K	Harman	J	Silvie	L	Igor
M	Rhiannon	I	Soraya	K	Jaswinder	K	Gurveer	M	Nikola
M	Sandijs	J	Tammy	K	Ramandeep	K	Gurleen	M	Jugraj Singh
M	Romeo	K	Muskandeep	K	Christian	K	Jaskiren	M	Sukhmanpreet Kaur
P	Timea	K	Diana	K	Juliana	K	Kamal Preet	M	Lewis
P	Natasha	M	Manpreet Singh	K	Meek	K	Yaicika	M	Alyssa
P	Phoebe	M	Leeyah	M	Fletcher	K	Kunal	M	Vinjeru
P	Dainius	M	Yll	M	Shannon	K	Tadisashe Faith	M	Lewis

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P Dainius	M Yll	M Shannon	K Tadashe Faith	M Lewis
P Hermione	M Helena	M Kacey	M Oliwia	M Freya
R Banipreet	M La'Talie	M Archie	M Jovan	M Kai
R Jake	N Jaya	P Prudence	O Amarachi	N Balraj
R Ebaney	N Jacob	P Jaskaran	O Abigail	P Inder
R Amaia	P Deuville	R Sajan Singh	P Keira	P Alfie
S Harkeerat	Q Rio	R McKenzie	P Parmjit	P Samuel
S Nicola	R Bhavanjeet	R Joseph	P Parneet	P Kyan
S Naina	R-B Layla	R Phoebe	P Eddie	P Neena
S Jassa	S Riya	S George	R Saher	R Vikrant
S Armanpreet	S Kimran	S Sarthak	R Paige	R Kartik
S Gurpeet	S Jasmeet	S Marshall	S Giya	R Jenson
S Jasdeep	S Emilio	S Agyapal	S Gurmeen	S Muskan
S Maheer	S Anshpreet	S Anas	S Jasmin	S Khushi
S Simrat	S Charan	S Jashandeep	S Gladis	S Karina
S Sienna	S Ishkaran	S Jaskirat	S Leah	S Amritpal
S Izabela	S Janbaz	S Jograg	S Anshika	S Arashpreet
T Baldeep	S Lovejot	S Navdeep	S Gurditt	S Gurjot
W Ayshia	S Mehardeep	S Paramraj	S Jaskiran	S Prabhjeet Kaur
W Gabriel	S Sukhraj	S Pawandeep	S Jaspreet	S Sumit Bhela
Y Aaron	S Taranvir	T Mia	S Jowan	S Nathan
Z Kahsaf	S Olivia	W Jayden	S Manmol	S Ashmit Mall
	S Timon	W Dean	S Sahilpreet	T Rhea
	S Harvey	W Joshua	S Piotr	W Bailey
	S Kevin	Y Keira	S Abigail	
	T Bethany	Z Minahil	S Nikit	
	V Mirela		T Paramveer	
	W Nisa		U Mackenzie	
	W-L Maddison		U Edgars	
	W Marcel		W-L Alicia	
	W Millen		W Blake	
	W Skye		W Jessica	
	W Liam		W Michael	
	W Ella-louise			