



CoDA Chronicles

Welcome to our Academy blog where you will find out what has been going on at the City of Derby Academy on a two-weekly basis.

We have had a busy start to the Academic year having welcomed in a new cohort of Year 7 students as well as supporting all of our other students to settle into their new year groups.

Academy News:

3R's Days - Year 7 & 8:

We held our very first 3Rs day to support new Year 7 students to get to know our CoDA values. These are Respect, Responsible and Ready. As part of the day, we had onsite, a 10 metre tall climbing wall and archery range. The entire year group was able to take part, and the day was entirely funded by the school, and we look forward to making next year's even bigger. The students did amazing and here is some of the comments from staff and students:

It's been nice, I really enjoyed the climbing and being really high up. I made new friends-Sharo.

I enjoyed the camaraderie between the students and watching them develop new skills. It was fun to be with the year group and get to know them-Mr Omor.

It was great to see the students encouraging each other on the climbing wall when they were feeling a bit nervous - Ms Bennett.

It was great because there were tons of things to do and I conquered my fears-Theo.

I never gave up and I got to the top three times. I feel great-Elijah.

We worked together really well to climb, I trust everyone here-Leo.

Archery has been such fun, the students were amazing. The climbing wall, the students were zooming up and down. They were fearless-Mrs Redding.

It was really fun because you don't get the chance to do something like this-Leo.

The climbing was really good because working together to get each other to the top, it was really challenging-Apparjot.

It was scary at first but then I realised that I had nothing to be scared of, it was really fun! Giulia.

The climbing was fun. When I got to the top I did a happy dance-Dylan.

The Archery was really scary, but it became really fun when I got arrows on the target-Pearlicia.

It has been amazing. I didn't think I was going to do so well but I got a balloon first try. Nevaeh.



East Midlands Airport visit:

Groups of our Year 9 and Year 10 students were invited to attend a visit to East Midlands Airport. Our students had the opportunity to find out about the various careers that are available within the Manchester Air Group that includes the East Midlands Airport. Students took part in various interactive activities which included learning how pilots get to learn how to fly and land planes using flight simulators, customer service, security operations hospitality & catering plus many more job opportunities/careers that are available within the airport complex. They also took part in a tour of the airport and had the chance to chat to some of the airport's employees.

Tutor Time programme:

Below is an example of our tutor time programme for this academic year. We deliver this programme from 8.40am - 9.00am every morning with the structure of the day's dependent on what year group students are in. **Parents**, please support the school in ensuring that your child is on time in the morning and maximising their learning opportunities. **Pupils**, please make every effort to improve the life skill of getting to school on-time.

Outline for the week –

Monday: Assembly

Tuesday: Thought for the week/Discussion Topics

Wednesday: Tutor Reads

Thursday: Ready to Learn/Tutor Reads

Friday: Debate

Students Profiled:

Skyla-Brooke A and Leo W are Year 7 students who have started at the City of Derby Academy this September. Below, they share their thoughts and feelings about how the first couple of weeks have gone:

Question: How do you feel that you have settled in at CoDA in the first two weeks of the year?

SBA - It's been good, I have enjoyed my time here so far and I am looking forward to the rest of the year.

LW - It's been very good, iv learned a lot of things. I have found it easy to get around the school and I am looking forward to learning more things.

Question: What subjects have you most enjoyed learning about so far?

SBA - I really like MFL and Technology.

LW - I like Science because I got to use Bunsen Burners and a lot more equipment than I used in Primary School.

What would you say to a Year 6 pupil who was nervous about coming up to Secondary School?

SBA - It is bigger than your old school, but you will find your way around quickly.

LW - It is a lot easier to find your way around than you think.

Have the staff and other students been welcoming?

SBA - Yes, teachers are helpful, especially if you are stuck on a question in a lesson. They always give you their time to help.

LW - If you get lost, teachers help you to the next lesson. Teachers give you second chances if you do something wrong.



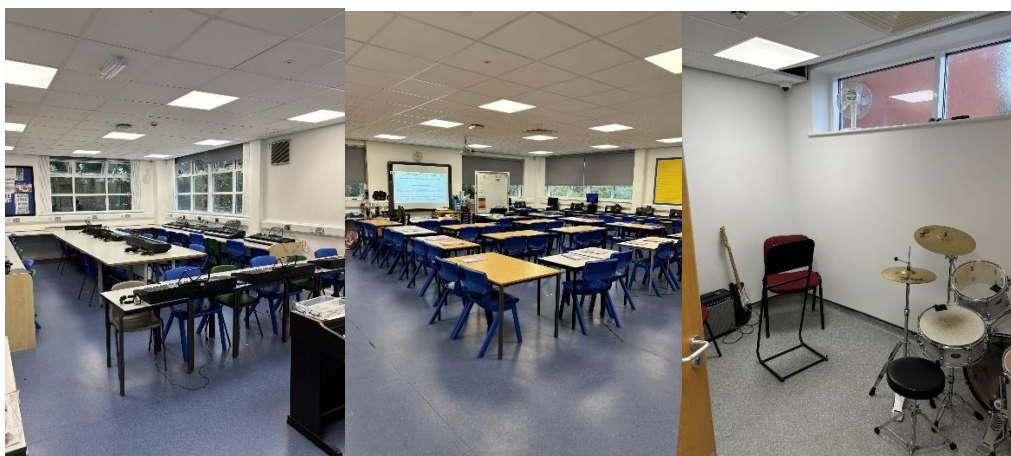
Spotlight on Departments:

This week's department - Music: 

The Music department have moved over to our old CoDA Connect building into what is now our new 'G Hub'. The building has been completely refurbished into a near brand new set of classrooms to enhance our pupils' learning experiences. Head of Music, Mrs Powell has given her thoughts on the move below:

We are really excited to be teaching music in the new G Hub. This space allows us to do so much more, from having music tech in each classroom to running choir in a dedicated space. It also means we have more room for extra-curricular music like bands and orchestras.

We have also just been awarded the schools Music Mark which shows our dedication and commitment to high quality music education.



English Department – Recognition of hard work.

The English department have been really impressed with the work of all students in lessons so far this year. They have been focused, responsible and engaged.

The teachers below would like to recognise the following students for their amazing efforts!

Miss Mallen:

Joana D and Evan in 8AEn1.

10En1 have been outstanding as a collective.

Jasneet K in 11En5.

Miss Davis:

Kaycee- BS

Kaylein CD.

Miss Shahid:

Lorenzo M

Harry P

Kaylsie CD

Miss Duke

Year 7- Mason H and Jessica B

Year 9- Amaya N and Dana S

Year 10- Shakoor A and Harley B

Year 11- Rhema I and Bilal K

Ms Bottinelli:

Kaylon S

Summer H

Ms Wheatley:

Omobalaji K

Ms Eatough:

Milly N

Romeo M

Ms Shepherd

Jake M

Miss Kitchen:

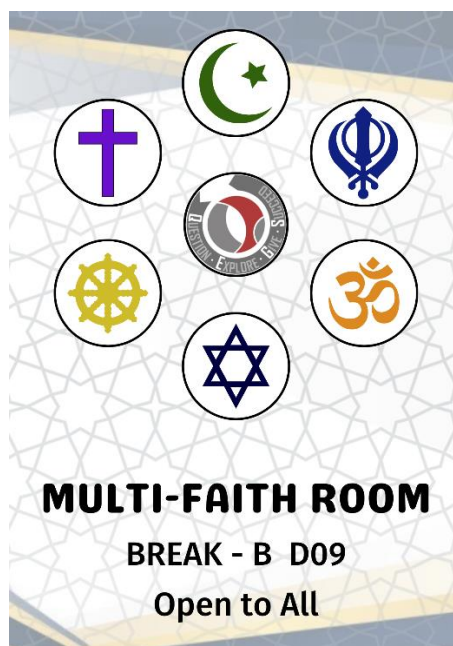
Yr 7 - Areesha Z

Yr 8 - Jessica H

Yr 9 - Blake H

Multi-Faith Room

We are delighted to announce that we have created a Multi-Faith Room in school (D09) where students with different religious beliefs can access this at a **Break B** for prayer or quiet, reflective time. We have members of staff and our Year 11 Prefects on duty at the room to allow pupils quiet time to follow their religious beliefs. The Multi-Faith Room officially opens on Monday 30th September.





Sports Desk:

Preparation has got underway for our Football Fixtures which commence the week beginning the 23rd September. Please see below for a list of upcoming fixtures for each year group:

7	Training and matches on Wednesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th Sept - Tournament at Leesbrook
8	Training and matches on Tuesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Sept Vs Cathedral - Home• 1st Oct - Da Vinci - Home
9	Training and matches on Wednesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th Sept - Bemrose - Away• 2nd Oct - Alvaston Moor - Away
10	Training and matches on Thursday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26th Sept - Cathedral - Home
11	Training and matches on Tuesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Sept Vs Bemrose - Away• 1st Oct - Alvaston Moor - Away

Extra-Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Year 8 Football Training/Matches LKA	Year 7 Football Training/Matches ABU	Year 10 Football Training/Matches EHA	Badminton ABU
	Year 11 Football Training/Matches JPE	Year 9 Football Training/Matches SSI	Girls Football SSI/JPE	
	Dance/Cheerleading EHA	Basketball JPE	Netball LKA	



Year 11 Geography trip to Hornsea

On Wednesday September 18th the Y11 geographers went to Hornsea on the northeast coast. The trip investigated why Hornsea needed coastal defences and what impact these have had on the town and surrounding area. Students worked well gathering their data as they completed a range of fieldwork techniques. Of course there was also some time to enjoy the seaside, sandcastles were built, fish and chips eaten and even a quick trip to the arcades. It was both educational and fun and the students were a credit to the school.



Mrs Exley would also like both students and parents to know that Geography Club is running every Wednesday Break B.

PSHE

We are excited to be teaching CODA student's our PSHE curriculum, the skills and knowledge are vital to improving the life chances of our students.

Year 7 -Implement personal and travel safety strategies, explain how to respond effectively in emergency situations, and apply basic first aid skills.

Year 8 - Explain how to safely use over-the-counter and prescription drugs, promoting positive social norms and attitudes, and where to seek advice and support for substance misuse.

Year 9 - Explain risks relating to substance use, gangs, carrying weapons and the impacts they can have on health and wellbeing and the future.

Year 10 - Explain a range of strategies to appropriately challenge stigma and promote emotional well-being.

Year 11 - Develop a healthy self-concept and implement stress management strategies, including maintaining healthy sleep habits, to cope with daily stress.

- **We also have our careers focus for this half term;**

Year 7 - Lifeguard.

Year 8 - Substance misuse worker.

Year 9 - Police community support officer.

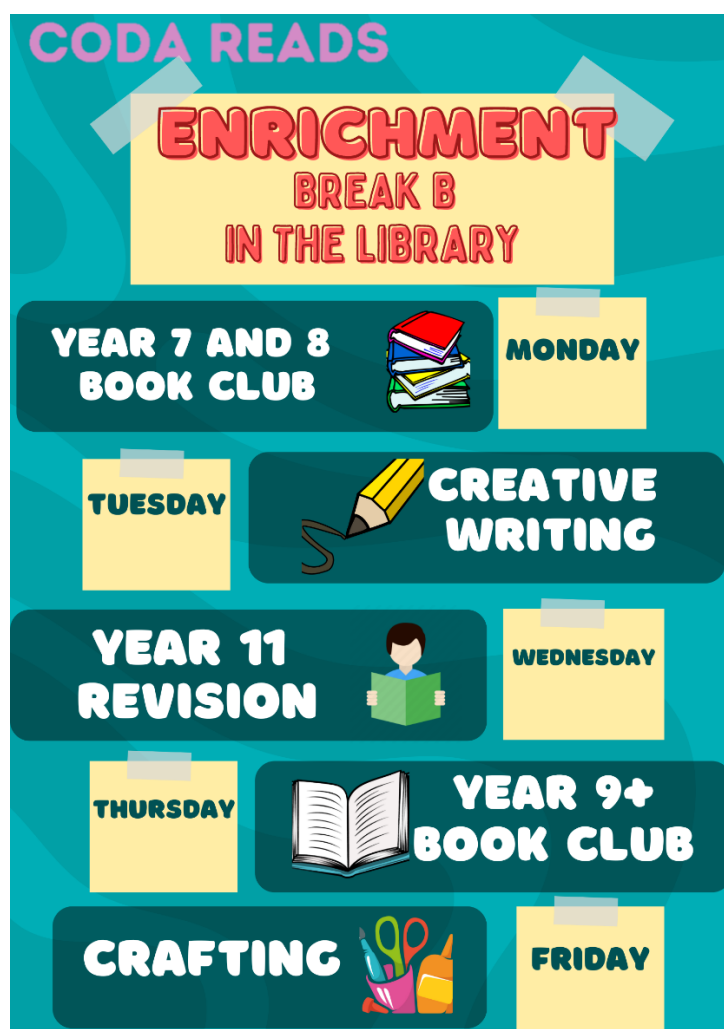
Year 10- Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Practitioner.

Year 11 - Online tutor.

If anyone has any questions please email Miss McQuilton the lead teacher of PSHE - mmcquilton@cityofderbyacademy.org

Library Clubs:

Looking for something fun to do during Break B? The library has launched a fantastic lineup of enrichment clubs this week, and newcomers are always welcome to join in!



Inter-House Competition

On a two-weekly basis, our four Houses (**Clancy**, **Daley**, **Ogogo** & **Adlington** - names of former GB Olympians) compete against each other to see which one has the best attendance and Class Charts ratios. The winning House at the end of each halfterm will be awarded with a non-uniform day and 100 Class Charts points will be

retrospectively awarded to each pupil in that House. Please see the current scores below:

CLANCY - 136

OGOGO - 120

DALEY - 104

ADLINGTON - 126

