



CoDA Chronicles



Academy News:

Attendance News:

Well done to everyone that has been in everyday they can!

Best attended form - 10JS with the highest attendance for the half term in the school.

Best attended year group - Year 7 (only beating year 8 by 0.3% so very close year 8's).

City of Derby Academy Greenpower Team International Success

The team set off from City of Derby Academy at Lunch time on Saturday, the final was at Goodwood, a historic track in West Sussex. We arrived just after 6pm at our accommodation at Lodge Hill. The team enjoyed Pizza and a few games of table football and ping pong. The batteries were stowed away in the airing cupboard to keep them warm!

Arrival at the track was 7:15am so breakfast was consumed quickly and we rolled away at 6:55am. After the disappointing outing at Blyton Park we were hoping for a fantastic result. The car is off-loaded and we headed to scrutineering, the car is checked over carefully to make sure we stick to the rules. Passed!

Practice goes well, with a few laps for most of our drivers. Kaitlin continues to grow in confidence and achieves a lap at nearly 100% throttle! The car is reported as being quite slow, which we are really confused about as it has a step-up in gearing and our nice new speed controller.

Race 1 is an hour and a half long, first stint goes to star driver Conrad who navigates traffic well. Alayna and Cain also have brilliant drives. Our pit stops are fast and we stay out of trouble. We finish 19th out of 47 kit cars. All of the drivers report the car feeling slow, and this is reflected in the lap times – we are slower than last year despite all of our upgrades!

The long lunch break is spent trouble-shooting. Our tyres aren't up to the pressures required – an easy fix. We are also down on power. The throttle wasn't telling the motor controller to go at 100%. Derby Grammar school are brilliant and lend us a drill and a switch, and we set to work fixing the problem. The car is now wired correctly, and we expected to see an improvement for race 2.....

.....and WHAT an improvement. With full throttle we were able to knock a whole minute off our lap time. With 10 laps gone we were in the lead and then disaster struck! Another car crashed, flipped over and the race was red-flagged. This meant the race was never going to be long enough for the distance to beat race 1. After a bad pitstop, City of Derby Academy ended race 2 in 4th place out of 47 Kit cars. Well done to Conrad, Deep, Kaitlin, Alayna, Cain! We will be looking out for new members for the new season, in which we are sure to continue to build on this success.

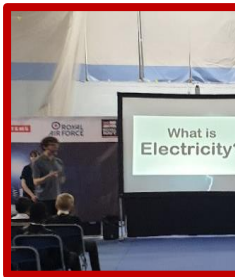
Mr Green, Mr Margett and Miss Goodman would like to thank everyone in the club and all the support given around the school.

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	Pos	Competitor	Laps	Last Lap	Diff
🏁	1	25 FHR 276 Frensham Heights School	13	5:41.193	-
🏁	2	84 QCIFY Mosa-RT	13	5:35.691	31.191
🏁	3	17 Langley Lightning The Langley Senior Sc...	13	5:36.870	32.782
🏁	4	31 CoDA City of Derby Academy	13	5:42.949	1:05.306
🏁	5	23 Phantom Town Close School	13	5:43.032	1:08.124

Year 7 & 8 STEM Workshop

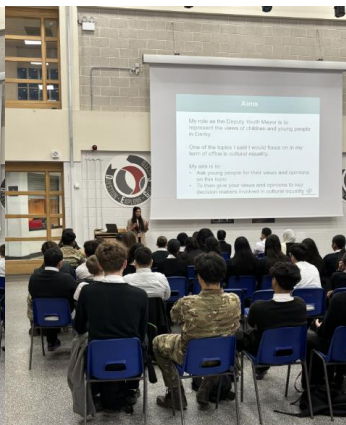
MGA in collaboration with BAE Systems, The Royal Air Force, and The Royal Navy came into deliver to our Year 7 and 8 students an engaging roadshow that is celebrating STEM across Britain and the various careers available within the Royal Navy and Royal Airforce.

The theme of the workshops was electricity. The workshops explored what electricity is and how we generate it. The presenters used multimedia and



Derby City Deputy Youth Mayor visits CoDA!

The Derby City Deputy Youth Mayor visited CoDA to deliver a workshop on Cultural Equality in Derby City. She was keen to get our students views on how they feel about the subject and what initiatives they would like to see for young people in Derby. The CoDA pupils worked together to come up with a number of exciting ideas including an 'online forum' for Cultural Equality that the Youth Mayor was keen to take back to her peers at the Council.



Science News:

The Science department would like to share the variety of subjects we are covering this half term from year 7 to year 11. Keep up the great work!



CoDA Choir News:

The CoDA Chromatics choir has been asked to perform at our Inset day. This is a great opportunity for our students to meet other musicians in the trust and to showcase their talents in front of the other trust schools.

The new woodwind and brass teachers have begun their lessons and still have spaces available Please ask Mrs Powell for a letter. Guitar and drum lessons are full, and there is a waiting list.

Our Winter concert will be Wednesday 11th December at 5:30pm - it is a great opportunity for parents, family, and friends to see the amazing talent we have at CoDA.

East Midlands Readathon:

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 pupils who contributed a near 40,000 minutes read in the East Midlands Readathon! Derby were victorious in the battle of the cities!

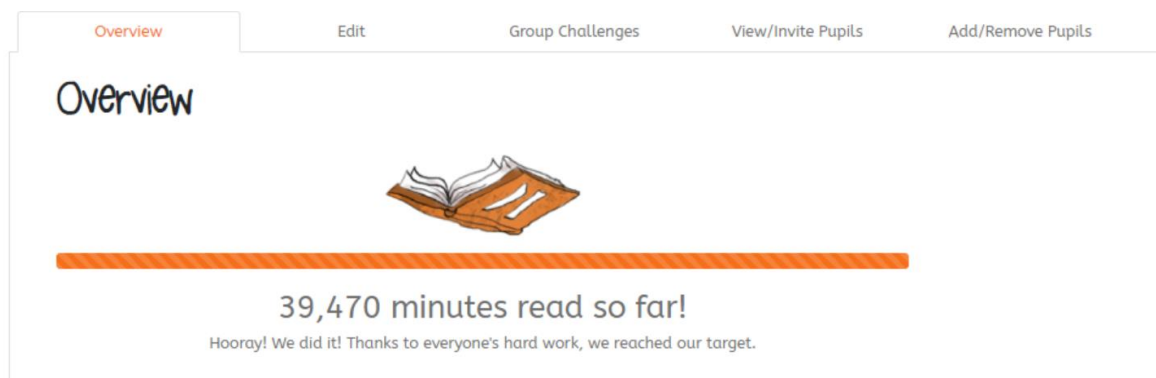
Congratulations to our winner ...

DERBY!!!

Totals received:

Derby – **581,485** minutes

Nottingham – **257,970** minutes



The Academy Council meet....

Our Academy Council met last week to discuss a number of topics that the students had set themselves. Lead by our Head Students Mohammed H and Hermione P, the group made up of 2 representatives from each year group discussed students views on the new Catering company, Rewards, Well Being and potentially changing our House names. Mr Bult is going to meet with Mr Harding and Mr Meehan to discuss where we can make improvements to the school that our students would like.



Spotlight on Departments:



This week's department - PE:

The PE department is one of our school's busiest area's both during the day and after school.

Pupils in KS3 are currently participating in activities such as Football, Netball, Dance, Gymnastics and Badminton. KS4 pupils are participating in Football, Tag Rugby, Trampolining and Netball.

After school clubs are thriving and our Extra Curricular Timetable can be found at the bottom of the 'Sports Desk' in this blog.

We have had some successes in our school football team games with our Year 9's and Year 7's being victorious in games so far this year. Our Year 7's were also unbeaten in their tournament last week.

Option Subjects:

The Y10 Sports Studies group have just started their R187 - Outdoor Adventurous Activities coursework. They are working well and are focused each lesson. They must talk about 3 different activities and explain where we can do them in Derby and the UK and what clothing and equipment is needed for each activity.

The Y11 Sports Studies group have just started their R184 topic which is their exam topic. They are tackling changing from coursework to exam work but are all adapting well and working hard in the classroom as well as at home to get their target grades.

Y10 Dance

Currently the Y10 dancers are learning Bob Fosse's 'All That Jazz' dance and creating their own jazz dances to 'Feeling Good' by Micheal Buble'. In their theory lessons they are learning about the different roles and responsibilities within the dance industry.

Y11 Dance

Currently the Y11's have been completing their second component and been learning a dance based on womens rights from the musical Sylvia. They have been working tirelessly to perfect the movements and prepare for their performance to some Y8's.

Y11 Dance Trip - Sheffield to see Hairspray

Every year students that take Dance as an option have the opportunity to go to the theatre to watch a show. This year on the 17th of October they went to watch Hairspray. The students loved it and behaved extremely well. They were a credit to the school. For some of the students it was their first time going to a theatre show and they loved it and would definitely go again!

Dance Afterschool Club

Every week on a Tuesday we have Dance club. Mrs Hardie is really happy with the number of children attending every Tuesday. Mrs Hardie is looking forward to doing shows with the lovely group of students that have been regularly coming. Big shoutout to Ruby H, Alexis I, Elise L and Jessica S who have been coming every week for the past three years.

Our Year 10 and 11 GCSE PE groups are both working hard. The Year 11's are preparing for their Mock Exam after halfterm with the Year 10's having only just started their course, learning about Lever Systems and Planes of Movement in the body.



Sports Desk:

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">• County Cup game Vs John Port TBA after halfterm.
8	Training and matches on Tuesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22nd Oct - Leesbrook - Away
9	Training and matches on Wednesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23rd Oct - Cathedral - Away
10	Training and matches on Thursday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Oct - UTC - Away
11	Training and matches on Tuesday's: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22nd Oct - Alvaston Moor - Home

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	



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.

We are about to start the next topics within PSHE;

Year 7 -Develop enterprising skills, including problem-solving, communication, teamwork, leadership, risk-management, and creativity, to enhance personal and professional qualities.

Year 8 - Describe equality, equity, and discrimination, and recognise and appropriately challenge stereotypes and discrimination in work settings.

Year 9 - Transfer skills, abilities, and interests, and their relevance to different types of pathway to employment.

Year 10 -Explain how to effectively budget and evaluate savings options to achieve financial stability.

Year 11 - Utilise feedback constructively to plan for the future and set SMART targets for personal and professional development.

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

Year 7 - Business advisor.

Year 8 - Equalities officer.

Year 9 - Life coach

Year 10- Enforcement agent

Year 11 - Higher education lecturer

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

Inter-House Competition

The Inter-House Competition is hotting up with only 1 week to go to find out which House gets the non-uniform day after halfterm. See below for the current scores:

CLANCY - 342

OGOGO - 346

DALEY - 284

ADLINGTON - 344

