



CoDA Chronicles



Academy News:



Everyone at the City of Derby Academy would like to take the opportunity to wish our whole community a Happy New Year.

Attendance Update:

Congratulations to **year 10** who have had the highest attendance this half term. They beat year 7 by 0.1%.

Our top attending forms for the half term before Christmas were:

11AO

10JS

9SM

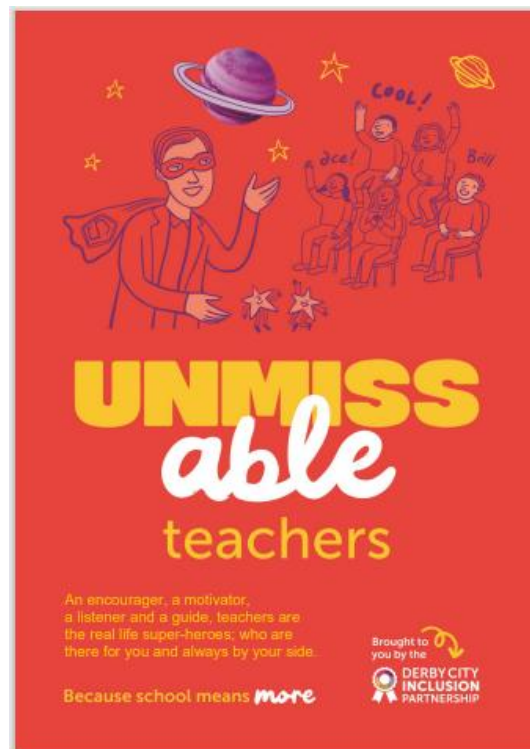
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7LD

Each form group received a box of chocolates.

Congratulations to **Hanna B** in year 11 won the prize draw for 100% attendance in the last week.

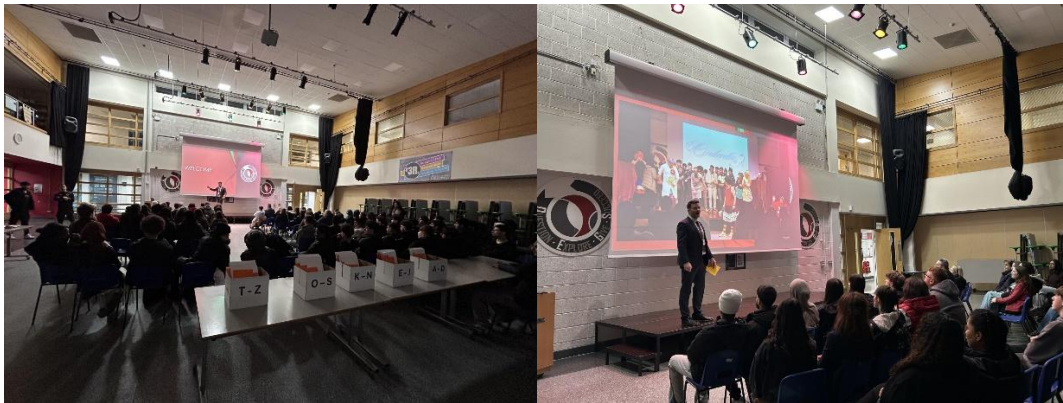
Keep an eye out in 2025 for new and improved attendance recognition awards.



Year 11 2023/24 Awards Evening:

On Monday 9th December we welcomed back our 'Class of 2024' Year 11 pupils to celebrate their successes from last summers GCSE exams and to collect their GCSE certificates.

It was wonderful to see so many of the pupils coming back to school to share memories of CoDA and let us know about their next steps on their educational journey!



Music Winter Concert:

On Wednesday 11th December we held out annual Winter Concert where we celebrated the talents of a number of our students in Music, Singing and Dance.

It was amazing to see the confidence and skill of our young people who were awarded with a packed audience who were watching them.

A big thank you to Mrs Hardie, Miss Haywood and Mr Stevenson for their dedication, and not forgetting our wonderful site team for setting up and packing away. Thank you also to members of SLT who came to support our students.

Rewards Assemblies:

Before Christmas, we celebrated the successes of pupils in all of our year groups though 'Rewards Assemblies'. Pupils in each year group were recognised for:

- Best in subjects (all subjects).
- 100% Attendance.
- Top 3 Class Charts points in each year group.
- Best Citizen's (awarded by individual form tutors).
- Head and Deputy Head of Year awards.

Congratulations to all of the pupils who received awards!



English Trip to see Christmas Carol:

On Tuesday 3rd December, Miss Duke took 47 students to Derby theatre to see 'A Christmas Carol'. They behaved fantastically and everyone had a great day out. Students returned very excited about the performance, giving feedback to other staff on what they saw.



Extra-Curricular at CoDA:

Year 11 Revision Clubs:

	TUESDAY 3:10-4:10	WEDNESDAY 3:10-4:10	THURSDAY 3:10-4:10	FRIDAY 3:10-3:40
WEEK 1	Maths	X,Y,Z Option	English Language	Science
WEEK 2	Science	X,Y,Z Option	English Literature	Maths

Look out for an updated PE extra-curricular timetable coming soon...



Spotlight on Departments:



This week's department - 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 for Spring 1;

Year 7 - Explain how to appropriately challenge prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination, and recognise the signs and effects of all types of bullying.

Year 8 - Identify gender identity and gender-based discrimination and explain how to develop self-worth and confidence in oneself.

Year 9 - Evaluate positive relationships within the home and appraise strategies to prevent homelessness among young people.

Year 10 - Evaluate the opportunities and risks associated with forming relationships online and demonstrate knowledge of safe and responsible online behaviour and to appropriately respond to coercion and exploitation.

Year 11 - Describe how to communicate assertively and effectively to express wants and needs in relationships and explain how to manage unwanted attention, including appropriately challenging harassment and stalking.

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

Year 7 - Family Support Worker

Year 8 - Human Resources Officer

Year 9 - Family Mediator

Year 10 - Forensic Computer Analyst

Year 11 - Health Visitor

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

Activities Day:

On Friday 13th December, all of the pupils in our school who had achieved a 95% ratio on Class Charts were rewarded with the opportunity to take part in some fun activities during Period 4 and 5.

Activities offered included Silent Disco, Retro Gaming, Movies and Snacks, Inflatable Fun, Arts and Crafts and many more.

It was wonderful to see all of the pupils having fun and enjoying these enrichment activities and we look forward to our next Activities Day coming up in the next few months.

Pupils who did not achieve their 95% on this occasion participated in some reflection tasks designed to help them achieve it next time.



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:

Congratulations to **OGOGO** house who have won the non-uniform day for having the highest combined Class Charts points and Attendance percentage for last halfterm.

CLANCY - 364

OGOGO - 388

DALEY - 324

ADLINGTON - 372



New House names:

Over the first halfterm of this academic year, the school community decided that we would change the names of our Houses to something more 'up to date'. Our previous House names are based off of 2012 GB Olympians, so we decided to put the idea of new House names to the Academy Council.

Students decided on some themes that they may like the new House names to come from and in collaboration with the school's staff, '**Values**' was decided upon to choose the House names from.

The school community was then 'polled' to choose some values beginning with each of the letters of CODA and each form group voted on which value that they would like to have as representation for their House moving forward.

After counting the votes, the new House names are...

Courage
Optimism
Dedication
Ambition

Over the coming weeks, we will be developing 'House Crests' which we are going to ask our students to help design. Keep a lookout for more information about this!