



CoDA Chronicles



Attendance Update:

Great return to school this half term with overall attendance at 91.7%.

Year 11 are highest with attendance over 93%. This will make a difference to those grades. Keep it up!

8 DT - are the highest current form in the school with an unbelievable 99.2%.

Reminder of the email absence address -
absence@cityofderbyacademy.org

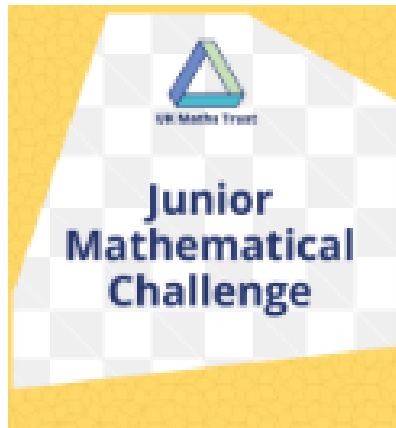
Congratulations to all those who won vouchers in the attendance rewards before Easter. We hope you enjoyed it as they were brought back by student voice!

Keep being HERO's everyone.



UK Junior Maths Challenge 2025!

Mrs Bennett entered 90 of our Year 7's and 8's into the UK Junior Maths Challenge last week. We eagerly await to see how we have done in the competition and will hopefully be able to update the school community soon!



Well-Being Ambassador Programme:

We have launched a Well-Being Programme at CoDA aimed at improving our students' experiences at school. Around our school are four red post-boxes which students can write any concerns that they have and post them inside. Our ambassadors will collect the slips and support the students in the best way possible.

We are also running a lunchtime drop-in session on a Break B in F02 every Thursday.

Our ambassadors have completed training with Mr Bult and Ms Masi and are listed below:

Kaycee S, Katelin E-P, Levi T, Liam H, Mahi L, Thejaswini P, Rhiannon M, Elsie U, Anjali G, Sharnaya B-J, Amaya N, Kaylein C, Simardip S and Simran P.

Year 11 GCSE Exams:

Our Year 11 students will be starting their GCSE Exams from the week beginning the 5th May. A timetable of the first 3 weeks of exams is pictured below:

SUMMER 2025 GCSE EXAMS TIMETABLE

		WEEK 1				
AM Entry Method		Exam Start 9:15 P1	P2	PM Entry Method P3	Exam Start 1:30 PM P4	P5
Students to make sure that electronic devices are off and in their bag. Students to go to hall before being instructed to go to exam rooms. Bags and outdoor wear placed in the open lockers provided. Examiners will direct students to their seat. Calculators and equipment will be provided. Students will go back to their timetabled lesson when the exam is finished.						
Monday, 05 May						
Tuesday, 06 May						
Wednesday, 07 May						
Thursday, 08 May				12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	German Listening & Reading F - 45m IGCSE Reading & Writing - 1hr	
Friday, 09 May				12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	Business Studies - Investigating Small Business - 1hr45	

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Monday, 12 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - E Eatough	English Literature Paper 1				
Tuesday, 13 May	8:40 Registration 8:55 Hall >	Religious Studies - 1hr45m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	Biology P1 H&F - 1hr15m	
Wednesday, 14 May	8:40 Registration 8:55 Hall >	Geography Paper 1 - 1hr30m			Sports Studies : Contemporary Issues in Sport - 1hr15m	
Thursday, 15 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - C Howell	Mathematics Paper 1 H&F - 1hr30m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	German Writing F - 1hr	
Friday, 16 May	8:40 Registration 8:55 Hall >	History - Medicine in Britain - 1hr20m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	Business Studies - Building a Business - 1hr45m	

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Monday, 19 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - E Williams	Chemistry P1 H&F - 1hr15m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	PE - Physical Factors affecting Performance - 1hr Urdu - Reading & Listening H - 1hr Food and Cookery - 1hr30m	
Tuesday, 20 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - E Eatough	English Literature P2 - 2hr15m				
Wednesday, 21 May	8:40 Registration 8:55 Hall >	French Listening & Reading F - 45m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	Religious Studies P2A - 1hr45m	
Thursday, 22 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - E Williams	Physics P1 H&F - 1hr15m		12:55 Hall Lunch & Revision > On call 2 in hall	Health and Social Care IGCSE Listening - 50m Arabic Reading & Listening - 1hr5m	
Friday, 23 May	8:40 Assembly start > PEP - E Eatough	English Language P1 - 1hr45m				

Year 7/8 Parents Evening:

Our Year 7 and 8 Parents Evening is taking place on **Thursday 8th May**.

All students in school will finish at the end of Period 4 and go home. Students will be able to collect food from the canteen before they leave.

Parents of Year 7 and 8 students will be able to meet their teachers from **14.30pm until 18.00pm**.

All Year 7 and 8 students have been given appointment slips where they can arrange times to speak to their individual teachers.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Mr Bult, Mrs Goodman or Mr Smithson at the school.

Science Department News:

Important revision:

All year 11 students have been e-mailed links to revision quizzes, fact sheets and exam questions. If anyone in Year 11 wants paper copies of the revision, they should see Mrs Williams or Mrs Pickard.

Science Revision June 2025

- ❖ Each week fact sheets, exam questions and online quizzes will be e-mailed to you – come and ask for paper copies if you want them
- ❖ Memorise the fact sheets, do the online quiz to practice, do the exam questions and mark them
- ❖ See Mrs Williams if you want to do after school revision and have not yet been given a day for revision
- ❖ Aim for 30 minutes, 4 times a week (most weeks have 3 topics, so do 1 topic in each session and for the last one, go back over the parts that were hardest or do the exam questions)

Week beginning	What to revise	Which exam this is for	
Monday 10 th March	Forces <i>Forces and movement</i>	Physics paper 2 <i>Physics paper 2</i>	
Monday 17 th March	Cells Plants <i>Inheritance</i>	Biology paper 1 Biology paper 1 <i>Biology paper 2</i>	
Monday 24 th March	Atoms & Periodic Table Reactions <i>Rates</i>	Chemistry paper 1 Chemistry paper 1 <i>Chemistry paper 2</i>	
Monday 31 st March	Particles Energy Radiation	Physics paper 1 Physics paper 1 Physics paper 1	
Monday 7 th April and Monday 14 th April (Holiday)	Human organ systems Disease <i>Nerves & hormones</i>	Biology paper 1 Biology paper 1 <i>Biology paper 2</i>	
Monday 21 st April	Ionic bonding and electrolysis Covalent bonding <i>Organic chemistry</i>	Chemistry paper 1 Chemistry paper 1 <i>Chemistry paper 2</i>	
Monday 28 th April	Electricity Radiation (again!)	Physics paper 1 Physics paper 1	
Monday 5 th May	Cells Human organ systems Disease Plants	ALL OF BIOLOGY PAPER 1 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Bio Paper 1 Tuesday 13 th May
Monday 12 th May	Atoms & Periodic Table Reactions Ionic bonding & electrolysis Covalent & metallic bonding	ALL OF CHEMISTRY PAPER 1 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Chem Paper 1 Monday 19 th May

Monday 19 th May	Particles Energy Electricity Radiation	ALL OF PHYSICS PAPER 1 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Phys Paper 1 Thursday 22 nd May
Monday 26 th May (Holiday)	Atmosphere Resources Waves Magnets	Chemistry paper 2 Chemistry paper 2 Physics paper 2 Physics paper 2	
Monday 2 nd June	Nerves & hormones Inheritance Evolution Ecology	ALL OF BIOLOGY PAPER 2 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Bio Paper 2 Monday 9 th June
Mon 9 th June (you are so close to finishing 🥰)	Rates Organic chemistry Atmosphere Resources	ALL OF CHEMISTRY PAPER 2 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Chem Paper 2 Friday 13 th June
Sat 14 th and Sun 15 th June	Forces Forces and movement Waves Magnets	ALL OF PHYSICS PAPER 2 - Check fact sheets - Complete and mark the past paper - Extra exam questions on teams	EXAM: Phys Paper 2 Monday 16 th June
Monday 16 th June	Nothing! You have finished science 😊 Hopefully it will be sunny and you can enjoy a well earned break in the sunshine ☀️☀️☀️		

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

We currently have a number of other interventions taking place during registration time to support our Year 11 students with preparation for their exams.



PE After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	All Years Football JPE	Basketball JPE	Inter-House Competitions ABU	Badminton ABU
	Volleyball LKA		GCSE PE LKA	
	Dance/Cheerleading EHA		Sports Studies SSI	
	Dodgeball SSI		Athletics EHA / JPE	



Academy Cadets:

Before Easter, 33 members of CODA CCF deployed to Leek Training Area in the Staffordshire Moorlands for their Spring Camp.

Over 24 hours they were subjected to rain, hail, frost and sun, all whilst undertaking a number of activities including a first aid exercise, navigation with map and compass, escape and evasion, cooking in the field and a night exercise.

All of our Cadets took full advantage of the camp putting in maximum effort for the duration. A special mention needs to go to some of our senior Cadets,

Cdt

Sgt Connor L

Cdt

SSgt Tanpuneet S

Cdt

SSgt Decosta M

who delivered training to our junior Cadets on Friday afternoon.

Behaviour was excellent and the coach was that quite on the way home even Lt. Zoe Wheatley was able to have a nap on the way back!

If you do see any of our cadets tomorrow, please congratulate them for their efforts - also feel free to ask them about the dead sheep!



I would just like to share with you a few successes from this Term.

In addition to those who took part in Ex Spring Warrior, the following qualifications have been gained by Cadets at CODA:

- 2x Basic Navigation passes
- 4x Drill and Turnout passes
- 18x Fieldcraft passes
- 20x Basic CIS (Radio and Signals) passes
- 10x 1* CIS (Radio and Signals) passes
- 18x St Johns Ambulance Youth First Aid Course (equivalent to 3 day adult FAAW)

That is an amazing **72** improvements to life chances in a term!

Our Running total for this year is **204 qualifications**.... Last year, our cadets gained **176**!

As I have said before, the quality of training our young people gain would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated Cadet Forces Adult Volunteers and the wider support of the school community. To those that make Cadets at CODA happen, Thank you.

Kind regards,
Capt. Timmins



Spotlight on Departments:

This week's department - Music:



I am exciting to introduce you to our new music teacher Mr Heneghan who will be starting at CODA at May Half Term. Mr Heneghan grew up in Normanton and has been a music teacher for almost 5 years. He is currently working in another local school and is looking forward to starting in his new school soon.

This half term is very busy for the music department as we prepare the GCSE Music students for their performance recordings. Each student has to perform at least 3 minutes of solo performance and ensemble. This forms 30% of the final grade.

The year 10s are also busy beginning practice sessions for their Non-exam assessment coursework which is done in controlled conditions from September. This forms 30% of the final grade.

Year 7 students are looking at world music, exploring music from different places around the world including Bhangra, African drumming, and Chinese traditional music.

Year 8 students are learning about Samba, the music of the Rio carnival. They are looking at the links between Brazil and African slaves and how the Favelas have influenced this music.

Year 9 are doing Ukulele skills along with careers in music and the influence of social media on music.

If you would like to learn a musical instrument, please ask Mrs Powell.

PE Department News!

In Year 10 and 11 PE lessons, our students have recently been taking part in 1st Aid courses and Disability Sports to widen their experiences of Physical Activity and Sports outside of our normal curriculum.

The students have enjoyed taking part in Boccia, Seated Volleyball, Blind Football and Inclusive Dance.



PSHE Update:

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 Summer 1;

Year 7 - Identify qualities and behaviours of positive relationships, explain how to recognise unhealthy relationships, and strategies to evaluate expectations for romantic relationships

Year 8 - Explain what consent is, the laws that apply, and justify the importance of clear communication and gaining consent and Identify appropriate contraception to stay healthy and safe.

Year 9 - Recognise the consequences of unprotected sex and the importance of practicing safer sex through effective use of condoms and negotiation.

Year 10 - Recognise signs of extremism and radicalisation, and effectively respond to such behaviours.

Year 11 - Identify and describe fertility variations and changes, explore the processes of pregnancy, birth, and miscarriage, and explain their implications for family planning and reproductive health.

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

Yr7 Building
relationships.

Occupational
Therapist

Yr8 Identity and
relationships.

Victim Care Officer
<u>Yr9 Intimate relationships.</u>
Health Promotion Specialist
<u>Yr10 Addressing extremism and radicalisation.</u> - Royal Marines Commando
<u>Yr11 Families.</u> Religious Leader

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

Ms McQuilton

Inter-House Competition:

On a two-weekly basis, our four Houses (**Courage**, **Optimism**, **Determination**, & **Ambition**) 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:

The winners of the Spring 2 Halfterm competition were **COURAGE** HOUSE who will enjoy their non-uniform day on **Tuesday 6th May**.

The first set of scores for Summer 1 are as follows:

COURAGE - 90

OPTIMISM - 92

DETERMINATION - 76

AMBITION - 74

