



CoDA Chronicles

Attendance Update:

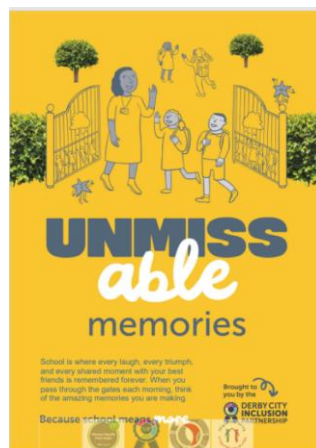
Mr Sandor will be in all the reward assemblies with his wheel of fortune so that all students that achieved 95% + attendance or who were nominated as attending every day they could - vouchers are primed and ready!



The highest attending year group for this half term are year 7 who are at an amazing 94%. Well done!

The highest for group is 7HD with a staggering 96.3% attendance. 7 LD are hot on their heels with 95.9% as are 9PT with 95.8%.

Keep up the great work!



Staff Leaving!

We have 3 very valued members of staff leaving CoDA at Easter.

Mrs Eames - Referral Room Manager

Mr Birkinshaw - Maths Teacher

Mr Stevenson - Music Teacher

We wish all three members of staff the very best for their future endeavours!



Year 10 Mock Interviews:

Year 10 Mock Interview Event

We held our annual Year 10 Mock Interview Event on Friday 21st March here at City of Derby Academy. By taking part in the event, our Year 10 students will have gained valuable preparation and experience for their futures gaining important employability skills.

The feedback was fantastic from the employers who attended the event. All of the interviewers were very complimentary about the school and the students. Some great conversations were held with our amazing Year 10s. One Rolls Royce employer stated that "My favourite take away from the day was chatting with a student who had decided to put more focus on her studies and aspires to become a paramedic... despite her shaky start, her resilience and maturity was a credit to her and the support the school gives their students"

Our students were exemplary, well prepared, polite and engaging so a huge well done to our Year 10s!

Our special thanks goes out to the business volunteers that included Rolls Royce, Severn Trent and other long term supporters of our school who were involved in the event. We could not hold such an important event without them.



One of the employers from Rolls Royce wrote this blogpost on their LinkedIn website:

I'm privileged that part of my Enterprise Advisor role is being involved with skills building sessions for students. We held our annual Mock interview event on Friday 21st March at City of Derby Academy involving 148 Year 10s. Some great conversations were held with amazing young people who will benefit from building extra

confidence through doing this important employability skills activity. My favourite take-away from the day was chatting with a student who had decided to put more focus on her studies and aspires to become a paramedic... despite her shaky start, her resilience and maturity was a credit to her and the support the school gives their students. 🙌🙌🙌 Special thanks to business volunteers from Rolls Royce, Severn Trent and long-term supporters of the school Sue B, Jeff H and to Paul S/June M for their hospitality and organisation from the school. If anyone has the opportunity to get involved in this sort of activity, it's so rewarding seeing such a difference it makes. If anyone would like to join us next March...get in touch 😊

Music Department News:

Instruments of the orchestra

Year 7 have been learning about instruments of the orchestra including brass instruments. If you would like to learn to play a musical instrument, please see Mrs Powell.



GCSE Music Opera Trip:

Mrs Powell and Miss Baker took 10 year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students to see a performance of *The Magic Flute* by Mozart at the Theatre Royal in Nottingham. Our students behaved impeccably and enjoyed seeing live music performed, especially something so different.

Mrs Powell was incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves all day, especially in a big city that not many of them had visited before.



Science Department News:

Important revision news:

Year 11 Science revision this week is chemistry. 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
	Year 8 & 9 Football JPE / SSI	Year 7 Football ABU	Year 10 & 11 Football JPE	Badminton ABU
	Volleyball LKA	Basketball JPE	GCSE PE LKA	
	Dance/Cheerleading EHA		Sports Studies SSI	
			Fitness EHA	



School Football this half-term

Our Year 7's rounded off the Football fixtures for this halfterm with a 3-0 win over Landau.

Goals from Xavier H (2) and Theo M saw them over the line to record the impressive win.





Spotlight on Departments:



This week's department - Art:

Our students are currently studying the following in their Art lessons:

Year 7:

Term 3- The Natural world

- Shape-Flowers and insects
- Tone- white pencil observational drawing
- Colour- Sandra Rede
- Texture- Vincent Van Gogh
- Pattern insects- Hannah Davies

Year 8:

Term 3- Fantasy

- Shapes and characters- understanding how to use basic shapes to create characters
- Mythical creatures- using shape and tone to create realistic mythical creatures drawings.
- Fantasy mushroom- using creativity and observational drawings to create their own fantasy much- using pencil crayon to show blending and colours being creative with colour.
- Texture- applying realistic textures through mark-making to create a textured fantasy house- using basic shapes to create an interesting shaped buildings.
- Clay- create a fantasy clay outcome- experiment with using clay and painting it with interesting colours.
- Justin Escourt- observing the work of an artist and creating their own fantasy landscape using white pencil on black card.
- Composition- developing ideas to produce their own fantasy composition- combining ideas from throughout the project.

Year 9:

Term 3- Science in Nature

- Using line to create intricate line drawings of cells.
- Practice using pen to create different textures and mark-making. - link to A02
- Applying texture using pen to botanical drawings.
- Learn who Ernst Haeckel is and how his work links to project. - Link to A01
- Create a mixed media outcome of botanical sea life. - Link to A02
- Design and create a research page on Leonardo DaVinci - Link to A02
- Create an observational pencil drawing of anatomy- linking to DaVinci's work. - Link to A03
- Create a micro drawing of intricate patterns of dragons fly wings using watercolor and pen. - Link to A02/3
- Create an observational pencil crayon drawing of a insect- recapping pencil crayon blending from year 8.
- Experiment with mono-printing with patterns in nature. -Link to A02
- Design and produce a final outcome, combining ideas from the project. Students can use a range of preferred different media and images - A04

France Trip!

Bonjour tout le monde,

Four members of staff took 25 pupils across year groups 7-10 to France for 2 days.

It has been a brilliant trip and full credit to our students who really came together as a group and made the trip really special.

We all came away feeling that every single pupil has really benefitted culturally, has seen how life is in another corner of the world and has attempted some French!!!

Many, many thanks to all the staff who worked hard to make the trip happen.



GCSE Sports Studies Trip:

Miss Silverman and Mr Perry too our year 10 sports studies class to Carsington waters for part of their Sports Studies Outdoor Adventurous Activities module. The boys were great and Miss Silverman attached some pictures and the three best quotes for the day.

JD - "We look like the avengers or something"

Ahmed - "You're doing it Farhan"


Karol - "I've had bare fun today"

They did us proud yesterday!



Easter School:

We are running a number of revision sessions for our Year 11's over the Easter Holidays. Please see the attached timetable for details.



Easter Holiday School

Book in with your teacher, meet them at the front of school to sign in

	Easter Holiday Week 1					
	9-10am	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm
Monday, 07 April	Food NEA AHO	Food NEA AHO	Food NEA AHO	iMedia NEA LSt	iMedia NEA LSt	iMedia NEA LSt
Tuesday, 08 April	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art SBI & KWI
Wednesday, 09 April	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ & EHA Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI	HSC NEA MMQ CC NEA MMQ Art RTE & KWI
Thursday, 10 April		English Romeo and Juliet Revision EEA History EPA & HLE	Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Romeo and Juliet Revision EEA History EPA & HLE	Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Christmas Carol Revision EEA	Maths DBL D11 ADO D16 English Christmas Carol Revision EEA	
Friday, 11 April						
	Easter Holiday Week 2					
	9-10am	10-11am	11-12pm	12-1pm	1-2pm	2-3pm
Monday, 14 April	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	iMedia NEA LSt DT NEA Tma Y10 Engineering NEA JGr	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & Tma Y11 Construction B15 RGO	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & Tma Y11 Construction B15 RGO	Y11 Engineering NEA JGr & Tma Y11 Construction B15 RGO
Tuesday, 15 April		French & German EN & MM	French & German EN & MM	French & German EN & MM		
Wednesday, 16 April	Music CPO	Music CPO	Music CPO	Music CPO		
Thursday, 17 April	Closed					
Friday, 18 April	Closed					

PSHE Update:

SUML1

Our students are moving onto a new section of learning in their PSHE lessons. See below for what each year group will be learning after Easter.

Y7SU1L1 - Explain how to develop self-worth, self-efficacy and recognise and how to appropriately challenge media stereotypes.

Y8SU2L1 - Identify safe online communication and social networking sites and explain how to make responsible decisions about online presence, including assessing media sources to identify biased or misleading information.

Y9SU1L1 - Understand sexual readiness and the importance of informed consent, including the right to withdraw consent and the misconceptions surrounding it.

Y10SU1L1 - Apply principles of inclusion and diversity to prevent extremism and appropriately challenge discrimination.

Y11SU1L1 - Identify and describe the diversity of family structures in contemporary society and evaluate positive parenting qualities and readiness for parenthood.

Careers;

Year 7 - Building Relationships - Occupational Therapist.

Year 8 - Identity and Relationships - Victim Care Officer.

Year 9 - Intimate Relationships - Health Promotion Specialist.

Year 10 - Addressing Extremism and Radicalisation - Royal Marine Commando

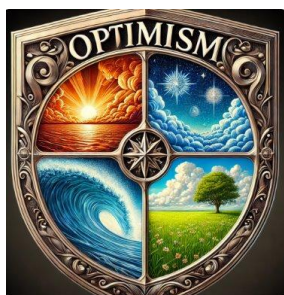
Year 11 - Families - Religious Leader

Ms McQuilton

House Shield/Crest Competition:



COURAGE - Designed by Haliyah T - Year 7



OPTIMISM - Designed by Katelin EP - Year 8



DETERMINATION - Designed by Apparjot K -
Year 7



AMBITION - Designed by Marc D - Year 7

The competition to design new Shields/Crests for our Houses concluded recently with each form group in the school voting from a selection of different designs. The winning entries are above.

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:

At the end of this week we will crown the latest winners of our halftermly House competition. It is very close between **COURAGE** and **OPTIMISM** to see who wins the non-uniform day after Easter!

COURAGE - 194

OPTIMISM - 198

DETERMINATION - 158

AMBITION - 144

