



## CoDA Chronicles



### Attendance Update:

Congratulations to everyone that has attended this week, despite the hot and sweaty conditions!

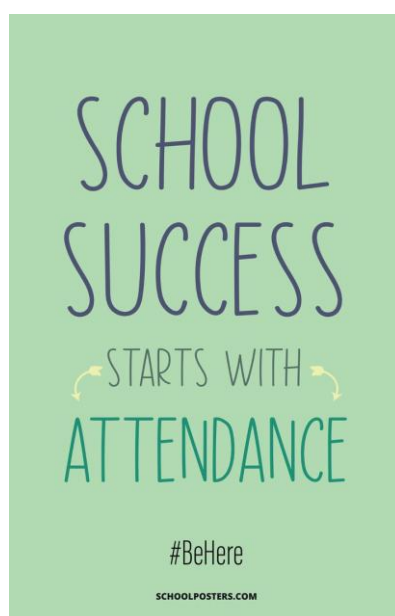
Year 8 currently have the highest overall attendance for this half term with Year 7 only 0.3% behind.

9SM has the highest form attendance in the school with an amazing 96.1%.

We would like to thank all the year 8 parents that came to our drop-in attendance session on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

As always, any attendance questions or concerns please contact either your pastoral team or myself.

Mrs Bruce - [jbruce@cityofderbyacademy](mailto:jbruce@cityofderbyacademy) - attendance champion



## Gypsy, Roma and Traveller History Month.

Every year, during the month of June, people are encouraged to join together and celebrate the diversity and richness that Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities bring to the UK.

This month Mrs Nielsen and group of year 10 students have helped to organise

- Cultural music at change over
- A food tasting event
- An assembly discussing Roma culture
- A video showcasing students creating a Roma fairy tale
- The opportunity for a group of students to speak to MP Baggy Shanker
- Bead crafts in the Library every Friday Break B
- Display monitor around school with Roma role models



### Year 11 GCSE Exams:

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have just finished their exams!

We are very proud of them and will miss them very much!

They have enjoyed a Leavers Assembly on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June where they celebrated all of the good times that they have had over their five years at CoDA.

They will also be enjoying their Prom night on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 'The Yard' at Pride Park.



### Year 10 Mock Exams:

Congratulations also goes to our Year 10 students who have had their first round of mock exams which are designed to help them prepare for their real GCSE exams in a years' time.

These mock exams are vital in preparing them for what to expect. They take the exams in the Sportshall and Gym under exam conditions, using previous exam papers in each subject.



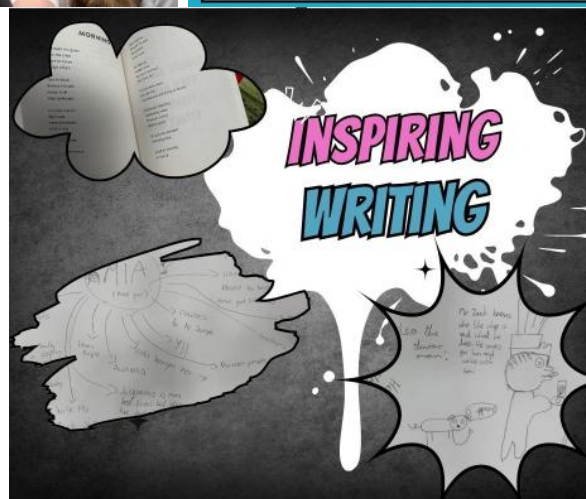
## English Department Information:

English welcomed author, Steven Camden, into school to lead creative writing workshops with all students in years 7, 9 and some in year 10.

Everyone involved had a brilliant day and the English teachers were so impressed with both the behaviour and creativity of our students.

As a result we have launched a creative writing competition. (Poster attached).

Well done!



We encourage pupils and parents to look at our Library's Instagram page to find out more information about everything 'books' at CoDA!

<https://www.instagram.com/coda.reads/>

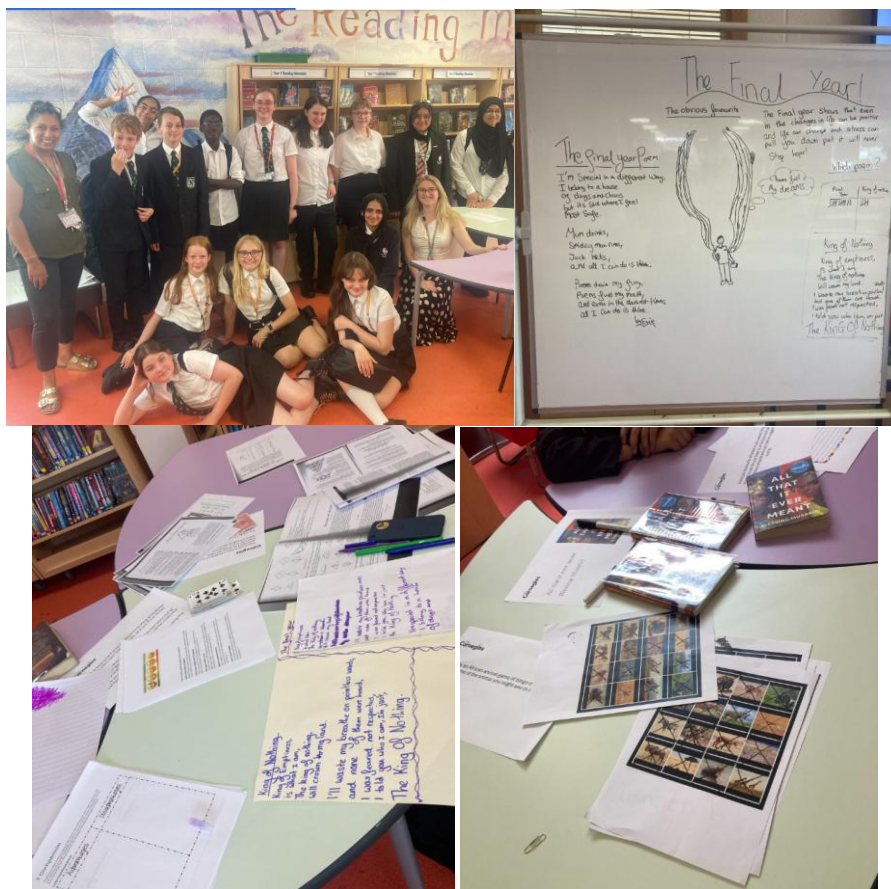
Keep up the amazing work!

Miss Duke and Mrs Eatough

### Carnegie 2025!

Carnegie 2025 was a lovely success! We hosted 10 year 7-8 pupils from Chellaston. We had a watch party to watch the awards. (There was mixed opinions on who should have won...) but there was some lovely partnerships and team work amongst the pupils. It was truly special to observe.

Miss Baker





## Art Department News:

We have had some amazing fantasy mushrooms creations from year 8 student this year. There were two foci, one being the most creative, the second the best blending of two colour.



See more great pieces of work from the students at our school on our Art departments 'Instagram' page which is linked below!



@CODA\_ART\_AND\_PHOTOGRAPHY

We encourage everyone to visit the *Creative & Digital Exhibition* at Derby College (Joseph Wright) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm-8pm.





## Maths Circle Trip:

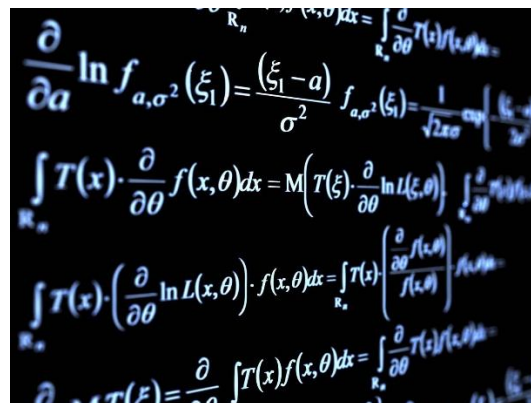
"Our Year 7 and 8 Maths Circle students recently attended the *Rising Mathematicians Festival* hosted by Axiom Maths, in partnership with Sheffield Hallam University. Held at the university's city campus, the event brought together young mathematicians from across the East Midlands and South Yorkshire for an immersive mathematical experience. This was also an amazing opportunity to travel on the train, which was something that many of the students hadn't done much before!

During the day, pupils discovered exciting pathways that mathematics can lead to, connected with like-minded mathematicians from schools across the country and took part in exciting problem-solving challenges.

Pupils also went on a guided campus tour of Sheffield Hallam University - during which we had a chance to experience the flight simulator used by the Engineering department - and listened to an exciting lecture on 'Game-changing maths: unlocking the hidden patterns to win noughts and crosses!'

The festival was a celebration of the commitment and dedication our pupils have shown during maths circles. **Congratulations** to all the young mathematicians who attended!"

Mrs Bennett and Mrs Woods.


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## **Spotlight on Departments:**

### **This week's department - PE:**

The Summer term is always a busy one for our PE department. There is a lot going on with extra-curricular activities and competitions.

#### **Y10 Dance Trip**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July the Y10 dancers will be going to see a musical at Nottingham Theatre Royal. This is an annual dance trip for KS4 dance students. They are really looking forward to it and hopefully will gain some ideas for when they have to component three and create a seven-minute dance.

#### **Extra-curricular Dance Club**

Mrs Hardie is really impressed with Alexis I and Ruby H who have shown incredible commitment to the dance club for three years now. They show resilience, dedication and continuous commitment by turning up every week. They are fantastic choreographers, and Mrs Hardie can't wait to see what they are going to do in KS4 dance, and the summer showcase this year!

#### **County Athletics Trials**

We took Year 10 student Rytrel P to the county athletics trials last weekend. He did amazing and won his heat and then was the fastest year 10 in the final. We are very proud of him and his success.

#### **City Sports - 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We will be selecting students to represent our Academy at the annual City Sports competition at Moorways on the 9<sup>th</sup> July. Students compete in different Athletics competitions throughout

the day. Our Academy has achieved a variety of different successes over the years, and we hope to repeat that this year!

### **Sports Day - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We have sports day coming up on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. As usual this day will be jam packed full of fun. Students will need to be in house colours and sportswear. They will need a drink, a hat and some suncream if the weather is hot.

### **Quad kids Athletics Competition:**

We finished 8th out of 10 but the students represented the Academy extremely well and stayed determined throughout the whole competition. We had one less person than other schools (after a late drop out) and still managed to win races and perform in events despite one student carrying an injury.

## Science Department Revision:

### Revision Apps & Tools:

There are many helpful revision apps available, some for GCSE only but most are suitable for GCSE and KS3. Mrs Ryan has compiled a list of recommended websites and apps to support students' learning.



If you feel your child needs any help with their science they should speak to their science teacher, Mrs Williams or Mrs Ryan.

### Science Revision Apps and Tools

**Exam board:** AQA

**Course:** GCSE Combined science trilogy – Biology / Chemistry / Physics

**Tier:** Foundation (unless have been told otherwise)

| Websites                                  |                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                       |
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| Cognito                                   | <a href="https://cognitoedu.org/home">https://cognitoedu.org/home</a>                                                           |  |
| Seneca                                    | <a href="https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/">https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/</a>                                               |  |
| Gizmo                                     | <a href="https://gizmo.ai/login">https://gizmo.ai/login</a>                                                                     |  |
| AQA exam papers (you will need to search) | <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes">https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes</a> |  |



MME revise  
(links to all papers  
in one place, can  
do papers on-line).

<https://mmerevise.co.uk/gcse-science-revision/gcse-combined-science-past-papers/aqa-gcse-combined-science-past-papers/>



## YouTube Channels

Cognito

[www.youtube.com/@Cognitoedu](http://www.youtube.com/@Cognitoedu)



Fuse school –

[www.youtube.com/@fuseschool](http://www.youtube.com/@fuseschool)



Malmesbury  
education  
- good for  
RPA's

[www.youtube.com/@MalmesburyEducation](http://www.youtube.com/@MalmesburyEducation)



Free science  
lessons

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## Apps



Google Play



App Store

Gizmo



Quizlet



Ankidroid



Cognito

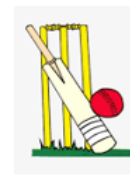




## PE After School Clubs



| Monday | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                 | Thursday         | Friday |
|--------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------|
|        | Athletics<br>JPE / SSI / LKA | All Years Football<br>JPE | GCSE PE<br>LKA   |        |
|        | Dance/Cheerleading<br>EHA    |                           | Dodgeball<br>SSI |        |
|        |                              |                           | Cricket<br>JPE   |        |





## **New Prefects!**

With our Year 11 students leaving for their study leave, we have advertised for and appointed **14 new Prefects** from our current Year 10.

Between now and the end of the term the Prefects will be undertaking the following roles:

- Supervising the Multi-Faith Room at a Break B on a rota basis.
- Supporting Mr Bult with Stenson Fields Sports Days.
- Reading with our Year 7 & 8 students during registration.
- Supporting departments that they have been allocated to.

The new Prefects are:

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sukaina R</b>    | <b>Alyssa P</b>    |
| <b>Khadijat I</b>   | <b>Lenka V</b>     |
| <b>Keisha C</b>     | <b>Cynthia K</b>   |
| <b>Maja B</b>       | <b>Matthew O'B</b> |
| <b>Jake B</b>       | <b>Jahdey E</b>    |
| <b>Natasha C</b>    | <b>Hajra B</b>     |
| <b>Thejaswini P</b> | <b>Ramandeep T</b> |

Congratulations to all of these students!

### **Stenson Fields Sports Day Visits:**

As a part in our drive to improve links with our Feeder Primary Schools, Mr Bult took some Year 9's and 10's over to Stenson Fields School to support the running of their three Sports Days on from 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Mrs Saddler, Miss Faulkner and Mrs Cruz from Stenson Fields were very appreciative of our students help and described Tuesday's students as the 'best ever helpers' that they had seen there!

Well done to the following students:

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Sports Day:**

Jahday E  
Khadijat I  
Alyssa P  
Keisha C  
Natasha C

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - EYFS Sports Day:**

Sukaina R  
Cynthia K  
Hunter B  
Matthew O'B  
Jake B  
Hajra B

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day:**

Tiffany M  
Ruby H  
Tilly D  
Jasmeet B  
Simranpreet A

## 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 currently learning our Summer 2 topics;

Year 7 - Identify and explain ethical and unethical business practices and consumerism.

Year 8 - Explain the risk of online presence and state how to respond to online grooming by accessing support.

Year 9 - Demonstrate ways to effectively give and act upon constructive feedback by showing appropriate methods to manage online personal brand.

Year 10 - Identify workplace responsibilities, manage practical problems and health and safety, and apply continuous learning from work experiences.

*If anyone has any questions, please email Miss McQuilton the lead teacher of PSHE - [mmcquilton@cityofderbyacademy.org](mailto: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 Summer 1 halfterm competition were **OPTIMISM** HOUSE. They will be enjoying their non-uniform day on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

The Summer 2 scores will be out after the second week back.

**COURAGE - 50 points**

**OPTIMISM - 38 points**

**DETERMINATION - 48 points**

**AMBITION - 42 points**

