



# CoDA Chronicles



## Attendance update

Last week's whole school attendance was **85.3%**.

The highest attended year group was **Year 7**.

The highest attended form group was **9A2**.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Mrs Bruce and the Attendance team.

## SEND Support:



Derby City Council's Specialist Teaching Service are running some useful sessions for parents and carers of students with additional needs at their family hubs (FH) across the city.

The following workshops are suitable for families of children and young people 0-19 who are or might be Autistic. Book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend. Please note these workshops are for adults only, there is no provision for children.

**An introduction to Autism** - (Booking required) Find out more about the Autism spectrum and how you can support your autistic child or young person.

Wednesday 26 March 6pm-8pm Online - contact Mackworth Morley FH for link

**An Introduction to ADHD** (Booking required) Find out more about ADHD and how you can support your child or young person.

Wednesday 25 March 1pm-3pm Derwent FH

**Using Visual Resources** (Booking required) Find out how you can use visual resources to support your child's routines, communication and understanding. Take home your own set of visual resources to support your child at home.

Thursday 19 March 12:30pm-2:30pm Becket FH

**Communicative Behaviour** (Booking required) Find out more about what drives your child's behaviour, learn strategies to support them and develop your own personal coping skills.

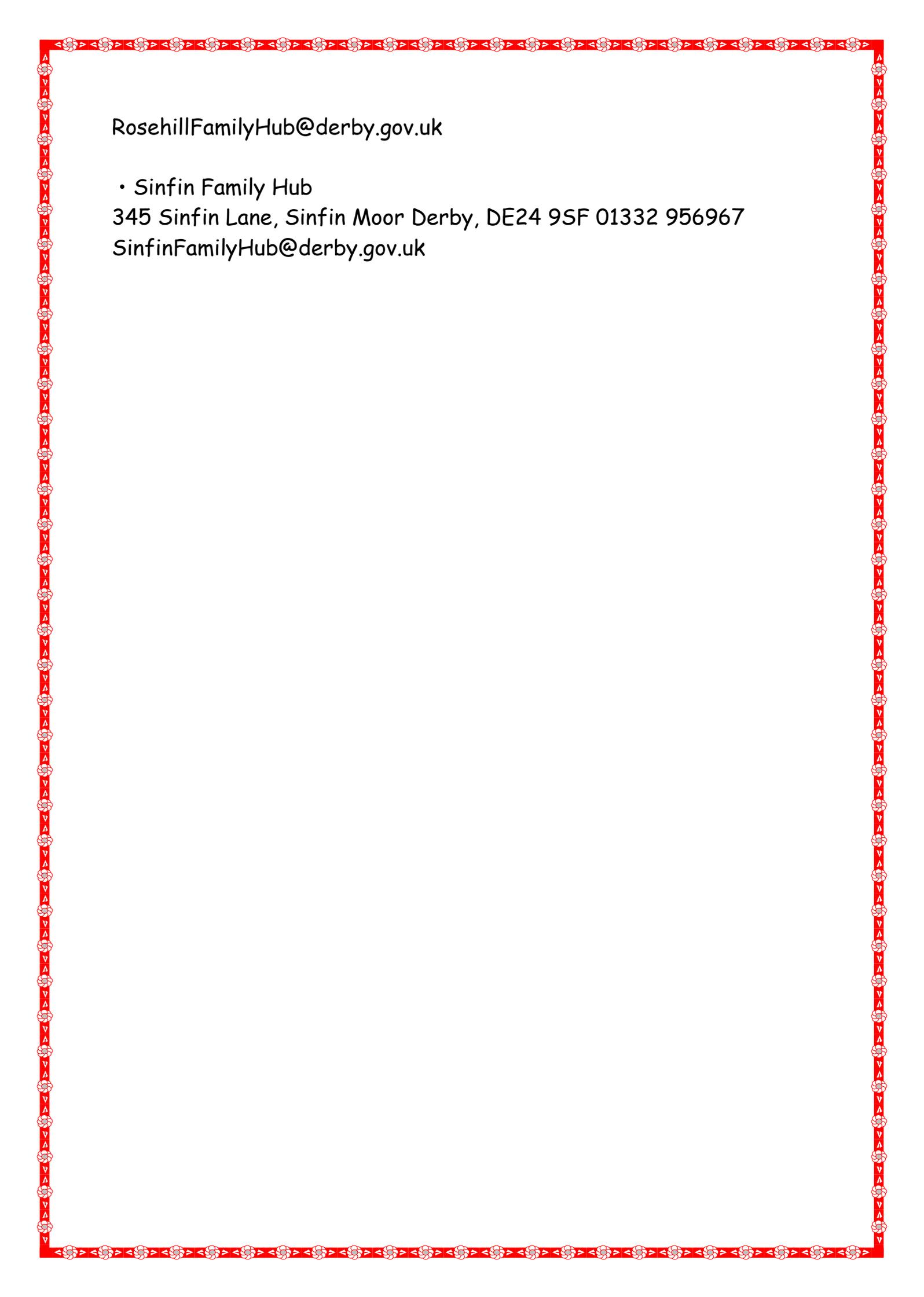
Tuesday 24 March 9:30am-11:30am Sinfin FH

**Understanding Social Communication** (Booking required) Understand your child's perspective of social interactions and how you can support them.

**NEW! Sleep workshops** - (Booking required) Delivered by Nickie Sutton, Specialist Sleep Practitioner. For parents and carers of 0-19 year olds who are or may be neurodivergent. All workshops are delivered online. If you're unable to attend the sleep workshops, please contact Mackworth Morley FH to access the link to the recorded workshop

**Family Hub Contact information:**

- Becket Family Hub  
35 Stockbrook Street, Derby, DE22 3WR 01332 640250  
BecketFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk
- Osmaston/Allenton Family Hub  
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OsmastonAllentonFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk
- Rosehill Family Hub  
17-19 Lower Dale Road Derby, DE23 6WY 01332 641315  
RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk
- Mackworth Morley Family Hub  
Reigate Drive, Mackworth, Derby, DE22 4EQ 01332 208175  
MackworthMorleyFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk
- Derwent Family Hub  
Monmouth Street Derby, DE21 6BD 01332 641010  
DerwentFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk
- Rosehill Family Hub  
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[RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk](mailto:RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk)

- Sinfin Family Hub

345 Sinfin Lane, Sinfin Moor Derby, DE24 9SF 01332 956967

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## Uniform:

The Senior Leadership Team at CoDA would like to thank all of our students and parents/carers for their support in our big uniform drive over the last week.

We will be maintaining this drive moving forwards to ensure that not only do our staff have high standards of our students, but our students have high standards for themselves.

We very much appreciate the support of parents and carers for supporting the school in supplying their child/children with the correct uniform.

If anyone has any questions about the uniform in school, please ring or email us and we will be happy to get back to you.

A copy of our recent uniform letter that was sent out to parents/carers is on our school website.

[www.cityofderbyacademy.org](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org)

**School Uniform 2025-2026**

City of Derby Academy or Plain Black V-Neck Jumper

Smart black trousers or skirt (sensible length skirt and not stretchy material)

Plain white school shirt (not polo t-shirt)

City of Derby Academy tie

Sensible black school footwear

**PE UNIFORM**

City of Derby Academy PE jumper or plain black jumper

City of Derby Academy polo shirt

City of Derby Academy PE top or plain black t-shirt

Plain black tracksuit bottoms, leggings or PE shorts

Black trainers (black PE socks)

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

- A warm coat for travelling to and from the Academy. Hoodies are not allowed.
- Students can wear a watch and small stud earrings, a nose stud and one small item of religious jewellery.
- Students should not wear excessive make up or nails of an unsafe length.

You can order uniform direct from our supplier, please visit their website: <https://www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/>

**OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM**

*+ how to wear it*

## Did you know at CODA??



We have pink boxes full of sanitary products that are available for students to use, they can be accessed in offices or at student services.

We also have a wide range of uniform that students can borrow when they need it. Students can go to F01 during form time and swap a bus ticket, house keys or mobile phone for anything they need to borrow for the day.

## Year 11 Easter School:

Over the Easter Holiday's, we will be opening the school to put on revision sessions for our Year 11 students to support them with preparations for their exams this summer.

A letter will be going out to parents of all Year 11 students this week with more details about this. The timetable for the Easter School is pictured below.

For the Sports Studies session in week 2, Year 10 pupils are also invited to attend this day to support with catching up on pieces of coursework.

EASTER WEEK 1						
	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 - 11.00	11.00 - 12.00	12.00 - 1.00	1.00 - 2.00	2.00 - 3.00
Monday 30th March		RS PKA - D03	RS PKA - D03	English Lit Power and Conflict Poetry and Unseen	RS PKA - D03	RS PKA - D03
		Poetry HD KS F12	Poetry HD KS F12	Poetry HD KS F12		
Tuesday 31st March		Maths Intervention - Num & Alg AOM D17				
	HSC/Childcare MMQ - B14					
Wednesday 1st April		Maths Intervention - Ratio, Measure DBL D11				
	Business - revision (Y+Z) EHU - B11					
	Creative iMedia Coursework (Y) LST - E13					
	Engineering Design - NEA (yr10 Y+Z) TMA - E12					
		German MMI - F07	German MMI - F07	German MMI - F07		
	HSC/Childcare MMQ - B14					
Thursday 2nd April		Maths Intervention - Prob & Stats CHH D12				
	Art / Photography SBL - E02					
	Music CPO - A11					
Friday 3rd April	<b>Bank Holiday</b>					
EASTER WEEK 2						

EASTER WEEK 2						
	9.00 - 10.00	10.00 - 11.00	11.00 - 12.00	12.00 - 1.00	1.00 - 2.00	2.00 - 3.00
<b>Monday 6th April</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>					
<b>Tuesday 7th April</b>	<b>School Closed</b>					
<b>Wednesday 8th April</b>		Maths Intervention - Num & Alg AOM D17				
	Food - Coursework (Y+Z) AHO - E13					
	Textiles - practical exam preparation (Z) LST- B12					
	Engineering Manufacture Y10 JGR - E12					
			Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	
<b>Thursday 9th April</b>		Maths Intervention - Ratio, Measure DBL D11				
			Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	Maths - Higher Tier - ABE - D15	
	D&T - Coursework (Z) TMA - E12					
	Sports Studies & Dance SSI - E13					
	Science Higher Tier CRU - C13	Science Higher Tier CRU - C13	Science Foundation Tier CRU - C13	Science Foundation Tier CRU - C13	History TSI - D06	History TSI - D06
<b>Friday 10th April</b>		Maths Intervention - Prob & Stats CHH D12				
		English Language Q4 Revision RME F12	English Language Q4 Revision RME F12			

## Year 8 & 10 Parents/Carer's Evening:

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March we held our annual Year 8 and Year 10 Parents Evening. It was great to see lots of students with their parents/carers talking to the staff about their progress in different subjects.

We look forward to seeing the students take on this feedback and move forward positively with their education and plan to start up interventions with targeted Year 10 students as soon as our Year 11's leave in the summer.

## Year 11 GCSE Exams:

The Year 11 external written exams commence on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

We are currently ensuring that our Year 11 students are as well prepared as they can be for these exams.

Parents and Carer's can support their children by ensuring the following:

- Their child is attending school every day.
- They are attending revision sessions put on by the school.
- Their child is revising at home (and has a revision timetable).
- Their child is getting enough sleep.
- Their child is eating a healthy, balanced diet of food.

If parents/pupils would like any support with anything mentioned above, please contact the school.



## PSHE News:

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.

Our next lesson is Summer 1 lesson 2.

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

Y8SU1L1 - Identify the key elements of healthy relationships, including gender identity, sexual orientation, and explain how to form and maintain positive partnerships.

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.

Year 11 are 2 lessons behind due to mocks. They are on Spring term 2 lesson 2.

Y11SP2L2 - Explain and apply emergency first aid skills and evaluate emergency and non-emergency situations to determine appropriate actions and contact relevant services promptly.

### Recent events

- On the 20<sup>th</sup> January we had the lovely Sally Siner from Prevent come into talk to our year 8's about prejudice, discrimination and stereotypes.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup> January we had the sexual health outreach workers from the NHS come and talk to our y10's about sexual health.
- On the 3<sup>rd</sup> February we had Chantelle from Living without Limits talk to our Y9's about healthy relationships.
- On the 13<sup>th</sup> February CoDA celebrated Children's Mental Health Week
- On the 24<sup>th</sup> February CoDA staff delivered a drop down day about puberty to all of Y7.

**Upcoming events;**

**24<sup>th</sup> March - Rescheduled** - We have a drop down day on self examinations for Y10.

**21<sup>st</sup> April** - We have an external guest coming into talk to Y8 about consent.

**5<sup>th</sup> May** - we have Sally Siner coming into talk to Y10 about extremism.

Please visit our Personal Development page on our website to see more information on our PSHE curriculums and events!

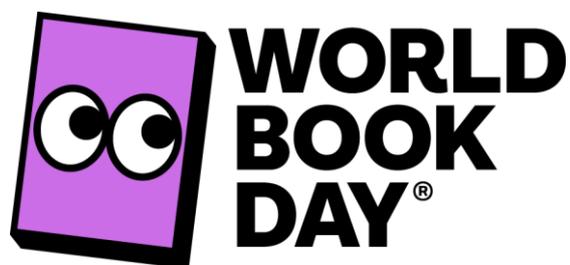
Miss McQuilton

## Reading update!

### World Book Day success!

It was amazing to see how many staff members got involved with dressing up and decorating their doors and spreading book-ish joy. It was great to see pupils involved with reading and talking about books. The bookswap cafe was a huge success and we raised £100.00 for the school library. We've got 5 pupils in the school who correctly guessed the CODA traitors - prizes will be coming shortly.

A massive thank you from Miss Baker and Mrs Eatough to all who got involved, thank you, it doesn't work with you.



WORLD BOOK  
DAY





Don't see the book you want in the library? Request it here  
[https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=\\_GMHcaHDbUudILON2z5-IfXGySaXui9Nk8SKr6WlonBUNVdVSFhLTEU4NERFTU9GUUNPMTVCMThUNy4u](https://forms.microsoft.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=_GMHcaHDbUudILON2z5-IfXGySaXui9Nk8SKr6WlonBUNVdVSFhLTEU4NERFTU9GUUNPMTVCMThUNy4u)

At CoDA, we feel that reading is vital to the progress of our students, viewing it as an important life skill.

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**

National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026

## Tutor Time programme:

Below is an example of our tutor time programme for this academic year. We deliver this programme from 8.40am - 9.00am every morning with the structure of the day's dependent on what year group students are in. **Parents**, please support the school in ensuring that your child is on time in the morning and maximising their learning opportunities. **Pupils**, please make every effort to improve the life skill of getting to school on-time.

### **Outline for the week –**

Monday: Assembly

Tuesday: Thought for the week/Discussion Topics

Wednesday: Tutor Reads

Thursday: Ready to Learn/Tutor Reads

Friday: Debate



## Sports Desk:

### Upcoming Football Fixtures:

#### Year 7:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - CoDA Vs Noel Baker

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - CoDA Vs Derby Cathedral

#### Year 8:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Two games at Ecclesbourne

#### Year 9:

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Two games at Derby Moor

#### Year 10:

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Two games at Derby Cathedral

#### Year 11:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Two games at CoDA

Additional PE clubs this halfterm:

Dance - Tuesday after school.

Badminton - Thursday after school.

GCSE PE intervention - Friday after school.

## Music lessons/clubs

Our Music department work tirelessly to give students every opportunity to develop their skills, knowledge and experiences in Music. Please see the timetable below and encourage your son/daughter to attend one of the clubs:

### Music Instrumental Lessons and Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Violin lessons</b> (10.30am – 1.30pm) 	<b>Guitar &amp; Drum lessons</b> (all day) 		<b>Singing lessons</b> (all day) 	<b>Piano lessons</b> (9am – 2pm) 
<b>Strings Group</b> (Break B)	<b>Woodwind lessons</b> (10.30am – 11:30am) <b>Brass lessons</b> (9am – 10:30 am)		<b>CoDA Chromatics</b> (Break B) 	
	<b>Enrichment: Music Production</b> (3:10pm – 4:10pm)	<b>Enrichment: GCSE Revision</b> (3:10pm – 4:10pm)	<b>Enrichment: CoDA Choir</b> (3:10pm – 4:10pm)	

### Instrumental lessons

We still have available spaces on the following instruments:

Brass  
Violin  
Piano

If interested, please see Mrs Powell.

## Inter-House Competition

On a two-weekly basis, our four Houses (**Courage**, **Determination**, **Optimism** & **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 is awarded with a non-uniform day and 100 Class Charts points will be retrospectively awarded to each pupil in that House.

Below are the scores for this halfterm so far:

**Courage - 1374**

**Optimism - 1359**

**Determination - 1382**

**Ambition - 1358**

