



CoDA Chronicles



Attendance update

Attendance for the week/year for the best form and year					
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11
Last week % (12.01.26 - 16.01.2026)	88.7	84.6	86.7	84.2	83.9
	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11
This year % (05.09.2025 - 16.01.2026)	89.5	89.4	89.8	87.3	87
Best Year on the whole	Year 7 with a combined % of 89.1%				
Best form last week (12.01.26 - 16.01.2026)	7C2 94.4%				
Best form this year (05.09.2025 - 16.01.2026)	902 92.9%				
Best form on the whole	7C2 93.45%				

**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.

Thursday 22 January 12:30pm-2:30pm Online - contact Mackworth Morley FH for link

Friday 27 February 9:30am-11:30am Osmaston Allenton FH

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.

Thursday 26 February 12:30pm-2:30pm Becket FH

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.

Tuesday 20 January 9:30am-11:30am Mackworth Morley FH

Transition workshop - (Booking required) For families, carers or supportive adults of children and young people from 2-19, moving into a new education setting, who are autistic/have social communication needs or are awaiting a referral to the paediatrician. To gain information and practical ideas on how you can support your child with their transition into a new class, nursery, school or college. Book a place for yourself and a supportive family member or friend. Please note this session is for adults only - we have no provision for children.

Monday 26 February 9:30am-11:30am Sinfin FH

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

Anxiety and sleep We all recognise how feeling stressed and anxious affects our sleep; we lay awake going over things in our mind, finding it difficult to let go and drop off. Many of our children also struggle with this; their worlds are busy, noisy and demanding. Their busy brains may also wake them during the night, affecting the quality of their sleep and yours too. We will look at some simple and

effective ways to help your child sleep and where you can go for onward support and help.

Wednesday 11 February 7pm-9pm

ADHD and sleep Sleep is much harder for children and young people with ADHD for reasons that they cannot control; there are biological differences which get in the way. They are often wired and busy at bedtime and cannot switch off. We will look at how having ADHD affects sleep and what you can do to help (no taking away of screens!)

Thursday 22 January 10am-12noon

Sensory Processing and Sleep Children and young people with sensory processing differences find it very hard to settle and sleep well because they are often overwhelmed with sensory discomfort. We will look at how the different senses impact on sleep, behaviours that you may see, and simple effective strategies to help when suggested sleep strategies often don't work.

Tuesday 10 March 10am-12noon

Autism and Sleep Sleep is much harder for autistic children and young people for reasons that they cannot control; there are biological differences which get in the way. You may have had advice before, but normal sleep strategies often don't work and are based on out of date information. Join Nickie for a workshop on how being autistic affects sleep and what you can do to help (no taking away of screens!)

Wednesday 11 March 7pm-9pm

Family Hub Contact information:

- Becket Family Hub
35 Stockbrook Street, Derby, DE22 3WR 01332 640250
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• Osmaston/Allenton Family Hub
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956850 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
17-19 Lower Dale Road Derby, DE23 6WY 01332 641315
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• Sinfin Family Hub
345 Sinfin Lane, Sinfin Moor Derby, DE24 9SF 01332 956967
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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 9 Options Evening

On Thursday 29th January, we are holding our annual Year 9 Options Evening which will allow Year 9 students and parents to come into school to meet teachers and discuss the qualifications that CoDA offers to our students at KS4. The evening will run from 3.30pm - 6.30pm.

Students will receive an Options Booklet which will detail the qualifications on offer; however, students will get the opportunity to speak to staff and current Year 10/11 students who study the courses to gain more information about them.

In addition to this, parents will be able to speak to the teachers of their children from English, Maths and Science to get a report on their progress in those subjects.

Year 11 Mock Exams:

During the week beginning 2nd February, our Year 11 students will be completing Mock Exams in their core subjects. This will take place in formal exam conditions in our Sports Hall.

This gives our students another opportunity to practice sitting exams in the same conditions that they will be doing so in the summer.

Students will also be completing assessments in their other subjects during allocated lesson times.

Please see the Mock Exam timetable pictured below.

		WEEK 1				
		P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
Monday, February 2, 2026	Students to line up in the yard at 8:55 in form order	English Language Paper 1 - 1hr45mins				
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	Students to line up in the yard at 8:55 in form order	Maths - Calculator Higher and Foundation - 1hr:30mins		Students to line up in yard at 12:00 in form order	Science - Biology - 1hr15mins	
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	Students to line up in the yard at 8:55 in form order	Science - Physics - 1hr15mins				
Thursday, February 5, 2026	Students to line up in the yard at 8:55 in form order	English Literature - 1hr45mins		Students to line up in yard at 12:00 in form order	Science - Chemistry - 1hr15mins	
Friday, February 6, 2026	Students to line up in the yard at 8:55 in form order	English Language Paper 2 - 1hr45mins				



Spotlight on Departments:

This week's department - Music:



Year 7: Song-writing, building on their previous music knowledge from last term and their keyboard skills to learn how a song is constructed and be able to write their own lyrics and melody.

Year 8: Are learning about the decades of pop music starting from rock 'n' roll onwards, so far they have covered Elvis Presley and The Beatles. They will also build on their keyboards skills learning a pop song, they can chose to play The Beatles, Ed Sheeran, Adele, Lukas Graham, Queen, Backstreet Boys or Coldplay.

Year 9: Are learning about Britpop and the significance of British music in the 1990's. They have been learning how it relates to fashion, culture and it's relevance in society at the time. They will build on keyboard skills by learning a popular Oasis song.

Year 10: Are moving on to learning how to compose in MuseScore for the composition element of their qualification. They have spent a term building their key foundation knowledge in music from Baroque, Romantic and Classical era's along with Popular music of the 1960's onwards. Now they will take this knowledge and use it to write their own compositions.

Year 11: Have been focussing on their compositions and performance elements of their qualification after receiving their

Mock Grades. One year 11 pupil is looking to be entered into their Grade 4 for Violin which is amazing.

Recently some pupils from Key Stage 4 visited the University of Derby on a school trip. They spent the day engaging in workshops where they spent some time doing studio work such as mixing down a song that had been recorded by a band or writing some soundtrack music for a film. There was the chance to DJ on some Pioneer CDJ's, play some live music as a band and do some sequencing on an Ableton Push. They also spent some time learning about the courses available at the University of Derby and future career prospects that can be achieved by pursuing a career in Music.

We do have some photos from the day but I can't work out how to upload mine, hopefully Christina can send hers and let me know how she did it.

Key Stage 3 pupils have been attending an after-school music club and where they have been learning how to write their own music using a Digital Audio Workstation. They have been working really hard and have come up with some great song ideas that they are working on each week ready to showcase at the end of the school year.

Mrs Powell & Mr Heneghan

Careers Update:

The end of 2025 saw CoDA lose one of its longest standing staff members with Mrs Matthews leaving us.

Mrs Matthews has served CoDA for over 30 years and has supported thousands of our students with their entry into further education opportunities.

Everyone at CoDA would like to wish Mrs Matthews well in her well-earned retirement and thank her for all her effort over the years.



City of Derby Academy

Careers Bulletin

Nottingham University Extreme Materials STEM Christmas Lecture

The University of Nottingham invited a group of our students to attend their Christmas Lecture. This had been designed to enhance the national curriculum, driving interest into STEM subjects while demonstrating the exciting and diverse world of engineering.

Our students had the opportunity to browse the interactive activities in their Engineering & Science Learning Centre and find out more about the engineering courses and state of the art facilities Nottingham University has. This year's lecture entitled, 'Extreme Materials' had a high-energy and immersive lecture, which explored how materials respond in different environments. Plus, our students had the chance to: Participate in interactive STEM activities featuring partners like JCB, Jaguar & Land Rover, and Rolls Royce. Had a tour state-of-the-art laboratory – an Immersive VR experience & learnt more about our cutting-edge engineering courses and facilities Nottingham University has to offer.



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.

We are about to start the next topics within PSHE for Spring 2:
Year 7 - Y7SP2L1 - Identify healthy lifestyle choices, explain a balanced diet, dental health, physical activity, sleep, and personal hygiene.

Year 8 - Y8SP2L1 - Identify and appropriately challenge misconceptions

Year 9 -Y9SP2L1 - Identify the connection between physical and mental health and promoting positive self-esteem through managing body image influences.

Year 10 - Y10SP2L1 - Identify and evaluate the influence of positive and negative role models on personal behaviour.

Year 11 - Y11SP2L1 - Assess and manage risk effectively in various settings, including personal safety in social situations and on roads, and make informed decisions about cosmetic and aesthetic body alterations.

Recent events

- On the 20th January we had the lovely Sally Siner from Prevent come into talk to our year 8's about prejudice, discrimination and stereotypes.
- On the 20th January we had the sexual health outreach workers from the NHS come and talk to our y10's about sexual health.

Upcoming events;

3rd February - We have Living Without Limits coming in to talk to Y9 about healthy relationships

24th February - We have a drop down day on puberty for all of Y7.

10th March - We have a drop down day on self examinations for Y10.

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

Ms McQuilton

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:

PE After School Clubs

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball JPE	Badminton JEV / KJU	Volleyball KJU	Year 11 GCSE PE ABU
Dance SSI	Year 10 Sports Studies JPE	All Years Football JEV	Year 11 Sports Studies SSI
		Inter-House Competitions ABU	

Our KS4 exam groups have some important interventions after school on Wednesdays (Year 10) and Fridays (Year 11). Please speak to your child about whether they have been asked to attend these sessions to support them with being successful on their respective course.

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
Violin lessons (10.30am – 1.30pm) 	Guitar & Drum lessons (all day) 		Singing lessons (all day) 	Piano lessons (9am – 2pm) 
Strings Group (Break B)	Woodwind lessons (10.30am – 11:30am) Brass lessons (9am – 10:30 am)		CoDA Chromatics (Break B) 	
	Enrichment: Music Production (3:10pm – 4:10pm)	Enrichment: GCSE Revision (3:10pm – 4:10pm)	Enrichment: CoDA Choir (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.

Optimism House once again enjoyed a non-uniform day for their efforts in halfterm 2 along with form group who were the highest scoring form groups in their year groups, therefore, winning a non-uniform day as well.

To compensate for a change in how Class Charts points are allocated, we have changed the scoring system for this halfterm. Points are now totalled from each form groups specific Class Charts and Attendance percentages over a two week period.

Please see below for information from halfterm 3's scores:

Courage - 1395

Optimism - 1421

Determination - 1352

Ambition - 1399

