



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
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.

Children's Mental Health Week:

This week is Children's Mental Health week and at CoDA, we are doing several different things to recognise it.

We are raising awareness of it through our year group assemblies, through staff messages on our TV screens around school, through discussions in registration time throughout the week and via 'shout-out cards whereby staff and students can send someone else in school a positive message.

In addition to these things, students will be able to wear a yellow accessory in addition to their school uniform on Friday. This can include a headband, scrunchie, jewellery or socks.



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
BecketFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

• Osmaston/Allenton Family Hub
60 Cockayne Street North Allenton, Derby, DE24 8XB 01332
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
SinfinFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

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 22nd January we held our Year 9 meet the teacher and Options Evening which gave parents of students in that year group the opportunity to speak to the teachers of the core subjects about their child's progress as well as discuss KS4 courses with teachers in all other subjects.

We had a fantastic turnout of parents and students, keen to gather more information about the large number of courses that we offer in Year 10 and 11.

A big thanks needs to go out to some of our current Year 10 and 11 students who gave up their time to talk to Year 9 students and their parents about the courses that they currently study.

Pupils can select their Options by scanning the QR code below or visiting our website.

Options available and the process to be followed can be found on the website –



www.cityofderbyacademy.org/old/year-9-guided-choice/

The deadline for selecting Options is **Sunday 15th February** so please ensure that this is completed by then.

Year 11 Mock Exams:

Last week our Year 11 students completed another round of Mock Exams, giving them further experience in what is to come in the summer when they sit their real exams.

We would like to congratulate our Year 11 students who met this challenge 'head on', sitting a number of big exams in a hectic week for them!

Other Option subjects are asking students to sit assessments in lessons this week which also forms an important part of us preparing them for these exams in the summer.

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 Spring term 2 lesson 2.

Y7SP2L2 - Explain how to manage influences related to caffeine, smoking, and alcohol, and describe how to navigate the physical and emotional changes during puberty.

Y8SP2L2 - Create effective wellbeing routines into daily life to support mental health and manage emotions.

Y9SP2L2 - Describe the importance of balancing work, leisure, exercise, and sleep to maintain overall well-being.

Y10SP2L2 - Assess the media's portrayal of gang culture and evaluate the impacts and consequences of drugs and alcohol on individuals, families, and communities.

Year 11 are 2 lessons behind due to mocks. They are on Spring term 1 lesson 3.

Y11SP1L3 - Explain various forms of relationship abuse and access support to overcome challenges in abusive relationships.

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.
- On the 3rd February we had Chantelle from Living without Limits talk to our Y9's about healthy relationships.

Upcoming events:

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.

12th March - We have an external guest coming in to talk to Y10 about gangs.



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

Ms McQuilton

Derby Youth Mayor voting:

On Tuesday 3rd February, the whole school took part in the voting process for the Derby Youth Mayor.

The four candidates presented videos to our students who then completed a voting slip to select their choice.

Students were required to sit and listen to the ideas and views of the candidates and engage in this democratic voting process.

We look forward to welcoming the newly elected Derby Youth Mayor to CoDA in the near future.

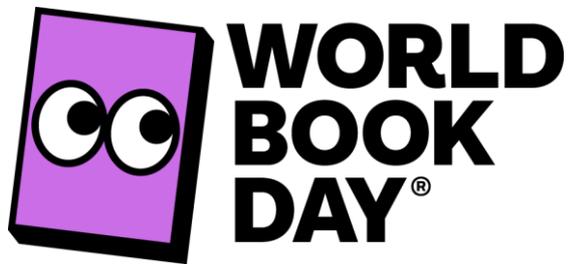


Reading update!

2026 is the National Year of Reading!

To celebrate this at CoDA, we have a number of initiatives going on in school.

We will have different activities going on during World Book Day on the 5th March, including a 'book swap' café, which allows staff and students to donate books to our Library and exchange them with other books,



**World Book Day
5th March 2026**

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



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 academy football teams re-commence their fixtures after halfterm. Keep an eye out for an update on these in future blogs.

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 - 2787

Optimism - 2816

Determination - 2721

Ambition - 2771

