



CoDA Chronicles



Attendance update

Thus term's whole school attendance is currently **88.48%**.

The highest attended year group is **Year 9** at **90.14%**.

The highest attended form group is **10C2** at **95.92%**.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Mr McKee 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.

For information on what is being offered after the Easter Holiday's, please contact the following places:

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
RosehillFamilyHub@derby.gov.uk

- 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 11 GCSE Exams:

The Year 11 external written exams commence on **Wednesday 6th 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.



Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies trip:

Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students recently took part in an enriching visit to the local area of Normanton, where they explored places of worship and engaged directly with faith leaders. The trip included visits to a mosque and a church, giving students the opportunity to experience different religious environments first-hand. They listened to insightful talks from leaders of worship, asked thoughtful questions, and deepened their understanding of beliefs and practices studied in the classroom. The visit provided a valuable, real-world context for their learning and encouraged respectful dialogue and reflection.



Spotlight on Departments:

This week's department - Geography:

Geography at CoDA - Summer is an exciting term in the geography department with all year groups out on field trips. The Y7's are off to Allestree Park on June 16th and 19th (dependent on year half) to assess the impact of the national rewilding project. Y8's are off to Twycross Zoo (June 29th) to support their learning around sustainability in the 'Finding the Balance' topic. Y9's are going on their rearranged Cadbury World trip (July 2nd) which supports learning across KS3 topics and provides a bridge of knowledge for those taking geography at GCSE. Finally, Y10 are off on their compulsory fieldwork trips to contrasting locations - on July 14th they will visit the coastal resort of Hornsea to assess the need and impact of coastal defences and then off to Pride Park to reflect on the impact of the regeneration of the Roundhouse on Derby. It will be a busy and exciting term for all involved in the trips and hopefully the weather is kind to us.

Y11 - we would all like to wish those taking their exams this summer all the very best of luck, you have got this team 😊.

Y10 - revision sessions will be starting next half term, revision resources have been distributed to students.

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 Summer 1:
Year 7 - Explain how to develop self-worth, self-efficacy and recognise and how to appropriately challenge media stereotypes.

Year 8 - Identify the key elements of healthy relationships, including gender identity, sexual orientation, and explain how to form and maintain positive partnerships.

Year 9 - Understand sexual readiness and the importance of informed consent, including the right to withdraw consent and the misconceptions surrounding it.

Year 10 - Apply principles of inclusion and diversity to prevent extremism and appropriately challenge discrimination.

Year 11 - Identify and describe the diversity of family structures in contemporary society and evaluate positive parenting qualities and readiness for parenthood.

Updates

We have lots of upcoming drop down days!

7th May 2026 - We have Sally Siner from Prevent coming to speak to our year 10's during P2 about the harms of extremism.

15th May 2026 - We have an exciting external company coming into discuss healthy relationships with Y10 and Y11.

9th June 2026 - We have the Money Charity Workshops for our Y7's.

5th May - we have Sally Siner coming into talk to Y10 about extremism.

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

Miss 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

Don't see the book you want in the library? Request it here
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.



National
Year of
Reading
2026

PE Department news:






This half-terms PE extra-curricular timetable is pictured below. All students are welcome! We look forward to seeing as many students at these clubs as possible.

PE After School Clubs			
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basketball JPE	Badminton KJU / JEV	Football (All Years) JEV	Year 11 GCSE PE ABU
Dance SSI	Cricket JPE	Volleyball KJU	Year 11 Sports Studies SSI
		Inter House Competitions ABU	

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 and **Determination** Houses enjoyed their non-uniform day last week.

Below are the scores for this halfterm so far:

Courage - 1444

Optimism - 1484

Determination - 1455

Ambition - 1483

