



CoDA Chronicles



Attendance update

This term's whole school attendance is currently **88.35%**.

The highest attended year group is **Year 9** at **90.33%**.

The highest attended form group is **10C2** at **94.79%**.

**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 are now in full swing.

Our Year 11's are currently working hard in school, making their final preparations 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.



CoDA Cadets shooting success:

10 of our cadets were out at Beckingham Ranges taking part in an L98 GP rifle shoot recently.

I am delighted to say that all 10 successfully completed their 2* shooting, which is a great achievement and a credit to their focus and effort.

There was even time for our year 11 Cadets to squeeze in some "tactical revision" between shoots.

They have all come away buzzing from the experience and are already looking forward to getting back on the ranges for more live firing at Summer Camp.

A big well done to everyone involved - a great day all round, with some strong shooting and commitment to studies on show.

Mr Timmins







Spotlight on Departments:

This week's department - History:

Our Year 8 Historians have been investigating an amazing story from Derby's past - the story of Alice Wheeldon. Alice was an amazing campaigner for women's rights and the right to vote, who was framed as part of a plot to kill the Prime Minister. She lived on Pear Tree Road in Normanton and students were amazed that they could see her blue plaque outlining her contributions to our city's history.

Year 9 classes have been reading extracts from the diary of Nina Lugovskaya, a teenage girl in Moscow who becomes a target for Stalin's dictatorship. Lots of students have commented on how they have loved reading about the experiences of someone their age, and in their own words, and how this has brought history to life for them.

Year 11s are hard at work preparing for their exams. In preparation for their first paper on the history of medicine, they have recently been recapping key medical developments from the First World War, including some you may not know about, such as plastic surgery and prosthetic limbs. Wish them luck if you see them!

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 - Describe and explain what consent is, including how to seek it and communicate it assertively.

Year 8 - Explain how to appropriately manage sexting requests and pressures and identify the associated risks.

Year 9 - Assess the influence of media and pornography on relationship expectations and managing risks associated with sharing sexual images to ensure online privacy and safety.

Year 10 - Critically evaluate information on social media, identify distortions and targeted content, and safely challenge conflicting views and misinformation both online and offline.

Year 11 - Consider and explain options and consequences related to unplanned pregnancy, including abortion, adoption, and fostering, while recognising the importance of informed decision-making, support, and awareness of honor-based violence.

Updates

We have lots of upcoming drop down days!

8th 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. cancelled.

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

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

Miss McQuilton

Year 6-7 Transition:

Mr Bult and Mr McKee are currently planning the Year 6-7 transition days which will take place on the 7th, 8th and 9th July.

Mr Bult will be visiting our feeder Primary Schools from next week and we will be sending out more documents/correspondence to Year 6 students who will be attending CoDA from September shortly after halfterm.

If you have a child, brother or sister who is due to come up to CoDA in September, we cannot wait to see them!

Mr Bult

Music and Performing Arts success:

Evan Hall (yr 9) has pass his grade 3 brass exam with a Merit.

Congratulations on this achievement Evan!

*A massive **congratulations** to the following students who have been cast for The Matilda Showcase:*

MATILDA - Teegan T

MR WORMWOOD - Ellie G

MRS WORMWOOD - Ruby W

MISS HONEY - Lexi W

LAVENDER - Fiza N

BRUCE BOGTROTTER - Martina M

MISS TRUNCHBULL - Miss Powell (they made me)

LIBRARIAN - Anjali G

NARRATOR 1 - Caitlyn E-P

NARRATOR 2 - Eileen I

CRUNCHEM STUDENTS - Alana GF, Thomas K, Lacy H, Nevaeh P

We are very much looking forward to this show!

Mrs Powell

Greenpower success:

After a disappointing breakdown in the first race today, we came 2nd in race 2 and 3rd on the day. This is against 40 other schools from all over the country!

Trophy in the cabinet with all of the others they have won!



Mr Green

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.

Due to Mr Bult changing roles within school recently, the collation of House points is temporarily on hold. We will update the school community in the near future with regards to when this will recommence.

