

PRE SCHOOL & PRIMARY PROSPECTUS



DERBY HIGH
SCHOOL

“ The personal development of pupils throughout this school is excellent ”

MOST RECENT ISI INSPECTION



WELCOME

to Derby High School

It is my privilege and joy to lead such a vibrant and successful school and, if you are considering investing in your child's future, I encourage you to visit and to experience something of the spirit of Derby High.

Please do telephone to arrange a visit. I will be happy to show you round personally to see the school in action and answer any questions you may have, and to expand further on my vision and values for Derby High as we continue our journey of educating boys and girls throughout the school.

Amy Chapman
Head



“ Derby High is a vibrant and successful school. ”

AMY CHAPMAN, HEAD



A photograph of four children in school uniforms playing with water in a red tub. The children are smiling and engaged in the activity. The background shows a school building with large windows and a sign that says "Robins".

OUR SCHOOL

Derby High is a coeducational independent day school with over 600 boys and girls aged 3-18, conveniently situated on the outskirts of Derby.

Derby High School prides itself on its friendliness, and visitors to the school invariably comment on the calm and happy atmosphere in the school and the excellent relationships between the children and the staff.

One of the great strengths of the school is its broad social and cultural intake.

The school has a Christian foundation in the Anglican tradition, but our school community includes those of all faiths and none and while our values maintain our Christian tradition, we seek to learn from and celebrate the diversity of cultures and beliefs within the school.

OUR VISION & VALUES

An environment where children love to learn, come into school excited for the challenges ahead of them, have the space to share their creativity and are led by teachers whose enthusiasm for the children they teach is evident from the moment you set foot in the classrooms.

Derby High Primary is a vibrant, fun place to be whilst achieving high academic standards and an excitement for learning. The school encourages and helps to develop confidence from an early age and offers a wide range of extra curricular activities and events. At Derby High School we ensure that all of our pupils are treated individually and are listened to. We encourage strong positive relationships and they are at the heart of everything we do.

We have a passionate and dedicated team of teachers and support staff which ensures each pupil develops a love of learning. We are also proud to provide extensive opportunities outside of the classroom to support and nurture the interests and talents of each individual child.

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PRE SCHOOL



“ The quality of the pupils’ achievements and learning in the EYFS is excellent. ”

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THE FIRST STEPS... PRE SCHOOL

Your child is unique and here in the Pre School department we want to give them the best start on the road to lifelong learning.

Our experienced and enthusiastic staff do this in a caring, creative and fun environment in which your child can flourish. Our Pre School is led by a fully qualified teacher with many years of experience. We offer Pre School places to both girls and boys aged 3 to 4, welcoming children from the start of term after their third birthday.

Our Pre School class is known as the Wrens, and they have their own, purpose-built dedicated space in our brand new Infant School building in which to play, learn and grow. There is always an atmosphere of fun in the Wrens, where the children can be found dressing up, role playing, using the outdoor climbing equipment and sand or water play equipment as well as observing caterpillars transforming into butterflies, learning initial phonics and letter formations, modelling clay, painting and a wealth of other artistic pursuits. Visiting parents are always surprised at how articulate our Early Years pupils are - our small class sizes enable us to give each child the individual attention they need at this age.

Children are encouraged to progress at their own pace and to develop confidence in their own abilities right from the age of three. In the Wrens we offer both full and part-time places, with the Early Years Funding Scheme enabling reduced fees.



PRIMARY





WHERE CHILDREN LOVE TO LEARN PRIMARY

Derby High Primary is a vibrant, fun place to be whilst achieving high academic standards and an excitement for learning.

The school encourages and helps to develop confidence from an early age and offers a wide range of extra curricular activities and events. Every child is nurtured in a caring and supportive environment by experienced, dedicated staff. Children are encouraged and given every opportunity to develop their social skills and to build upon their levels of confidence and self-esteem.

We understand the importance of a close and effective relationship between home and school. We are able to offer plenty of formal and informal occasions for parents and staff to exchange views on academic and social development.



“ We’re so delighted with our child’s progress and to see them enjoying their school days. ”

CURRENT PARENT





BUILDING CONFIDENCE

From Reception through to Year 6, our broad curriculum is explored by the children in a variety of ways; topic work, performances and class assemblies, songs, visits and themed days all help to bring our curriculum to life.

Our academic expectations for our pupils are high, laying the foundations for future success. Our small class sizes mean that every child can be given the attention and support that they need.





SPACE TO LEARN

Our purpose built infant and junior buildings provide the perfect space for learning, creating and investigating. In addition to the core subjects offered, specialist teachers provide Music, French, PE and in Years 5 and 6, Science. In line with the majority of Independent Schools, we regularly assess the children throughout their time with us rather than spending valuable time working towards SATS at the end of Year 2 and Year 6.



“ The contribution of curricular provision is excellent. ”

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BEYOND

the Classroom

We passionately believe in a broad and balanced curriculum. Drama and Music is a powerful, unique form of communication that can change the way pupils feel, think and act.

All children are actively encouraged to fulfil their potential, regardless of ability level and to share our enthusiasm and passion for music, so that pupils will develop a life-long love of music. Our aim is to foster individuality, creativity and expression, stretching and challenging pupils to further improve as performers and to be the very best they can be.

Pupils are given the opportunity to begin piano lessons in Reception and violin or cello lessons in Year 1. An infant choir and infant string orchestra rehearse every week to prepare for the many opportunities in our annual musical calendar.

All new children entering the Junior School are given the opportunity to try a wide range of instruments and are assessed on their suitability with recommendations then being made to parents. We have a wide and varied instrumental programme, including 3 choirs, 2 orchestras, 2 string ensembles, a wind band and theory groups to name but a few. Pupils perform individually in teatime concerts and have the chance to act and sing in a play or musical. There are numerous concerts for our choirs and ensembles who regularly perform in public.

Our House system encourages co-operative links between all year groups - and with the Senior School - and nurtures a sense of team spirit, competition and fun.





“ My child settled in so quickly at Derby High, it's such a friendly and caring atmosphere. ”

CURRENT PARENT



THE NEXT STEPS...

The first step in our admissions process is to arrange a convenient time for you to visit the Primary School. This can be done by contacting our Registrar by phone: [01332 514267](tel:01332514267) or by email: admissions@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk

On your visit you will be given a tour of our Primary School by our Head of Primary, who will be more than happy to explain the ethos of the school, introduce you to our staff, show you examples of work and answer any queries you may have. Please feel free to bring your child along on the tour – we love showing people around our school.

Children are very welcome to come for a taster day on a normal school day to spend time with their peers and find out more about life at Derby High. The next stage is to register your child with us. You can do this by returning the registration form and registration fee (currently £100). We will then invite your child to spend a further day in school which would be a mixture of normal lessons and an informal assessment prior to receiving an offer of a place. Parents and children (aged 2 to 4) who are considering joining Derby High in our Pre School are welcome to join us for our Derby High Little Learners Club events, held throughout the term, by booking a place with our Registrar.

Thank you for your interest in Derby High School. We are very proud of the educational opportunities we offer and we look forward to welcoming you in the near future on a visit to our school.



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