

SENIOR & SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



DERBY HIGH
SCHOOL



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



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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

First and foremost, students here are treated individually and are listened to; secondly, strong positive relationships are at the heart of everything we do; thirdly, our students are enabled to achieve the very best results they can, which will give them access to their next step; finally, extensive opportunities outside of the classroom support and nurture the passions and talents of each individual.

Working together as a team, our staff are ambitious for our students, setting high aspirations in all that they do. We aim to ensure that each student will leave us as a confident young adult who will step out ready to meet the challenges of the world today. Our aim across the age range is to challenge and stimulate children and encourage them to develop a range of skills, not only in the classroom but beyond it. The school has a strong reputation for excellent academic results, but that is only one aspect of the life of the school. We want children to have ambition, to develop an interest in and knowledge of the world in which they live and to acquire the confidence and skills not only to take their place in society but to be the future leaders of that society in their chosen field.

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SENIORS



DELIVERING SUCCESS SENIOR SCHOOL

We know how important the transition to Senior School is for your child's education and their personal development.

Our dedicated and experienced staff will give your 11 year old the skills and confidence to take them from their first tentative steps in Year 7, to becoming an articulate young adult ready to face the challenges beyond Derby High School.

Our small class sizes enable each child to progress at their own speed, with the support and challenge of exceptionally well qualified teachers. Our academic record is particularly strong, regularly placing Derby High significantly ahead of all Derbyshire schools for both A level and GCSE results.



“The contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision is excellent.”

MOST RECENT ISI INSPECTION



SIXTH FORM



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE SIXTH FORM

As a vibrant community at the heart of the school, the Sixth Form offers excellent academic development coupled with a range of rewarding enrichment activities.

It is the ideal friendly and supportive environment in which students currently in Year 11 at Derby High School and those joining us from other schools can thrive.

We believe in keeping our classes small so students really get to know their teachers and in turn they can stretch or provide extra help if needed. Students have their own personal tutor who will support them throughout their time in the Sixth Form and guide them through the higher education application process.

Our "Truly Educated" programme and opportunities for co-curricular activities equip students with skills and experiences to enter the world as confident young people.



“ The great thing about Derby High is that teachers recognise learning is more than getting a qualification. ”

YEAR 12 STUDENT





FOCUSING ON Individual Needs

The curriculum at Derby High School is designed to offer our students breadth and balance whilst establishing a strong base that will allow progression to a wide range of choices at A Level and to any future degree course or higher apprenticeship they might wish to take.

All subjects throughout the Senior School are taught by specialist teachers. Students in Year 7 have lessons in the traditional core subjects; English, Mathematics, History, Geography, French, Physics, Chemistry and Biology (taught from the start as separate sciences) together with Art, Music, Drama, Design Technology, Food and Nutrition, Religious Studies, PE, ICT and Personal Social and Health Education. They also follow our 'Thinking for Learning' programme, which is designed to help them become more independent thinkers and learners.

Students in Year 7 also have weekly Spanish and German taster classes, whilst In Year 8 they continue with French and take either Spanish or German as a second foreign language. In Year 9 students are given careers advice before making their GCSE choices, and again in Year 11, when deciding their choice of the wide range of A level subjects we offer. The progress of each individual student is closely monitored throughout their time here, and personalised targets are set for each student, enabling us to work on their strengths and expand their horizons.

Our aim is to nurture, inspire and support each individual student, enabling them to achieve their full potential.



“ The curriculum very successfully supports the school’s aims to provide an enriching educational experience. ”

MOST RECENT ISI INSPECTION

CARING

for our Students

Derby High School prides itself on the level of pastoral care offered to our students, who are encouraged to seek the advice and help of their teachers if they are experiencing difficulties.

We also encourage parents to inform us if there is anything happening outside school which might have an impact on the well-being of their children. Experience tells us that good communication between parents and the school is the most effective way of enabling the school to offer students appropriate guidance and support, whether through Form Tutors, Heads of Key Stage or our Chaplain.

Links between the school and parents, carers and guardians were deemed excellent in our latest ISI (Independent Schools Inspectorate) report, with ample informal and formal opportunities for parents to communicate with the school, which encourages parental involvement.

Parents are sent detailed academic reports twice annually with additional interim assessment reports throughout the year. These set targets for improvement and present a clear picture of the student's attainment and achievements.

BEYOND

the Classroom

The school organises many highly rewarding and life-changing opportunities in this country and abroad. Every two years, students from Year 11 and the Sixth Form can take part in a World Challenge Trip which they plan and organise themselves, with Malawi and Bolivia recent destinations.

Sports tours to Greece, Malta and Gibraltar have all taken place over the last few years and our ski trips are very popular. Our A Level Scientists have recently visited the large hadron collider based at CERN in Switzerland, whilst Geography students have enjoyed the geothermal wonders of Iceland.

Enthusiastic participation in extra curricular activities is strongly encouraged and is a feature of the weekly schedule of all students. There is something for everyone at Derby High, whether their interests lie in the ever popular Sport, Music and Drama activities or in developing important teamwork, initiative and communication skills in areas such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Debating, Craft, Science, Film Making and Photography Clubs.

Through the extra-curricular programme our students not only learn new skills, but also uncover previously unsuspected talents. They gain confidence and learn to take responsibility for themselves and for others, developing important leadership skills.





“ I was a pupil at Derby High for 15 years,
it was a wonderful place to be.
I Simply loved it! ”

FORMER STUDENT

THE NEXT STEPS...

We hope that you will visit our friendly and successful school for a tour with our Head, so that you can discover more about all we have to offer and the reasons we are the top performing school in Derbyshire.

This can be done by contacting our Registrar by phone: **01332 514267** or by email: admissions@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk Academic, Music, Art & Design, Drama and Sports Scholarships are available for Year 7 and Year 12 entry. In addition, a Head's Scholarship is awarded to any student who has demonstrated outstanding all-round ability.


The school runs its own Assisted Places scheme, which offers financial assistance to qualifying families who would like their children to benefit from a Derby High School education but who would find it difficult to meet the full fee.

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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