



DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR PROSPECTUS



Welcome to Derby High!



A note from our Head...

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 enter into our new exciting phase of educating boys and girls throughout the school.

Amy Chapman

- Our academic record is particularly strong, we are consistently placed ahead of all local schools in both A level and GCSEs.
- Our small class sizes enable each student to progress at their own speed, with the support and challenge of exceptionally well qualified teachers.
- We take pride in our excellent pastoral care throughout all stages in the school, with students feeling confident they are listened to and looked after.
- We offer a wide variety of clubs and activities and we encourage all our students to try something new, as well as continue to develop skills in areas they have grown to love.
- Our many and varied trips and residential experiences ensure each student is encouraged to expand their boundaries within a safe and secure environment.





Our school...

Derby High is an independent day school conveniently situated on the outskirts of Derby. Our friendly, happy Primary School takes girls and boys aged between 3 and 11 whilst our busy, ambitious Senior School has traditionally educated girls only up to age 18. From September 2019, we are offering places to boys in Years 7 and 12, as we move to being fully coeducational throughout the school.

Our Sixth Form welcomes both Derby High students and those who have completed their GCSE studies elsewhere.

Please visit our website to view our latest exam results:
www.derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk/exam-results

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, which reflects the community of which it is a part. The school is a Christian foundation in the Anglican tradition, but we accept children of all faiths and indeed none.

Our vision and 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.



“My child not only achieves academically but is happy and secure at school.”



Delivering success...

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.

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Our academic record is particularly strong, with 44% of our 2018 A level entries being graded A/A*, and 61% of GCSE grades being awarded 7-9 (the equivalent to A/A*, under the new grading system) - this places Derby High significantly ahead of all local schools in both A level and GCSEs.

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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.

Please visit our website to view the courses we offer at GCSE:

www.derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk/senior-curriculum

... and at A Level:

www.derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk/a-level-subjects

“The level of pastoral care is especially good.”

Looking after 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 the school 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.

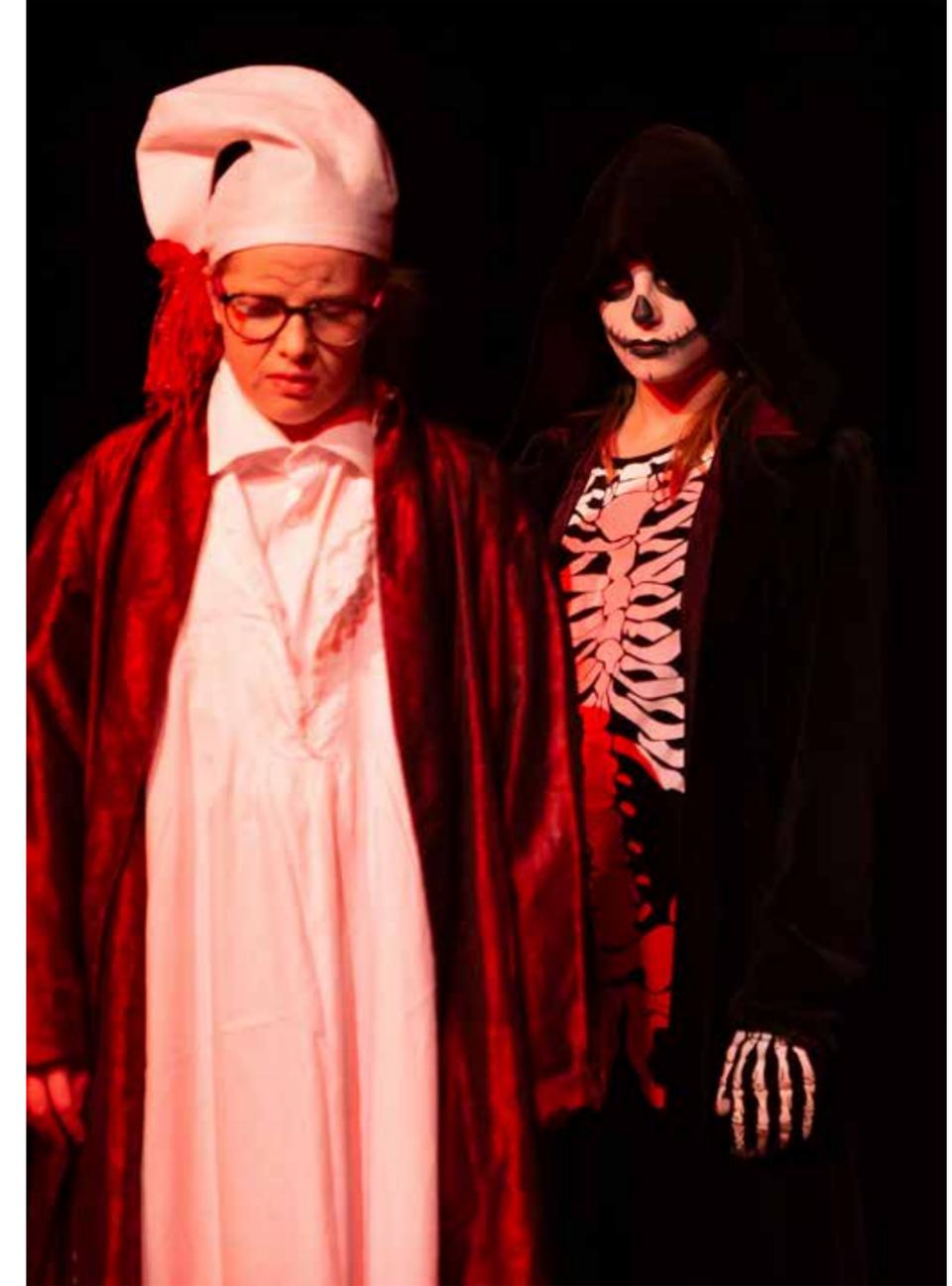
Parents are sent detailed reports twice annually with additional interim assessment reports throughout the year. These set targets for improvement and present a clear picture of the students' attainment and achievements.

Beyond the classroom...

Enthusiastic participation in extra curricular activities is strongly encouraged and is a feature of the weekly schedule of all students. We encourage students to appreciate education in much broader terms than simply getting good examination results.

There is something for everyone at Derby High, whether their interests lie in the high profile and 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. Through the medium of extra-curricular activity important leadership skills are developed, where students will often initiate and run their own activities and are encouraged to do so.



Adventure and enrichment...

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. Most recently students travelled to Malawi and a trip to Bolivia is planned for 2020.

Sports tours to Greece, Malta and Gibraltar have all taken place over the last few years and our ski trips (every two years) 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.

There is also an extensive programme of visits to take advantage of learning in the wider context. There are regular trips to support the curriculum in Science, Geography, Religious Studies and History, while annual visits to France and Germany enhance language learning.

The next steps...

If you would like your son or daughter to join our successful, friendly school, the first step in the admissions process is to arrange a convenient time for you to visit us. This can be done by contacting our Registrar by phone: **01332 514267** or by email: **admissions@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk**

During your visit you will meet with our Headteacher and one of our sixth formers, who will show you around our excellent facilities. This will give you the chance to find out about Derby High from a student's point of view.

Those wishing to join Derby High in Year 7 sit our 11+ Entrance Examination which takes place each year in January. Non-verbal reasoning, English and mathematics tests are set, which are nationally standardised and are intended to be taken by pupils who come from a variety of school backgrounds.

Academic, Music, Art & Design, Drama and Sport Scholarships are available. In addition, a Head's Scholarship is awarded to any pupil who has demonstrated outstanding all-round ability. The Senior 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.

Please visit our website to find out more about joining Derby High:

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