



DERBY HIGH SCHOOL

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PRIMARY PROSPECTUS

*"Wherever I go there are things
to do and people to play with."*

Eden, aged 9



Choosing a school...

... is an important decision, from working out what will be best for your child, with their individual talents and needs, to finding out how different schools manage to achieve the right balance between learning and play.

At Derby High we recognise that your child is unique and we want to help you to give them the best start to their education. Derby High Primary is a lively, caring, creative and fun environment in which children flourish. Our academic standards are high but so are our energy levels and our commitment to our pupils' enjoyment of their schooldays.

Being co-educational in our Primary School, we welcome both girls and boys from age 3 to age 11. Many children start with us in our nursery unit at age 3 and stay with us all the way to the end of Year 6 before moving up to the

most appropriate Senior School (the girls usually having a seamless transition into our Senior School). Every year, where space allows, we welcome some children into different year groups from other local schools or from further afield. Children are able to transfer from other schools at any point in the school year and they receive a very warm welcome from our pupils and staff ensuring that they settle in easily.

Thank you for considering Derby High for your child's education. This prospectus should give you a flavour of what our school is able to offer your child. If you would like to find out more please do get in touch with our Registrar who will be more than happy to arrange a meeting with our Head of Primary and a guided tour of our excellent facilities.



Our vibrant, purpose-built Primary School...

... provides the ideal setting for children to learn. From the Wrens (nursery unit) at age 3 through to Year 6 (at age 11) the warm, friendly and enthusiastic atmosphere of Derby High Primary encourages children to love learning and to develop the skills they will need for the future.

During our latest Inspection the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) found our Early Years provision to be 'Excellent' in all categories stating that: "Staff seize every opportunity to promote learning. The excellent resources in the EYFS provide many opportunities for problem solving and exploration and allow children to be independent in their learning and develop their own ideas."

(ISI, Integrated Inspection Report, November 2015.)

Visiting parents are always surprised by how articulate our Early Years pupils are – our small class sizes enable us to give every child the individual attention they need to flourish 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 3.

In addition to the core subjects taught in our Infant section, specialist teachers provide swimming, music and French. From Reception upwards, all children receive tennis lessons from a fully qualified specialist coach.



"I love my new classroom. It is so big!"

Reehan, aged 7



*"You're always surrounded
by happy and excited children."*

Emily, aged 10

You will notice the buzz...

... from the moment you walk into our Junior section: the sound of busy children! At Derby High Primary the appetite for learning continues seamlessly from the infant classes through to the juniors. From topic work, maths, literacy, computing to PE, music and art, our junior pupils embrace their lessons with enthusiasm.

The curriculum is enhanced by outside visitors who are regularly welcomed into school to share talents and experiences with the children, and trips out of school to support classroom-based learning.

In particular, the residential visits taken by our junior pupils are eagerly anticipated by each year group – typically these feature: York in Y3, Kingswood Outdoor Activity Centre in Y4, Edale in Y5 and France in Y6.

Our junior pupils work to a high standard, standing them in good stead for the challenges they will face at Senior School. In small classes our boys and girls benefit from the time and individual support their dedicated teachers are able to give them. Every child is encouraged to work to their strengths and be the best that they can be.



A wealth of activities...

... both within and outside of the curriculum are on offer to our pupils. Music and drama are a very important part of life at our school with many of our pupils developing high level skills in these areas.

Our productions, competitions and recitals give every child an opportunity to perform, both individually and as part of a group.

All our pupils benefit from specialist physical education teaching and a wide range of sporting activities feature in our busy programme of lunchtime and after school clubs (please visit derbyhigh.co.uk to view the range of activities available on our extra-curricular timetable).

We participate in local competitions in sports such as netball, football and rounders. A tag-rugby after school club is always extremely well attended and enjoyed by our girls and boys alike. In all of our sporting activities the emphasis remains on enjoyment and participation and children are encouraged to be gracious winners and good losers. Good sportsmanship is expected, as are the high standards of behaviour which underpin our ethos.

Our House system encourages collaborative links between all year groups, including the Senior School, and nurtures a sense of team spirit, competition and fun.



"At Derby High we have amazing extra-curricular activities."

Omar, aged 9



*"It's so easy to make friends,
everybody is just so thoughtful."*

Isobel, aged 10

The next steps...

Derby High Primary pupils benefit from the very best facilities, a hugely dedicated and enthusiastic team of teaching and support staff, space in which to learn and a vibrant and friendly atmosphere. We are proud of the high level of support and opportunities we are able to provide for our pupils and proud of our pupils for achieving all that they do.

If you are considering Derby High Primary for your child's future then the first step in the admissions process is to arrange a convenient time for you to visit our school. This can be done by contacting our Registrar whose contact details can be found below.

On your visit you will be given a tour by our Head of Primary, who will be more than happy to explain the ethos of the school, 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!

If you decide to register your child with us we will invite them to spend a morning with us in school, joining in with a class of pupils of their own age. During that time we will observe them socially with other children and ascertain their readiness to learn. Older pupils would have some work to complete during the morning to ascertain their current level of working.

Our Registrar will guide you through the admissions process and both she and the Head of Primary are available to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming your child to Derby High Primary.

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