



## Going from Strength to Strength

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

My review of this term must start with 'WOW'! There have been so many successes from our students demonstrating that they are a credit to CODA, but most importantly to themselves.

This term has been truly 'historic' on a number of levels and one I will remember for a long time. The philosophy of 'we are CODA' is visible across the City and demonstrated in two major events. CODA held its first parents' evening in the wider community (Madeley Centre in Normanton). I would like to thank all who attended, as the evening was a big success with a lovely atmosphere. The event was so successful that we are already planning a date for the next one. In order to support all of our families we have filmed a welcome/help video which is on our website. The stars of the videos are our students and there are five different languages to choose from.

The second historic event was the victory of the Year 10 debating team, who defeated all secondary schools in Derby to be crowned the Derby and District Law Society, Derby University and e4e debating champions. What a mouthful! I was at the final and the students were quite frankly amazing and left myself and the judges speechless.

I would like to thank you for your on-going support and the time you put in to supporting

your child's education, and I would like to especially thank you for your support during the disruptions caused by the adverse weather conditions.

It has been a very busy but productive term at CODA and our achievements include: -

- The debating team win.
- The Normanton Parents evening
- The success of students at the iRail challenge.
- The success of our mathematicians at the year 11 booster event.
- The success of our mathematicians with the UK Maths Challenge
- Our students making progress with their learning.
- Students are confident with describing their 'flightpaths' and where they are with regards to them.
- And there have been many sporting successes.



I will close with a heartfelt 'thank you' to all members of our school community who have contributed so much this term. Our staff work hard and are passionate about your child's education and to them, I want to say a big thank you.

**Mr P Smith – Proud Headteacher**

## Debating Success!

We are delighted to announce our debating team won the Derby and District Law Society, Derby University and e4e Debating Competition this month.



We are immensely proud of our Year 10 debating team: Connie S, Amrit A, Simran A and Mohsin A, who fought off tough competition in the final to remain unbeaten for the whole year.

The final was judged by John Whitby - Mayor of Derby, Simon Stevens - President of Derby and District Law Society (DDLs) and Sue Jennings who is Head of Law at Derby University, and they were all impressed with the quality of the preparation, research, logical reasoning and delivery of the debate.

The team are a credit to the school and themselves. They have made us all so very very proud.

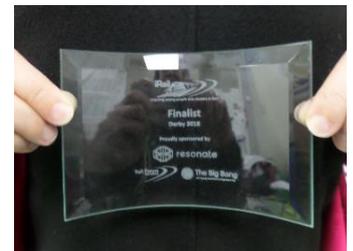
## iRail Challenge

Five students: Gloria B, Mckenzie E, Sophie K, Milena S and Jodran M attended the iRail event in Derby recently.



The event is held every year, and provides students with an opportunity to engage, explore and learn more about our rail industry. CoDA students visited Bombardier and Resonate and gained an enormous insight to the world of work, and the careers that are available within the rail industry.

The students took part in a challenge which involved building a bridge to a specific design brief. The students were presented with the finalist's plaque and certificate. Well done!



## Normanton Parents' Evening

We held our very first community parents' evening recently, and what a success it was! Plans for the next evening are already underway!

I would like to thank Mr Meehan and all staff involved for organising the event and, also, to Adem Rapesa and his community team for their support which included providing translators for our non-English speaking families.

The school were able to provide refreshments and food which were served by members of the school. Thank you to Asda (Sinfin) for their generous donation.



## Year 11 Revision Sessions

The GCSE examinations begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May – that is only 5 weeks after the Easter holiday.

We want to support you as much as possible in preparing for these examinations, so we will be offering extra revision sessions during the Easter holidays. The plan is as follows:

	<b>Session 1 (9:00 to 11:00)</b>	<b>Session 2 (11:30 – 1:30)</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<u>English</u> <u>Literature</u> 9:00 – 10:00 An Inspector Calls 10:00 – 11:00 Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Art</li> <li>• French</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Sport</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biology</li> <li>• Science Double</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English Language (Paper 2)</li> <li>• Art</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Personalised Mathswatch sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Nutrition</li> <li>• History</li> <li>• Resistant Materials</li> <li>• Health &amp; Social Care</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maths Personalised Mathswatch sessions</li> <li>• Citizenship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography</li> <li>• Resistant materials</li> </ul>

There will, also, be some “drop down days” between now and the examinations when students will be off timetable to focus on just one subject.

Please speak to your teachers about these sessions and to ask for any extra support you might need.

	<b>LUNCHTIME</b>	<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Art E01	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Art E03 Geography D08 History D05	Maths (various rooms) Biology (Double) C04
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art E02 Citizenship D02 Physics (Double and Triple) C11	English F15 (by invitation) Food & Nutrition B01 Resistant Materials B03 Sport D11
<b>Thursday</b>	Art E03 French F05 Maths Club E13	Art E01, E02, E03 French F06 Resistant Materials B03 Biology (Triple) CO3 Chemistry (Double) C12 Chemistry (Triple) CO2
<b>Friday</b>	French F05 & F06 German F07	

We would like to wish all our Year 11 students Good Luck in their upcoming exams. Head over to our website [www.cityofderbyacademy.org](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org) to see the exam timetable, as well as, some useful information and guidance for parents/carers and students.



## Energy/ Fizzy Drinks

A topic for discussion during our school assemblies this term was Energy and Fizzy drinks. The drinks contain high levels of sugar and caffeine which are unhealthy for children and their learning. This is the reason why they are banned from school.

The government has urged supermarket leaders to ban the sale of energy drinks to under 16s, and I am pleased to say that our local Asda in Sinfyn are supporting this.

We urge all parents and carers to support the City of Derby Academy and not allow your child to drink or bring energy or fizzy drinks into school.

## Careers Activities

It has been a busy term with organisations visiting the Academy to deliver workshops and sessions with students:

**Year 8** have had a two day workshop this week which gets students building Buildings for the Future.

**Year 9** have been involved in an Enterprise Workshop day, and have occupational talks next term.

**Year 10** have been involved in an “Aspiring Minds” workshop and have an Enterprise Challenge day, CV Workshop and Mock Interviews planned for next term.

**Year 11** have received 1:1 guidance interviews in school – appointments will continue into April. Students who have had an appointment will have had an Action Plan.

Lunchtime drop ins are available for any student on **Tuesdays in Room: Dog**

Many students are interested in **Apprenticeships**, so now is the time to really start looking at Gov.UK website and applying for anything of interest.

Tutors will be informed of any vacancies of interest to display on their noticeboards, and students can check the students I Drive.

Recent Apprenticeship vacancies include: Toyota Engineering and NHS Clinical Care.

### **Toyota will be hosting an Open Day on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

If any Year 11 student would like to discuss their plans for when they leave school or need to set up an Apprenticeship account, please see Mrs M Paton on a Tuesday lunchtime.

## Big Bang Science Fair



50 Year 9 students attended a Science reward trip to the Big Bang Science fair at the NEC in Birmingham. Our students were able to meet, and question, scientists and engineers from many different organisations. They could sit in the cockpit of an RAF jet, perform keyhole surgery and visit a planetarium. There were live shows and numerous challenges to complete.

The event was attended by schools from all over the country and our students were a credit to the Academy.

## INTU Workshops

City of Derby Academy Year 10 students recently visited the INTU Centre to access a whole range of opportunities to discover more about the world of work and employment. Pupils learned the importance of employability, CV writing, they took part in mock interviews, engaged in work experience, and were given a valuable insight into the workings of a major employer in Derby. Pupils discovered that there is far more to a shopping centre than just retail.

Mr Smith would like to, personally, thank INTU for the ongoing support of all the students at CoDA.

## Class Charts

We have launched our student and parent class charts app which is proving to be a success.



The app allows students and parents/ carers to access information regarding homework, child's behaviour and class charts reward point.

Students can, also, 'trade in' their class charts points for prizes.

Detentions will now be communicated by the app. Paper slips will no longer be issued.

For the full list of items, how to download the app and a guide on how to use the app, please visit our website [www.cityofderbyacademy.org](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org) or contact the school.

## Young Leaders Deliver an Excellent Primary Festival

8 Young Leaders from Year 10 delivered a Primary Football Festival involving 16 schools from across Derbyshire. The event involved over 150 pupils from Years 3 and 4 and took place at the Soccer Dome on Pride Park. The purpose of the event was to raise participation in girl's game. The Young Leaders worked in pairs to referee, coach and encourage the young pupils in the games. The Leaders also helped warm up the players and keep the day flowing by organising the fixtures and recording the scores. The Leaders were a massive credit to the City of Derby Academy with many



Primary School Teachers acknowledging the strong leadership skills of the CoDA pupils and how supportive they were of the young players. This event was the first of two Primary Festivals. The Young Leaders will take to the stage again next Tuesday when they will be delivering a Year 5 and 6 Festival. This festival is likely to involve over 250 pupils. This experience will go towards the girls achieving their Sports Leadership Award but will also help them develop the skills that will enhance opportunities for them in the future. A big well done to the girls.

## GCSE Food Preparation

The Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE groups recently completed the practical element of their Non Exam Assessment. This involved planning, preparing and cooking three separate dishes within the three hour time limit.

Every single pupil managed to complete three dishes within the time available. A selection of the dishes made included: lasagne and other pasta dishes, made with homemade pasta, ratatouille, roast dinner, pizza, soufflé, panna cotta, flavoured mousses and crème caramel. The students each presented their dishes to an exceptional level, putting the presentation skills they have been learning to great effect.

We are tremendously proud of each of them, and they should be too!

## Breakfast Club

We now offering a Breakfast Club to all students, from 8.00am - 8.30am every morning.



We would not be able to do this without the support we have received from: Thomas Ridley Food Services, Kelloggs UK, The Catering Butcher, and all the staff who help every morning.

## Raising the Grade

23 students attended a maths revision workshop at the university covering the topics of ratio & proportion, algebra, Pythagoras & trigonometry and shape.

The sessions were conducted by student 'ambassadors' from the university, both graduates and undergraduates, studying in a variety of fields from accountancy to fine-art! During the day our students built up a good rapport with the university ambassadors and they were a real credit to our school with their enthusiasm and hard work. This reflected the excellent support from the university representatives who were on hand throughout the day.

This was a fantastic opportunity, not only to revise maths but to, also, get a feel for higher education. The pupils also enjoyed the food court at lunchtime, the pizza being very popular!

The day was concluded with a fun quiz, testing the students on their learning. This was won by a team from the City of Derby Academy who were, also, competing against teams from 2 other schools attending on the day (Littleover and Murray Park) on a tie break question. The question was 'Estimate the population of the world', which was answered perfectly by the CODA team!



## Birthday Celebrations

Students who attend our Connect provision organised a surprise afternoon tea party for Mrs Irlam who celebrated a special birthday in February.

Mrs Irlam was very surprised and would like to thank everyone involved.



- Connect Learning Mentor
  - Mrs Chaudhury-Ajaib

We will provide more details, and introduce the new members. Look out for these updates on our website and social media pages.

## New Menu

Mrs Summer has been busy planning new menus for Spring 2018. Head over to our website [www.cityofderbyacademy.org](http://www.cityofderbyacademy.org) to see all the full menus.

## Farewell

Mrs Paul will be leaving us this term. She has been an asset to the team, supporting students with their numeracy and literacy skills. We wish her all the best in her new venture.

Mrs Beeson will soon be welcoming a new arrival to her family. She is currently at home resting before the new arrival.

## New Appointments

We have been very busy interviewing for new vacancies throughout the school. We have successfully appointed:

- Teacher of History
  - Miss Roberts
- Teacher of Maths
  - Mr Blackwood
  - Miss Bone
- Administration/ Reprographics Officer
  - Mr Ashraf

## Funding

There is funding available for children who were, previously, looked after children i.e. in foster care but have now been adopted. If you are a parent of a child whom you have adopted and are interested in finding out more about the funding available, please contact Mr Meehan or Mrs Bancroft.

  
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Monday Week one	Tuesday Week one	Wednesday Week one	Thursday Week one	Friday Week one
Oven Baked Haddock Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans	Shepherd's Pie with Green beans & gravy	Roast Pork Roast potatoes Broccoli & Carrots	Chicken Curry Steamed whole grain Vegetable Rice or Nan Bread	Pork & Vegetable Pie Creamed potatoes Country Vegetables
Beef Bolognese Pasta With Garlic Bread	Sausage Roll Jacket Wedges Baked Beans or Salad	Chicken Burritos With Vegetable of the day	Fish Fingers Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas	Beef Enchiladas With Steamed Rice
Vegetarian Burger Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas or Baked Beans	Vegetarian Sausage Roll Jacket Wedges Baked Beans or Salad	Cheese & Tomato Baguette Pizzas Mixed Salad & Coleslaw	Quorn curry With wholegrain Vegetable rice	Quorn Sausage in Gravy With Creamed Potatoes & Country Vegetables
Vegetarian bolognaise	Pasta in Tomato & Pesto sauce With Crusty Bread & Mixed Salad	Chunky veg pasta With garlic bread	Flaky pastry squares with baked beans	Pasta bake topped with cheese Served with salad
Also available is Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings, Sandwich/Roll/ Wrap/Baguette Pasta Pot or Salad Selection				
Dessert Option				
Fruit Muffins	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting	Apple Crumble & Custard	Jam Roly Poly Served with Custard
A Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts and Homemade Cakes & Fruit Pots are available as an alternative dessert.				
A selection of Mineral Water, Fruit Based Drinks & Flavoured Milkshakes are available daily. All allergen information is available from the Kitchen Staff. Please advise us of any allergies.				

## Important dates for your diaries

### Term Dates 2017-18

- 26th February - 23rd March 2018
- 9th April - 25th May 2018
- 4th June - 25th July 2018

### Term Dates 2018-19

- 3rd September – 26th October 2018
- 5th November – 21st December 2018
- 7th January – 15th February 2019
- 25th February – 12th April 2019
- 29th April – 24th May 2019
- 3rd June – 22nd of July 2019

### INSET Days 2018-19

- 3rd September 2018
- 4th September 2018
- 8th October 2018
- 26th November 2018
- 22nd July 2019

### Uniform Pop-up Shop

The City of Derby's uniform supplier will be in school on the following dates to sell additional uniform to parents; this will include PE kit.

The uniform will be available in the gymnasium between 3pm and 4.30pm on: –

- Thursday 22nd March 2018
- Thursday 26th April 2018
- Thursday 24th May 2018
- Thursday 28th June 2018
- Thursday 19th July 2018

### Parents' Evenings

- Year 10 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 11 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

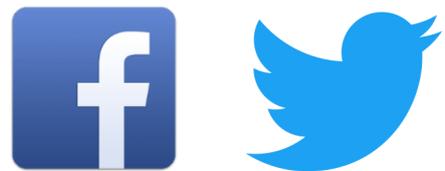
### Parent Focus Group

For parents who have registered to attend our Parent Focus Group, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April from 5.00pm until 6.30pm

## Did you know.....?



When paying for school dinners, trips, etc. you can pay electronically through Parent Pay. If you



would like to access this, please contact the school so we can register you.

City of Derby Academy now have a Facebook and Twitter account. We regularly update these accounts to keep everyone up to date with news and information including school closures.



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