



SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Derby Moor Post 16 Newsletter, July 2021

Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

After the end of another eventful term I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support this school year with all the on-going challenges we have had to face.

I hope everyone is able to have an enjoyable and restful summer.
Best wishes.

Wendy Coley, Head of Post 16

Induction Week

In June, 75 of our Year 11 leavers attended our Induction Week; students were inaugurated into the Sixth Form process in preparation for starting with us in September. The students had taster sessions in the subjects we offer in Sixth Form and seemed to take it in their stride.

We additionally welcomed 15 external applicants for an Induction Day, again a lot of enthusiasm and interest was shown throughout. We hope to see these upstanding young people join us in September.

Mr B Telford

IMPORTANT DATES

Break up for Summer:
Thursday 22 July

Testing for students:
Monday 6 September

Students return:
Tuesday 7 September

Break up for Half Term:
Friday 22 October

Students return:
Monday 1 November

Mock Interviews

Year 12 took part in a series of mock interviews. Conducted in collaboration with E4E, twenty employers came into the school to offer advice on their CVs and to test their interview skills. The results, again, were extremely positive. Some students came out with beaming smiles on their faces, and one student even called the experience "awesome" – I think a first for the interview process! The comments from the employers were especially inspiring:

"What I found hugely positive is how they were so pragmatic with regards to the last 18 months, whereas the press has reported all as having been difficult. Most students appear to have taken it in their stride. A good metaphor for life's ups and downs. For me it was one of the most rewarding sessions for some time, and I am optimistic that, without exception, the five I met will cope well in the future and be valuable and alpha members of society, wherever they find themselves."

Next year the students will be extending their interview skills into the online realm, with virtual interviews to be conducted in the Autumn Term.



Jack Simpson Match Official of the Year

One of our Year 13 students has managed to garner a prestigious award that bodes well for his future career prospects in sport. An avid football referee, Jack has been active behind the scenes in Derby community football and his efforts have been justly recognised.

He has been awarded Match Official of the Year in the 2021 Grassroots Football Awards, run by the FA in accordance with the Derbyshire Football Association. This goes along with his acceptance into a high-level coaching degree apprenticeship that Jack himself managed to attain outside of the UCAS application process. A lovely young man, Jack certainly deserves the accolades and opportunities and we wish him the best of luck for his future on and off the pitch.

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Work Experience Work

The Year 12 cohort took part in a county first fully virtual Work Experience Week. Whilst the students have had many opportunities to do solo work experience online in chosen fields, this was the first time our Year 12s were able to undertake something close to social interaction whilst partaking in work experience and learning new skills. The students were split into seven groups and worked with the following organisations:

DHL Express; Morrisons; Geldards LLP; Derbion; Derby County Community Trust; Scenariio Ltd; John Hughes International (JHI)

The week allowed the students to access parts of the businesses that a normal work experience placement would not allow. DHL and Geldards, for example, had their CEOs conducting one of the sessions. The opportunity to hear from different facets of established organisations gave students a fresh insight into the sectors of law, sports, finance, business management and marketing, whilst the various scenarios and pitches the students had to present to their “employers” was at an incredibly high level. Some of the results were particularly intuitive and creative: DHL pitched their sustainability ideas Dragons’ Den style; some students cooked and presented their products for the Morrisons representative; the teams in Geldards presented a hypothetical case to help with a dry-cleaning business buyout; events promoting the shopping centre were showcased in the Derbion group. I was extremely impressed with the students’ enthusiasm, acumen and efforts, culminating in a final day where employers were suitably impressed, and in some cases, blown away. This bodes well for the future of our cohort as they look to the near future.

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Brilliant Club

Eight students have completed a Summer Term course with the Brilliant Club called the Scholars Programme. These students are: Hassan Ashraf, Bethany Burnett, Alex Causer-Smith, Amanpreet Dilhe, Manmanat Kaur, Faseha Rashid, Ajhiov Regmi and Ramanjit Ranu.

This course allowed the students to link up with a top tier university (St Edmund’s College at Oxford) and experience a taste of university academic life by doing a short course with a university tutor. The field the students studied was Sociology, specifically looking at and comparing the success and weaknesses of various social movements, and it culminated in the students writing a university-level essay.

The students all produced stellar work, with three students receiving Firsts and five receiving a 2:1. Congratulations all of you!

NOTE: a university visit wasn’t possible this term, but we will hopefully be able to do this in the Autumn Term next year with photos to come.

BFI Film Academy

Earlier in the year the Derby Creative Arts Hub collaborated with the prestigious BFI to run a short film course here in Derby. An extensive and immersive course run over several consecutive Saturdays, it put the students through the process of making a film and the various obstacles this endeavour faces.

Two of our Derby Moor students attended this and flourished, coming out invigorated to continue making creative projects.

Congratulations to Rose Meehan and Humraj Singh; we hope to see your names in lights (or at least on a big screen, hopefully without social distancing restrictions too!) in the future.

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