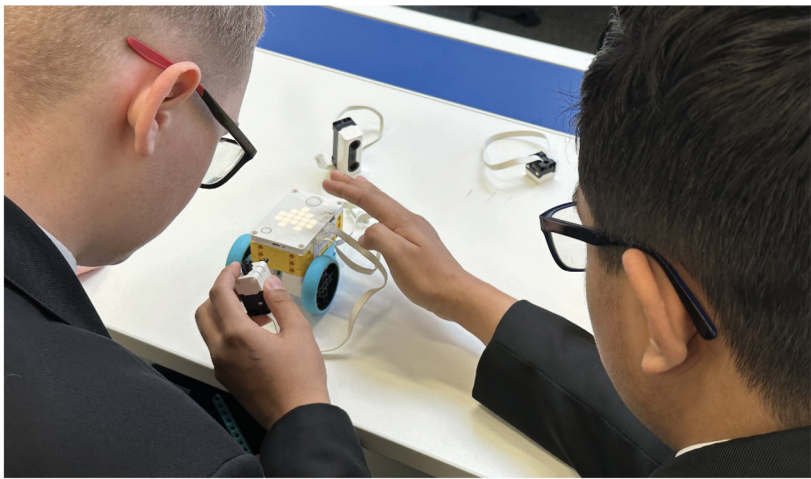




THE DERBY — HIGH SCHOOL —

Inspired to make a difference





Welcome to **THE DERBY HIGH SCHOOL**

Welcome to Our School

Ofsted 2023 recognised that “Pupils at the Derby High School are ‘Inspired to Make a Difference’.” This is a place where we truly impact students’ lives.

We are a high-achieving school providing exciting opportunities for all who belong here. Our high expectations, alongside quality teaching and pastoral care, lead to excellent outcomes for our students.

We are currently the highest-performing school in Bury for student progress and have held this position for many consecutive years. Our success is a testament to the talented, hardworking, and dedicated staff we employ and the productive relationships we build with our parents/carers and our local community.

The Derby High School is truly a unique school. Positive relationships between and within staff and students are a key strength and ensure all who work here see school as a happy and caring place in which to learn. Furthermore, our distinctive curriculum ([the Resilience Curriculum](#)), ethos ([The 7Rs](#)), and enrichment offer ([The Derby Diploma](#)) enable our students to leave as confident, well-rounded, and forward-thinking young people, equipped to make an impact in their own and others’ lives.

I warmly invite you to come and see this for yourselves.



Ms C H Hubert
Headteacher





QUALITY TEACHING & LEARNING

Teaching is engaging and inspirational at The Derby High School. Our students always tell us that our teachers are the best thing about our school! We are really fortunate to have such a devoted and dedicated team of teachers, always ready to go the extra mile for our students. All of our teachers are well qualified specialists with a real passion for their subject.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

We are a high-achieving school. We have worked hard to get where we are. Year after year, our examination results have improved. The progress students make is well above national expectations, and our progress score has been the best in the Bury Authority for many years.

AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES

We aim to provide a school experience that is truly memorable. We offer our students many unique opportunities. Enrichment activities are an integral part of our school day. We believe that enrichment can extend the range of educational experiences for our students, broadening their horizons and helping them discover hidden talents by trying new things. We have built a wide range of innovative partnerships. Every single day, something exciting will be happening here at The Derby.

STRONG COMMUNITY

We are proud that our students work with us to create a harmonious, calm, purposeful, and safe learning environment. The 7Rs underpin our ethos at The Derby, and we provide encouragement and support for all our students through our in-house "team around the child." All our students have opportunities to contribute to school life as leaders, mentors, buddies, and prefects, while the senior student leaders act as role models for our younger students.



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves. We are Jack and Ciana, the proud Head Students of The Derby High School for 2023/24.

Our job this academic year is to support and serve our peers and the wider community.

We are part of the senior prefect team, and in collaboration with the senior leadership team, we are constantly looking at how we can improve the experiences and opportunities for our community. We will work tirelessly through student voice to give every student the opportunity to become the best version of themselves.

Speaking from experience, we can both say that The Derby High School has allowed us to flourish and thrive, becoming outgoing, mature, and confident young people who believe that they can inspire all to make a difference in their community.



Jack Tomlinson



Caoimhe Woodburn



Inspired to Make a Difference

At The Derby Our Vision is to inspire all who belong to our school community, so that our students are ready to make an impact on our world and lead successful, fulfilling and enjoyable lives.

RESILIENCE

We recognise the importance of feeling safe, secure and content. Through a strong focus on collaboration and resilience we provide valuable learning opportunities to bring our school together and develop the skills to thrive in life.

REASONABLE

We are highly inclusive and understand the needs, strengths and aspirations of all our students.

RESPONSIBLE

We address all gaps in learning, acknowledging that some may have resulted from disadvantages in life.

RIGHT IMPRESSION

We present a united front and work collectively to the benefit of our students, ensuring that we are always consistent in our approach.

RESOURCEFUL

We are a highly reflective and forward-thinking learning community delivering an exceptional curriculum through inspiring teaching and rich experiences and opportunities.

READY

We are ambitious for our students, showing a relentless determination to ensure that they achieve things they never thought possible.

RESPECTFUL

We build strong relationships through being honest and supportive and value all who belong to The Derby High School.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is outstanding and provides a tremendous range of opportunities for our students.

At Key Stage 3 our students benefit from a wide variety of experiences. As well as the more traditional subjects, we believe the Expressive Arts, sport and learning to cook help to make learning exciting and enjoyable. Languages, technology and computing also enable our students to enjoy a wide range of experiences.

At Key Stage 4 students are offered many rigorous and challenging academic courses plus a range of exceptional vocational courses such as BTECs. A free choice of options is available to all our students.

Key Stage Three Curriculum (Years 7 – 9)

English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography, Religious Education, French, R-Time.

Drama, Food Studies, Dance, Design Technology, Music, Art, PE, Computing.

Key Stage Four Curriculum (Years 10 – 11)

Core Curriculum – English, Mathematics, Science, PE.

Four Option Choices – Art, Business Studies, Dance, Drama, Food Studies, French, Geography, History, ICT, Music, PE, Religious Studies, Triple Sciences, Creative Digital Media, Photography, Computer Science, Engineering, Health and Social Care.

CURRICULUM OFFER

The Derby High School offers a knowledge-rich curriculum that celebrates the creative and vocational alongside the academic. We are proud of the breadth of our curriculum, including our offer of nine GCSEs featuring a vibrant range of subjects. Our unique Resilience Curriculum threads personal, social, health and economic life skills throughout every subject area. We provide culturally vibrant experiences and opportunities that ensure that our students are fully prepared for the world of work, ready to lead the way, shape the future and be inspired to make a difference. Our curriculum is underpinned by ten core principles that we believe are crucial to students' personal development:

R = REAL WORLD

E = ENGAGING & ENRICHING

S = SKILLS FOR LIFE

I = INCLUSIVE

L = LEADERSHIP

I = INDEPENDENCE

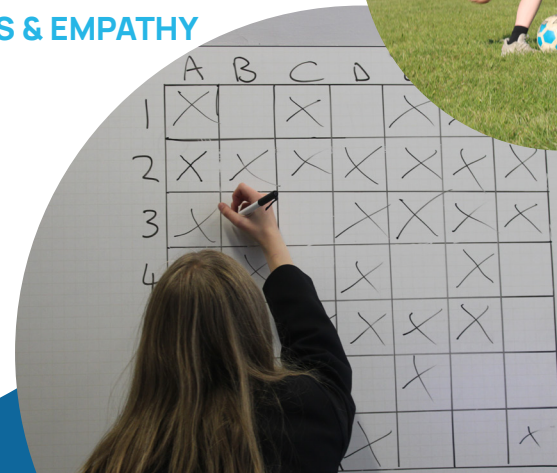
E = ENCOURAGES REFLECTION

N = NEXT STEPS

C = CHALLENGE

E = ETHICS & EMPATHY

Ultimately, we want our students to enjoy their learning and leave feeling prepared to lead happy and fulfilling lives.



INCLUSION

My Form Class

We do our best to make sure that each person joining the Derby in year 7 is in a form with at least one familiar face from their primary school.

Each form meets together at the start of the school day.

Once a week the forms meet as a year group for assembly. (Year 7 assembly is on a Monday)

In addition, each form will meet for a lesson of "R Time" twice a week.

My Head of Year

Each year group has a named staff member as their Head of Year. This person works hard to get to know every student in their year group. They lead assemblies, visit forms, meet with parents. Where possible the Head of Year will follow the year group from year 7 up to year 11.

Other Support

All students have a non-teaching member of inclusion staff to support them during years 7-11.

We also have a school therapists, wellbeing support staff and a number of agencies who provide support for young people during their time at The Derby High School.

Assistant Headteacher

An Assistant Headteacher also has responsibility for the successful transition of our year 7 students.

Deputy Headteacher

Mr D White is the inclusion and learning Deputy Headteacher and he is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead.



UNIFORM STANDARDS

Black Blazer with Derby High School badge. Alternatively, a badge can be purchased from Macron and sewn onto a black blazer.

White shirt and School Tie. please note that students joining from September 2024 do not need to buy the school tie, as it will be presented to the new students on their first day.

Black trousers. Not skintight or cropped. They should not be made of lycra or denim material and should be full length and not above the ankle.

Leggings are not allowed.



School skirt. As an alternative to wearing trousers a school skirt can be worn. These have The Derby High School logo and are available from the uniform suppliers. Girls must wear a Derby High School skirt if they want to choose the skirt option.

V-neck black school pullover. optional for winter months with no logo or print

Practical outdoor coat or anorak. No fashion items including leather, denim or sweatshirts/ hooded tops, bandanas or baseball caps. Outdoor clothing should not be worn when inside the school building.

Shoes. Plain black practical leather (not canvas shoes or pumps, trainers/material sports shoes). Students wear their footwear five days a week. It is important that they are suitable and sturdy. No logos or brightly coloured laces. Fashion shoes e.g., high heels, open toes or slip-on shoes are not suitable. Boots or shoes above the ankle should not be worn if wearing a skirt.

Tights/socks. Black tights or plain white or black socks between ankle and knee length. No patterned tights.

Jewellery. No jewellery allowed with the exception of a wristwatch.

No piercings are allowed. This includes ears, tongue, face etc. No 'clear' piercings are allowed.

Make -up. No makeup allowed . No nail varnish/ gel or false nails allowed. No false eyelashes.

Hairstyles. Extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours are not permitted, including on hair extensions/weaves. Fully shaven heads or parts of heads/shaved patterns/lines in hair or eyebrows are not permitted. If religious headwear is worn, it should be plain black or navy blue.

RESULTS

Progress 8					
2017	2018	2019	2020/21	2023	2024
+0.34	+0.41	+0.30	No data available	+0.41	+0.37
National Score is 0					

TRANSPORT

The Derby High School's central location makes it easily accessible from Bury, Radcliffe, Little Lever, and beyond. Numerous bus routes stop right at the school gates or within 200 yards on Manchester/Bury Road.

Transport To And From Radcliffe

899 Morning Bus

The 899 bus starts at Starling, Black Bull and travels via Ainsworth Road, Starling Road, Ainsworth Arms/Higher Ainsworth Road, Turks Road, Countess Lane, Kilburn Road, Westminster Avenue, Coronation Road, Turks Road, Ainsworth Road, Water Street, Spring Lane, Bury Road, Radcliffe Road to The Derby High School.

899 Afternoon Bus

This afternoon bus will pick up from the stop outside school each day and travel: Radcliffe Road, The Derby High School, Manchester Road, Dumers Lane, Bury Street, Cross Lane, Spring Lane, Water Street, Ainsworth Road, Turks Road, Coronation Road, Westminster Avenue, Kilburn Road, Countess Lane, Turks Road, Higher Ainsworth Road/Ainsworth Arms, Starling Road to Starling Black Bull

Transport To And From Walmersley And Bury

Students can change at Bury Interchange for frequent services to school. Unfortunately, there is no dedicated school bus.

THE SCHOOL DAY

R Time 8:40 - 9:10 AM

Period 1 9:10 - 10:10 AM

Period 2 10:10 - 11:10 AM

Break 11:10 - 11:25 AM

Period 3 11:25 - 12:25 PM

Lunch 12:25 - 1:05 PM

Period 4 1:05 - 2:05 PM

Period 5 2:05 - 3:05 PM





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