

11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Experience Week 2025 - 30th June to 4th July 2025**

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are excited to announce that The Derby High School will be hosting our annual **Experience Week** from **30th June to 4th July 2025**. This week-long event is designed to provide our students with enriching, real-world learning opportunities that extend beyond the traditional classroom setting. Each experience has been carefully planned to equip our young people with the skills, knowledge, and attributes needed to achieve their aspirations.

**Each experience also adds a significant number of credits to students' Personal Development Diploma, so it is vital that every session is attended.**

**The theme for the week is 'Respect' – Respecting and building successful relationships, respecting our community and respecting our environment.**

**The full schedules for the week for year 7,8,9 and a separate one for Year 10 are below**

<b>Year 7, 8, 9 Schedule</b>	
<b>Monday 30th June – Stop Our Clock Day</b>	
Students will participate in statutory PSHE sessions focused on developing leadership skills.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Year 7</b> will train to become Buddies</li> <li>• <b>Year 8</b> to become Subject Leaders</li> <li>• <b>Year 9</b> to become Prefects</li> </ul>	
Students will also have the opportunity to meet and interview inspirational community role models.	
<b>Life Skills</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 will visit The Met Theatre in the afternoon for a session aimed at inspiring sustainable living. They will also be educated around FGM (compulsory curriculum requirement) in the morning session in school.</li> <li>• <b>Year 8 and 9</b> will work with the Maths faculty on managing personal finances.</li> </ul>	
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> , Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> , Friday 4th July</b>	
<b>Key Stage 3 Experience Week Activities</b>	



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As one of only seven schools piloting the Equalex initiative in Greater Manchester, we are delivering innovative, year group employer engagement projects, designed in collaboration with subject faculties.

### **Year 7 - Sense of Belonging**

**Faculties involved: Arts, English, and Technologies**

- **Lights, Camera, Climate Action – Sustainable Film Festival**
- **Dragons' Den Challenge and MFL Spelling Bee**

Students will create and pitch ideas for sustainable initiatives to improve the school. Finalists will present to a panel including Councillor Nikki Frith, a former Dragons' Den contestant. The winning idea will be implemented in school.

Students will also produce animated films on sustainability, inspired by the work of our award-winning media students. Notably, Ben, a Year 11 student supporting the Arts team, has been nominated for Best Animation at the Media Magazine Film Awards at the BFI in July.

### **Year 8 - Sense of Excitement**

**Faculties involved: Maths, Science, Arts, and Technologies**

- Create a Mathematical Mystery Tour to enhance outdoor learning
- **Science innovation challenge - repurposing household items into toys and garden gifts for charity.**
- **Rollercoaster Challenge, originally sponsored by Siemens. Students will design a sustainable theme park**

### **Year 9: Sense of Responsibility**

**Faculties involved: Humanities, English, and PE**

- **Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**
- **Community Green Spaces**
- **The Effects of Exercise - science investigation and tracking data**

Students will walk to Burrs Park on Tuesday to explore its heritage, then return to school or continue to Ashworth Valley campsite for an overnight stay. Students returning will participate in curriculum activities led by the English Faculty on Wednesday. Meanwhile, students camping will complete further Duke of Edinburgh related work before returning to school. **Appropriate outdoor clothing is required**, and all activities will go ahead regardless of weather.





On Friday, students will take part in a collaborative session on the effects of exercise on the body, which will build foundations for success in KS4 across multiple subjects.

#### Thursday 3rd July

##### Offsite Reward Trips

Students eligible for the rewards trip can choose from:

- **Alton Towers**
- **Blackpool Zoo**
- **Blackpool Tower, Dungeons and Madame Tussaud's**

Those not attending will participate in The Derby Diploma Curriculum Enrichment Day, offering opportunities to gain credits, develop new skills, and explore new interests ahead of our end of year Awards Ceremony.

Lead teachers for each year group will provide more specific information prior to the week.

### YEAR 10 Schedule

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 10** will participate in statutory RE sessions in the morning, followed in the afternoon with a college taster session at Bury College.

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July

##### Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience is a compulsory element of the Year 10 curriculum. Students will take part in a four-day programme designed to give them valuable insight into the world of work, develop practical skills, and explore potential career paths. Students should now have secured a placement relevant to their interests.

**Those without a placement will complete a virtual work experience on site at school.**

These students must attend in full school uniform and follow the regular school hours of **8:35am – 3:05pm.**

Staff have worked hard alongside external partners to secure funding and deliver our most ambitious Experience Week yet. Students will collaborate with industry specialists and develop critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, while strengthening our school's community ties. Detailed schedules will be sent home with your child and published on The **Derby App** and **school website**.





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We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child's full participation, especially in making the most of their experiences. We are confident Experience Week will be both enjoyable and enriching for all our students. Most importantly, the week is an opportunity to deliver statutory content that is integral to the academic success and personal development of your child.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me:  
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