Welcome to your whispers of news and events...

23.10.26

Top Weekly Reward Points		
Year 7	7JAL	60.2
Year 8	8DKI	57.6
Year 9	9NKE	49.8
Year 10	10SPA	52.6
Year 11	11NFR	53.4

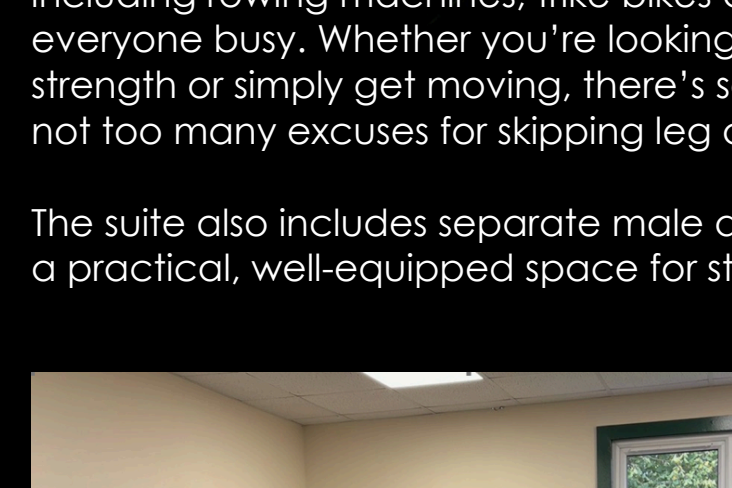
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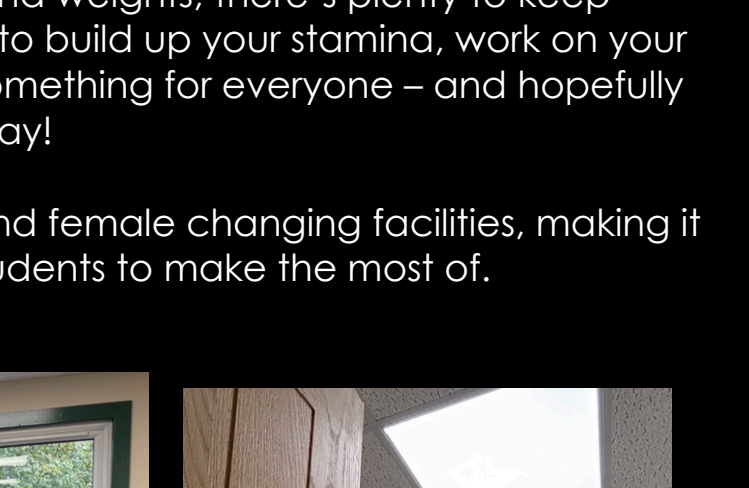
Kaylen L Y11

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A Stronger Future Starts Here!

There's a new space at Whittngton Green School that's really putting us through our paces – our fantastic new gym suite!



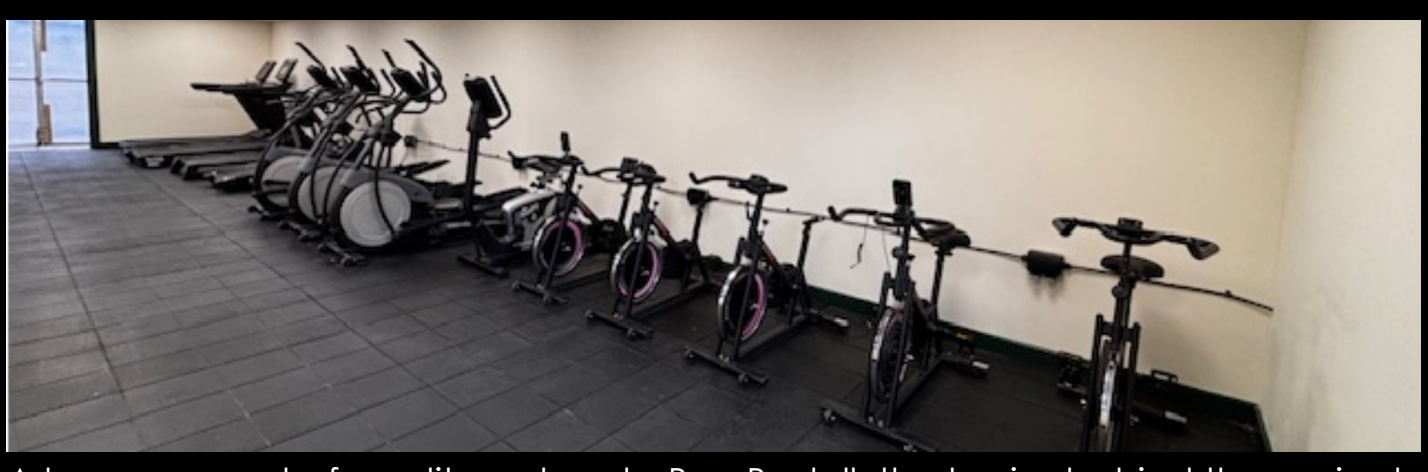


Purpose-built and impressively spacious, the gym is a brilliant addition to the school, giving students aged 11–16 a dedicated place to get active, build strength and improve their fitness. With an ever-growing range of equipment, including rowing machines, trike bikes and weights, there's plenty to keep everyone busy. Whether you're looking to build up your stamina, work on your strength or simply get moving, there's something for everyone – and hopefully not too many excuses for skipping leg day!

The suite also includes separate male and female changing facilities, making it a practical, well-equipped space for students to make the most of.







A huge amount of credit must go to Ben Bodell, the brains behind the project, whose hard work and vision have helped turn this fantastic facility into a reality. Creating a space of this size is no small feat, and the finished result is something the school can be incredibly proud of.

More than just a room full of gym equipment, this is a brilliant investment in our students' health, fitness and wellbeing. It gives them the opportunity to challenge themselves, discover new ways to stay active and perhaps even discover muscles they never knew they had!

Harvest Appeal: A Huge Success



A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Appeal in aid of Chesterfield Food Bank. We knew our school community was generous, but the response has been truly heartwarming!

A couple of weeks ago, Toby in Year 8 put out a call for donations of essential goods desperately needed by the food bank. And what a response he received! Our school community really stepped up, with a wonderful collection of items that will help support local individuals and families facing difficult times.

The donations have now been collected by Chesterfield Food Bank, whose team were incredibly grateful for the generosity shown. At a time when many households are facing increasing pressures, every single item donated can make a real difference. What might seem like a small contribution to one person can mean a great deal to someone who needs a helping hand.

We are immensely proud of the generosity shown by everyone who contributed. It's a wonderful reminder that, when our community pulls together, we can achieve something genuinely meaningful.



TEXTILES Competition!

Could YOUR artwork be printed onto real fabric?

The Prinfab × Textile Skills Centre Design to Print Competition is giving students the chance to see their designs come to life!

How to enter:

- Create a design that you think could be put on fabric!
- This can be done on paper/digital/fabric
- **Open to all**- you do not have to be a textiles club member to take part.

Win:

- 3 metres of your artwork professionally printed onto fabric
- A FREE online textile course from Textile Skills Centre
- The opportunity to showcase your creativity

Open to: All year groups
Closing Date: 7th January 2027
Winner Announced: Shortly after the closing date

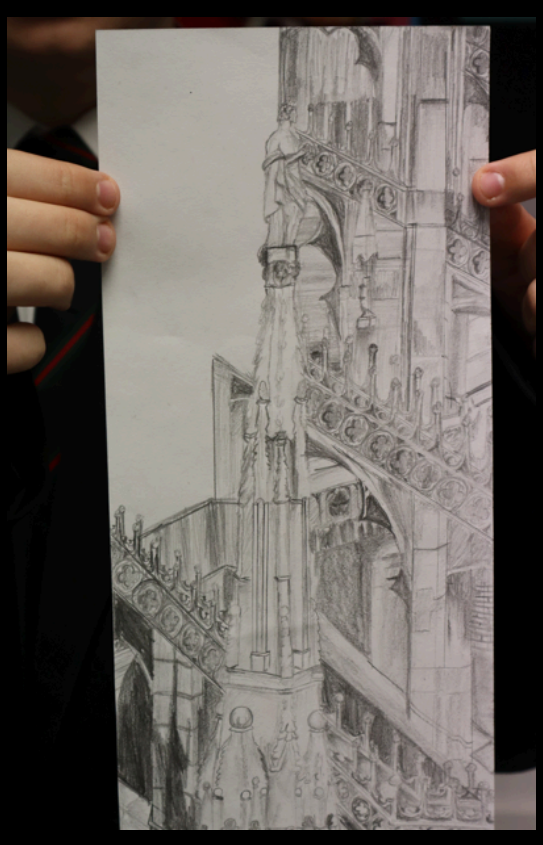
Whether you love drawing, pattern design, illustration or digital art, anyone can be involved! **If you have any questions please see Miss Donkin in room 36.**



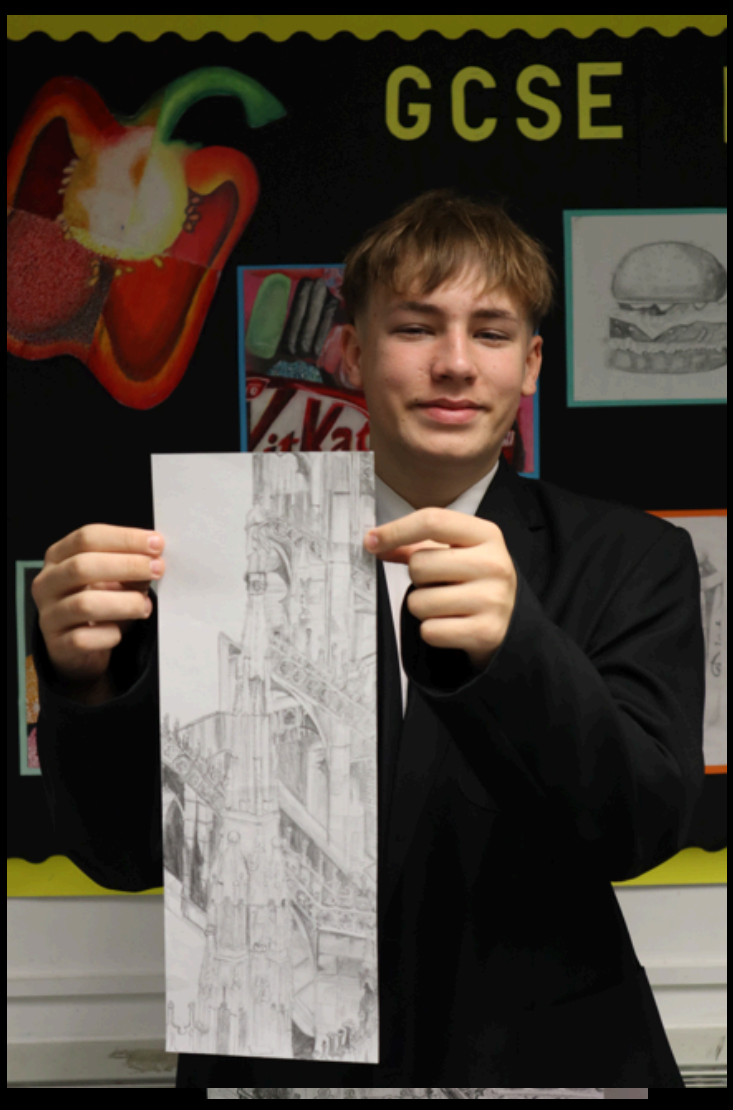
TEXTILES
SKILLS CENTRE



A Picture of Talent:



Year 11 Artist, Josh



Some people look at a building and see bricks, windows and a roof. Josh, one of our talented Year 11 art students, sees something rather different: a world of intricate detail, perspective, proportion and architectural beauty, just waiting to be captured on paper.

Josh's passion for drawing began at a very young age, around Year 3, and it's a passion that has continued to flourish. His interest was particularly sparked by Stephen Wiltshire, the remarkable British architectural artist renowned for his extraordinary ability to draw incredibly detailed cityscapes from memory after seeing them just once. Inspired by Wiltshire's phenomenal talent, Josh began exploring architectural drawing himself, developing a style and level of precision that have become truly impressive.

His work is now reaching new heights. A piece he is currently developing showcases an extraordinary eye for detail, with remarkable accuracy in the way he captures the finest features of a photographic reference. From the intricate lines and structures to the subtle details that might escape the casual observer, Josh demonstrates a real understanding of form, perspective and composition. His drawings are not simply representations of buildings; they are carefully observed studies that bring architecture to life on the page.

His portfolio also features some familiar landmarks, each offering another glimpse into his growing artistic ability. Yet perhaps one of the loveliest things about Josh's talent is that drawing isn't just something he does in an art lesson. Keep an eye out and you may well spot a sketchbook tucked into his blazer pocket, ready to be brought out whenever inspiration strikes. For Josh, art is clearly much more than a school subject; it's a genuine passion.

When asked where his artistic flair comes from, Josh is happy to acknowledge his mum, who is also a talented artist. It seems that creativity may well run in the family!







Mr Ashworth's Brain Teaser



You're driving a bus that picks up witches. On the first stop, you pick up four witches with blue eyes. The second, you pick up six witches with brown eyes. On the third, you pick up ten witches with green eyes.

What colour are the bus driver's eyes?

Do you think you know the answer to this week's brain teaser?
Be the first to find Mr Ashworth in Room 16 with your solution for the chance to win a small prize (and, of course, eternal bragging rights).

Congratulations!
The last week's winner is:

Charlie B Y11



Q: What begins with an "e" and only contains one letter?

A: An envelope

Year 7 Discover the Science of Giant Gummies

Things got a little chewy in Mr Ashworth's science lab this week, as our Year 7 scientists explored the fascinating world of osmosis — with the help of some very lucky gummy sweets!

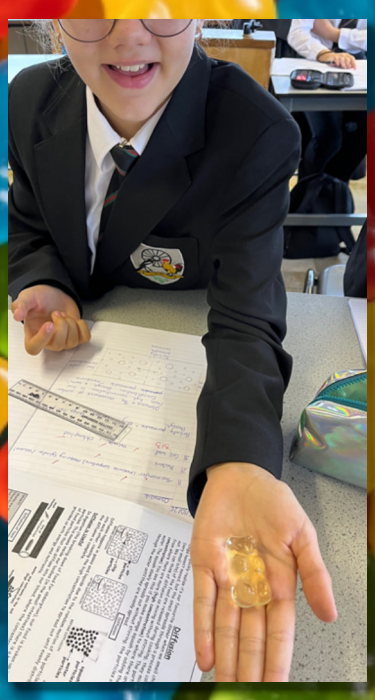
The students discovered that osmosis is the movement of water particles from an area of high water concentration to an area of lower water concentration, across a partially permeable membrane. But rather than simply reading about it in a textbook, they got hands-on with an experiment that was certainly sweet science!

After placing gummy sweets in water and leaving them for several days, the students watched as the water gradually moved into the sweets, causing them to swell in size. What started as little gummy treats soon became plump, oversized, and almost bear-sized! It was a brilliant way to see how water movement can change the size of a material right before their eyes.

Of course, this raises an important question: if a gummy bear can get this big just by sitting in water, what on earth would happen if it went for a swim?! Thankfully, there was no need to test whether the same thing happens in our stomachs — our digestive systems are a little more complicated than a bowl of water!

The best part? This experiment is easy to try at home, too. All you need are some gummy sweets, a glass of water, and a little patience. Just remember to observe your results rather than eat your experiments!











Four The Win!

A Footballing Success against Hasland Outwood

Whittington Green's football teams enjoyed another successful afternoon as they faced Outwood Hasland in their second round of fixtures of the season. Across five matches, our students demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship, earning four impressive victories and scoring plenty of goals along the way.

The Year 7 teams, managed by Mr Townsend, set the tone with two excellent performances. The Year 7 A Team secured a well-deserved 3-1 victory, thanks to a brilliant brace from Jeremy and another goal from Kian. The Year 7 B Team were involved in a thrilling goal-fest, eventually coming out on top 6-4 after an exciting attacking display.

The Year 8 team, managed by Mr Kingham and Mr Evans, continued their positive start to the season with a hard-fought 2-1 win. Goals from Madine and Charlie proved the difference as the team showed great resilience and composure to secure another victory for Whittington Green.

The Year 9 team, led by Mr Williamson, produced one of the performances of the day with an excellent 4-2 victory. Lucas opened the scoring before Taylor doubled the lead with a well-taken finish. Lucas then added two more goals to complete a superb hat-trick and seal another memorable win for Whittington Green. The team's high work rate, positive attitude and attacking football were a credit to the school.

The Year 10 and 11 mixed team, managed by Mr Spacey and Mr Crossland, faced a tough challenge against a strong Outwood Hasland side. Despite their hard work and determination, they were unable to find a breakthrough and were defeated 2-0. The team's attitude and effort remained excellent throughout, and they will be looking to bounce back in their next fixture.

It was another fantastic afternoon for Whittington Green football, with four wins from five matches and some outstanding individual performances across the year groups. The players represented the school superbly both on and off the pitch, showing the pride, teamwork and resilience that make Whittington Green sport so successful.

Mr Williamson









Opening Doors to the Future: Our Post-16 Careers Event

This week, we were delighted to welcome an incredible range of colleges, sixth forms, universities, training providers, employers and public services to our Post-16 Careers Event, giving our Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to explore the many exciting pathways available to them after Year 11.

From universities and further education colleges to apprenticeships, vocational training, public services, sport and employment, there really was something for everyone. Representatives included Keele University, the University of Derby, Sheffield College, Chesterfield College, Netherthorpe Sixth Form, Brookfield Sixth Form, Dronfield Henry Fanshawe, St Mary's Catholic High School Sixth Form, UTC Sheffield and Outwood Academy Newbold. Students could also find out more about opportunities with Juniper Training, Derbyshire County Council, the Army, the Royal Air Force, the police, local sporting organisations and employers, including McDonald's and Perrys/Advanced Accident Repairs.

One of the highlights was welcoming seven former students who are now attending Netherthorpe Sixth Form. It was wonderful to catch up with them, hear about their experiences and see how much they have grown in confidence as they continue their educational journeys. Seeing familiar faces thriving in a new environment was a lovely reminder of the opportunities that lie ahead for our own students.

The event was designed to help students make informed choices, ask questions and discover possibilities they may not have considered before. Whether they already had a clear idea of their next steps or were still exploring their options, there was plenty of advice and guidance on hand. Representatives were approachable, knowledgeable and generous with their time, helping students understand entry requirements, qualifications, future opportunities and the different routes into their chosen careers.







We were particularly pleased to see students engaging so positively with the event, including those who might initially have felt less confident approaching unfamiliar people. The relaxed, welcoming atmosphere helped everyone feel at ease, encouraging students to ask questions, gather information and begin thinking more seriously about their futures. Parents and carers also joined us, making it a valuable opportunity for families to explore the options available together.

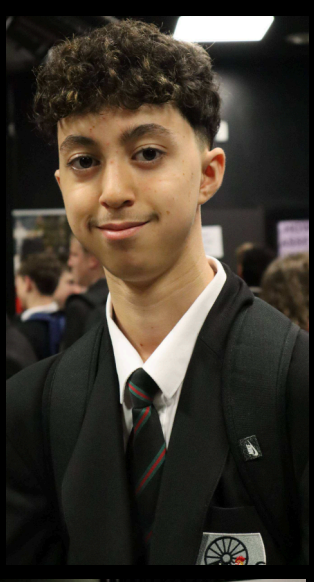
To make the experience even more engaging, students received careers booklets in which they could record useful information, make notes and reflect on their interests and aspirations. Each organisation also had a stamp for students to collect as they visited the stalls and discovered more about the opportunities on offer. Completed cards could then be entered into a prize draw, adding a little extra excitement to an already enjoyable event! There were even some lovely freebies along the way.

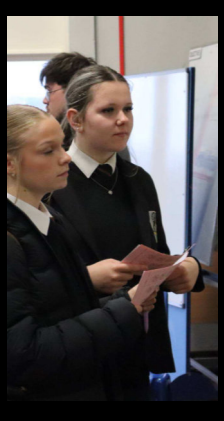
Above all, the event highlighted just how many different pathways are available beyond Year 11. There is no single route to success, and having the chance to speak directly to people with first-hand knowledge of education, training and employment can make all the difference when deciding what comes next.

A huge thank you to every organisation, college, sixth form, university, employer and representative who gave up their time to join us. Your enthusiasm, expertise and willingness to support our young people made the event such a success.













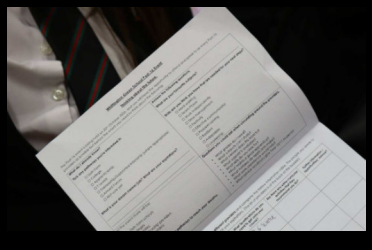


























Stamper Card Winners: 1st Redd S, 2nd Darren N, 3rd Luka C - Well done!

Whittington Green School

Dream Reach Achieve

Paramedic

Job of the Week

Ambulance paramedic

Paramedics respond to emergency call-outs and give people life-saving medical help.



Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of healthcare and medicine
- sensitivity and understanding
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent verbal communication skills
- knowledge of public safety and security
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to work well with others
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Salary - £32,000 - £48,000

Find out more about this job. Scan the QR code for the MYPATH video.

You can get into this work through:

University- You'll need to do a paramedic science degree approved by the Health and Care Professions Council.
Full-time courses usually take 3 years.
You may be able to get extra student financial support through the NHS Learning Support Fund.
Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including a science, for a degree

Apprenticeship- You could apply to do a Paramedic Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship.
This takes 3 years to complete and is a mix of on-the-job training and classroom learning.
Entry requirements
You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a degree apprenticeship

Day-to-day tasks

As an ambulance paramedic, you could:

- respond to emergency calls
- assess situations when you arrive and check details with others at the scene, like the police
- work calmly and quickly to stabilise patients
- use a defibrillator to revive patients
- give patients medicines and injections
- help to deliver babies
- attend non-emergency calls and decide whether patients need to go to hospital
- check equipment regularly and keep accurate records
- reassure family and members of the public who are on the scene

Post-16 Open Evenings

Post-16 provider	Date
Netherthorpe School	6th October 2026
Outwood Newbold	13th October 2026
Tupton Hall School	14th October 5.30pm onwards
Eckington school	21st October 5.15pm-8pm
Dronfield Henry Fanshaw	11th November 5pm – 8pm
St Mary's Catholic high school	12th November 2026
Brookfield Community School	6th October 2026
Chesterfield College	Sixth form open evening 4th November 4pm – 6pm **Showcase open evening** (range of courses and apprenticeships) 11th November 4pm – 7pm 17th March 4pm – 7pm 23rd June 4pm-7pm

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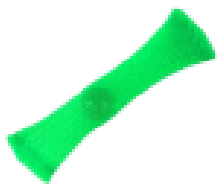
SHOULD BE QUIET, FIT IN ONE HAND AND CAN BE USED WITHOUT LOOKING AT IT



Allowed in school



Allowed in school



Allowed in school



Not allowed



Not allowed



Not allowed

Fidgets are a great tool to help attention. They are allowed in school. Squishies are a fun toy to play with. They are not allowed in school.

Are you raising the child of a relative or friend?

Then Kinship Chesterfield is here for you!

Our local peer support groups provide a warm, friendly space to connect with some of the other 900+ kinship carers in Chesterfield, Bolsover and North-East Derbyshire.

For more information:

- Scan the QR code
- Find us on facebook Kinship Chesterfield
- Contact us at kinship.chesterfield@gmail.com

or simply join us for a coffee at one of our meetings.

Our **Chesterfield** group meets on the last Thursday of each month at

the HUB, SMH Group Stadium, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 8NZ

Morning Session: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Evening Session: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Our **Bolsover** group meets on the first Thursday of each month at

Bolsover Assembly Rooms, Hill Top, Bolsover, S44 6NG

Morning Session: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Kinship Chesterfield



Kinship Chesterfield families, Summer 2026

In partnership with Kinship

For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

Kindly supported by Randal Charitable Foundation, Foundation Derbyshire, Community Fund

After School Clubs

Have you explored our after school clubs?

We have a fantastic array of activities that cater to every interest and passion.

Whether you're keen on sports, arts and crafts, technology, gardening or anything in between, there's something here for everyone.

Beyond the fun activities, our clubs provide an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships and develop valuable skills. Whether you're honing your teamwork on the sports field or unleashing your creativity in the art room, there's no shortage of opportunities to grow and learn together.

Our convenient after school bus ensures that you can join in on the excitement without any worries about transportation – it departs promptly at 4.00pm.

Come and be a part of the adventure!

After School Clubs

Monday

***Beauty & the Beast Rehearsals**

Girls football
Miss Kemp

Y8 Boys Football
Mr Kingham

Y10+11 Boys Football
Mr Spacey

Y9 Boys Football
Mr Williamson

Neurodiversity Club
House
Miss Wells– Cole &
Miss McDermott

Manga Monday
Library
Mrs Bingham

Upper School Band

Room 27

Mr Redgrave

Writing Club
Room 20

Miss Turner

Project Club
Rm 45

Tuesday

Tech Theatre Club
Dance Studio

Mr Bathurst

Y7+8 Girls Football
Mr Stones

Chess Club
Library
Mr Reid

Tennis Courts
Mrs Dewberry

Y7 Boys Football
Mr Townsend

DofE Drop in Room 16

Mr Ashworth & Dr Albon

KS4 Independent Study
Room 21A

Mr Spacey

Book Club
Library
Mrs Bingham

Lower School Band

Room 27

Mr Redgrave

Y11 D&T Int
Rm 35
Mr Wakefield

Warhammer Club
Rm 52
Miss Hudson

Wednesday

***Beauty & the Beast Rehearsals**

Y7+8 Netball
Tennis Courts
Miss Kemp

Y9, 10 & 11 Netball

Thursday

***Beauty & the Beast Rehearsals**

Gardening Club
Rm 43
Mrs Pates

Art Club
Room 28
Miss Scothorn

Textiles Club
Room 36
Miss Donkin

Starts 17/9
(Limited places)

STEM Club
Room 38
Dr Albon

Starts 23/9

Y11 English Rev
Power & Conflict
Room 12

Mrs Gallacher

* Please see Performing Arts notice board for details

Interested in Warhammer?
Come along to
Warhammer Club!



Enjoy the fantasy realms of Warhammer Age of Sigmar and the sci-fi universe of Warhammer 40K. Over a number of activity sessions, you will learn how to collect, build, paint, play and read in the world of Warhammer.

When? Wednesdays after-school

Where? Room 52

Who? Open to all, you do not need to have played Warhammer before!

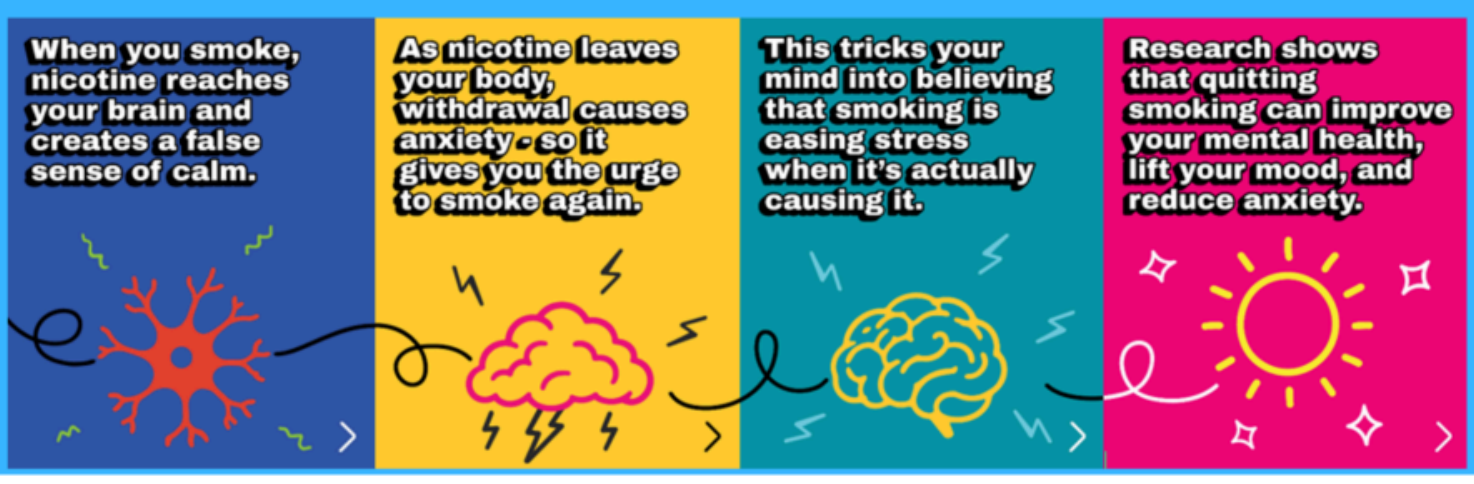
Interested? Join us for our first session on Wednesday 4th November.

Vibe

STOPTOBER

Thinking about stopping smoking or vaping?
This October could be your chance to take control of nicotine.

Vibe can help with support, advice and nicotine replacement therapy where appropriate. Text our ChatHealth number on 07507 330025



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Undertsanding our attendance
TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Any questions, email attendance@wgs.derbyshire.sch.uk

95%+

Well done!

Attendance that is 95% and above is our target for all our students. The student is attending school regularly and is on track with their learning. No immediate action needed.

Improvement needed

This level of attendance can begin to impact academic progress. Our attendance officer may monitor attendance more closely, discuss reasons for absence with the student and family, and provide support if needed.

90-94%

below 90%

Cause for concern

The Department of Education classes anyone below 90% attendance as a persistent absentee. When this is the case, we will reach out to you to see how we can support you and your child and addressing any concerns you or they may have.

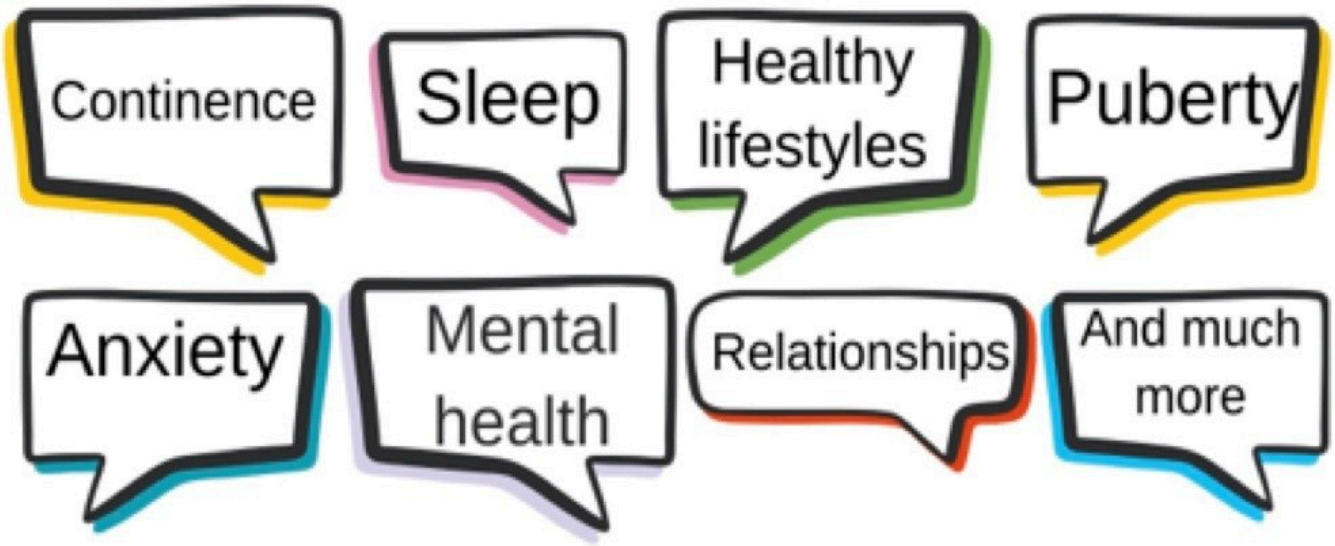
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Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...



For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol support.

Young people aged 11-19 years in Derbyshire can text us on 07507 330025

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

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derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk

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