



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 20 October

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### This Week



As part of **National Hate Crime Awareness Week**, police officers worked with victims of hate crime to raise awareness and increase reporting as part of a national week of activity, giving organisations the opportunity to

increase people's knowledge of what constitutes an offence and how they can report it. Officers in Chaddesden visited Da Vinci with several victims of hate crime on **Monday 16 October** to talk to **Y10 pupils** about the issue.

PC Mark Atterbury has donated an Atlantic Giant pumpkin to the school and we will be holding a competition for the best design, carving it, making pumpkin pies and using the seeds to grow our own Atlantic Giants.

The **Year 11 Parental Engagement Evening** on **Tuesday** was a huge success, with nearly 60% turnout. Students and parents/carers were given exam guidance and revision tips and parents were shown how they can support their Y11 child in the lead up to their exams. Students received their own revision pack with stationery and exam timetable.

Students have taken part in one of **E.ON's 'Micro Mix'** workshops, designed to help pupils investigate renewable energy sources and the role these play in the nation's energy mix. Taking part in the Micro Mix workshops, the **Y9 & 10 students** designed and built functioning micro models that generated electricity using wind, solar or hydro power. Working in competing teams, students were encouraged to use their problem solving skills and creativity to build, test and improve their designs before finalising them. Stella Mosley our Careers Advisor said: "It's good for our students to have spent this time thinking about where their electricity comes from now and where it might come from in the future. These hands-on activities have been specifically designed to fit within the physics, design and computing curricula, and to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) topics to young people in a fun and inspiring way."



We had our **Year 6 Halloween Maths Challenge event** on **Wednesday 18 October 2017** from **1:30pm – 2:45pm**. Each of the local primary schools had been invited to send a team of 6 pupils to take part in the event. The pupils were fantastic and engaged in spooky challenges and puzzles. Park View won with just 1 point more than Cavendish Close. The prizes included ghost light up wands, pumpkin carving kits and glow stickers. Well done to **Sami Hussain, Andy Lancashire, Matylda Sygut** and **Sarah Rothan** who assisted with the challenge and worked really well with the younger pupils. They were an asset to the school.

The maths department now has a twitter account **@davincimaths**. They will be posting revision tips and puzzles, challenges and websites for both parents and pupils. A new tweet every week. Please take a look.

**On Tuesday 16 October, Year 8s** had their school heat for the **FutureChef competition**. Further information to follow

Next week is **half term** and we wish all our students a safe and happy holiday.

#### W/C 30 October

From **Monday 30 October**, there will be a **slight price increase** on some individual food items. The meal deal, however, will be unaffected.

There is an event entitled '**Your Choice**' in school on **Tuesday 31 October** for **Y9 students**. This is funded by the police/council and includes a two hour session with guest speakers reflecting on their lives and covering issues of gangs, knives, racism, extremism and child sexual exploitation. The speakers' presentations are described as inspirational and have proven to leave the students considering their future choices.

The **Y7 nurture group** will be starting a project funded through Quad. The first session is at the **Peak District** on **Thursday 2 November**, followed on with workshops at **Quad** and school.

Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust are inviting all 14—19 year olds to the **NHS Careers Event** taking place on **Friday 3 November 2017** from 5:30pm – 8pm in the Education Centre at the **Royal Derby Hospital**. Students will be able to wide their careers options and find out about the wide variety of roles available in the NHS.

#### Dates for your diary

On **Thursday 16 November**, all **Y10 students** are attending the **Skills Show at the NEC**. This event is the UK's biggest skills and careers event. Students will be able to get up to date information on apprenticeships, training courses and employment and also have the opportunity to try out various skills themselves. The trip has been partly funded by Skills Show and the University of Derby so there is no cost to parents/carers.

#### ATTENDANCE

Winning tutor group for each year for this week:

Year 7 – 7AM – 98.1%

Year 8 – 8CO – 97.7%

Year 9 – no year 9 tutor group achieved above 95%

Year 10 – 10DF – 97.3%