

Welcome to City of Derby Academy

Improving the life chances of all students.

Respectful – Responsible – Ready to Achieve



How will City of Derby Academy (CoDA) help me get ready to come to secondary school?



We understand that coming to secondary school is a big step and that you may be feeling both excited and nervous right now. We want to do as much as we can to help make your transition to CoDA as smooth as possible, and so that you know what to expect when you arrive.

Before you start with us in September, you will have our Common Transfer Days. These are three transition days where you will get the opportunity to come to CoDA to meet the staff, tour the school and take part in a number of learning experiences. This will really help you prepare for the move to secondary school.

If you feel you will also need some additional support with your transition to us, we can arrange some further intervention days. Just ask your parents/carers to let us know.

You will also find lots of useful information on our website.

When you arrive at CoDA, look out for Sully, our friendly school Labrador!

How should I prepare for my first day?

We have high expectations of uniform and presentation at CoDA.

We will give you a free blazer during your transition visits. You will also be given a free tie when you arrive in September.

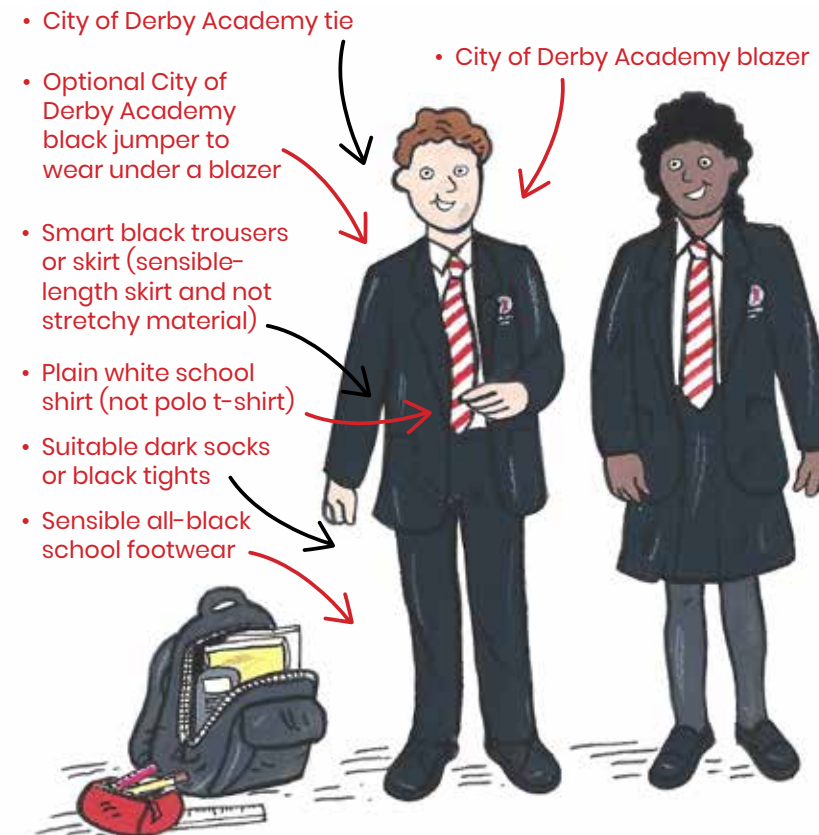
You will also need your PE kit.

We will provide your parents/carers with a full uniform list and you can also get more information on our uniform guidelines, and where to order it, on our website.

You will need the following equipment in a suitable bag for carrying A4 books and equipment: black/blue pens, pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and calculator.

We will provide you with your school passport and any other equipment that you may need.

Make sure that everything has your name on it, including your uniform, so things can be returned to you easily if they are mislaid.



What happens on my first day at City of Derby Academy?

Before your first day, plan your route to school, and make sure you leave plenty of time for your journey.

When you arrive at school, you will enter by the main pedestrian gate and walk down the drive and into the school yard. You will then enter the school building via the main doors, under the 'Welcome to CoDA' sign.

Don't worry. We will clearly signpost where you need to go and there will be plenty of staff around to meet and help you.

You will meet your Form Tutor, if you haven't already, and you will receive your school passport and timetable.



Everyone here knows what the first day in secondary school feels like, so we will do as much as possible to make you feel welcome and help you settle in.

By the end of the first week, you will find that you already know your way round CoDA well!

You may know some pupils from your primary school, but don't worry if you don't – you will soon make lots of new friends at CoDA.



What does the school day look like?

You will move between classrooms for different lessons. You will study new subjects and build on what you have learnt in subjects you have studied before.

Our school day is made up of the following timetable:

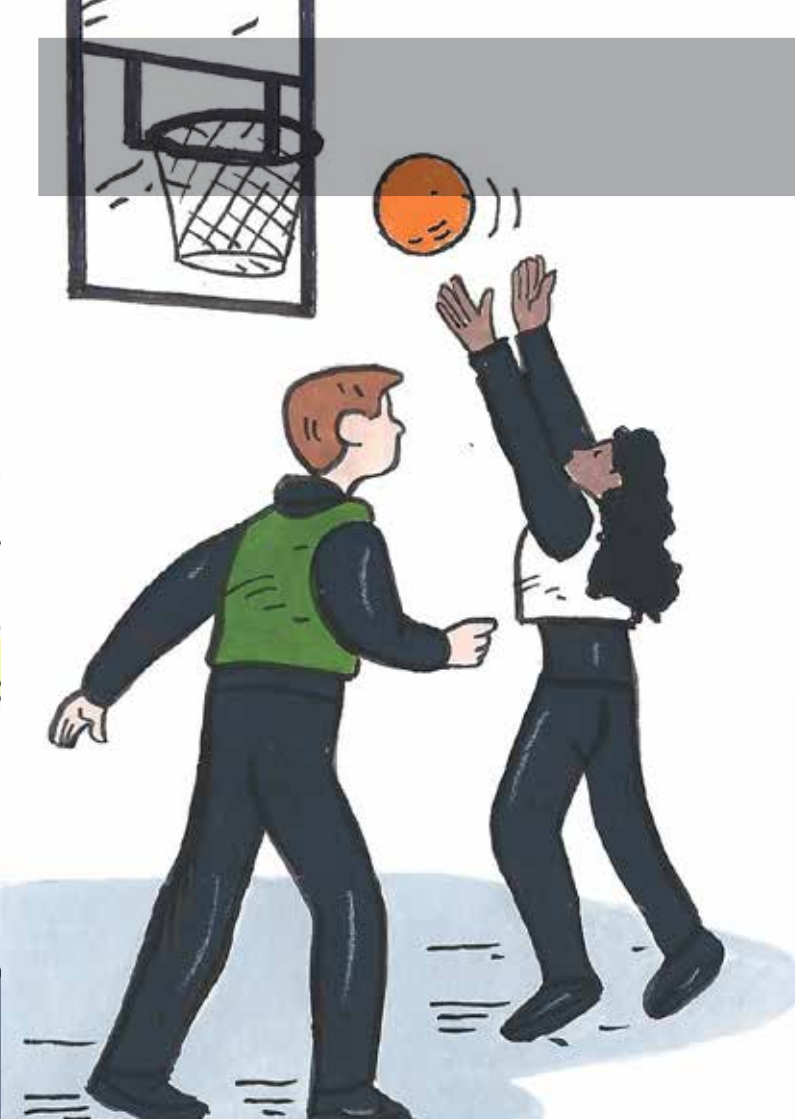
08:00am – 08:30am	Breakfast Club
08:40am – 09:10am	Form Time/Assembly/including 10 minutes of reading
09:10am – 10:10am	Lesson 1
10:10am – 11:35am	Lesson 2 and Split Break
11:35am – 12:35pm	Lesson 3
12:35pm – 2:10pm	Lesson 4 and Split Lunch
2:10pm – 3:10pm	Lesson 5
3:10pm – 4:10pm	Enrichment opportunities

You will study a broad and balanced curriculum at CoDA, including English, Maths, Science, French or German, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art, PE, Music, Drama, Design and Innovation, PSHE and RSE.



You will also follow a Personal Development curriculum which helps improve the life chances of all pupils by preparing them for their next stages in life.

Some pupils will be selected for curriculum pathways that provide additional support where needed.



What is expected of me?



You are at the heart of everything we do. Our school vision of 'improving the life chances of all students' is achieved by everyone following our shared values of the '3Rs'– being **Respectful**, **Responsible** and **Ready to Achieve**.

Respectful

You can show this by:

- Being POLITE to others (students & staff)
- Being POSITIVE in your use of language and your behaviour
- Showing PATIENCE and understanding

Responsible

You can show this by:

- Being PREPARED
- Being PUNCTUAL (arriving on time)
- Being well PRESENTED (uniform)

Ready to Achieve

You can show this by:

- Having HIGH ASPIRATIONS
- PARTICIPATING in lessons and school life
- PERSEVERING when you find things difficult

At CoDA, we use Class Charts to keep track of your achievements and behaviour.

You will receive points for good behaviour and will have points taken away for not meeting expectations.

You will be able to use your points to buy rewards from our Reward store.

We believe in rewarding pupils and celebrating in their successes, so we will add 18 positive reward points daily for every pupil, if they meet the 3R expectations.

Activity Days

If you meet expectations, you can qualify for fun activity days. Previous activities have included cinema visits, ice skating, pamper days and visits to Alton Towers and the National Space Centre!

Pastoral Care

If you have any concerns or need any extra help or support, you can speak to your Form Tutor, Head of Year or Deputy Head of Year. They are there to support you and will always put your safety and wellbeing first.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have a wide variety of clubs, activities and trips that you can take part in.

Our clubs are a great way to make new friends, have fun and develop lots of new skills. They take place before school, at lunchtimes and after school.

These are just some of the many extra-curricular activities you can do at CoDA:

- Drama Club
- Art Club
- Debating
- Engineering
- STEM opportunities
- Choir
- Football
- Basketball
- Badminton
- Netball
- Literature Film Club
- Dance

There is something for everyone!



We also have a Breakfast club every morning, from 8.00 to 8.30am, and it's brilliant value at only 20p per pupil. It's a great way to set yourself up for a day of learning.

When you are in Year 9, you will get the opportunity to join our Combined Cadet Force (CCF) Army group, where you can get involved with volunteer and charitable work in the community. You can also gain nationally recognised qualifications, such as BTECs.

We can't wait to welcome you to City of Derby Academy!



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