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Dear parent/carers of year 11 and year 13 students

Apprenticeships information and advice, Derby College Applications Update

If your child is looking for an apprenticeship as their next step after school, they have been prepared with information by school on what to do next. We would also like to share with you the information below from the Amazing Apprenticeship team with useful links:

Is your child considering an apprenticeship as their next step? Choices magazine is the ultimate parent and carer guide to apprenticeships and technical education! It is completely free of charge – find this month's edition here: amapps.uk/parent-magazine and sign up to receive it each month, direct to your inbox: amapps.uk/choices

Amazing Apprenticeships' Parent and Carer zone is also a great place to explore apprenticeships and technical education: amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/

Year 11 Students' Derby College Applications

We have been informed by Derby College that their admission process is slightly more formal than in previous years. Please note that applications close on 30th June 2025 **OR EARLIER IF THE COURSE BECOMES FULL**, so an application now (even if your child is not certain on their pathway) would be strongly encouraged.

To ensure your child's application/offer/acceptance/enrolment run smoothly, please do ensure that no emails from college are left unanswered/unactioned. Note also if 2 applications have been made for different courses, students will be pressed to select one application. The table below shows the process:

Stage	Timeline
Applications Open/Close	Applications opened mid October Full time applications close end of June 2025
Interviews	Student Preparation – interview questions sent once application has been submitted
Conditional Offers	All offers are conditional and need to be accepted to generate an invite to enrol NOTE SCHOOL EMAILS MUST BE UPDATED TO PERSONAL EMAIL
Enrolment	Offer invites are given, day/time/venue. Attendance must be confirmed and students must attend on site. Sites are only open for clearing from Weds 27th August (12:00 noon)
Induction	2 nd September

We hope you find this useful.
Regards



Joanne Earp
Head of Careers