

Our ref HHU/dg

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to enclose the latest edition of The Derby High School newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about all the exciting events that have been taking place.

This has been a busy term and we have all been working very hard to implement recent government changes to the curriculum. As a result, students now have more demanding topics to study and for many subjects, students will only be assessed by terminal examinations. The changes are being phased in and information about how this affects students in each year group will be shared throughout the year through the reporting system and at parents' evenings.

I am really keen to develop the partnership between the school and parents and carers. To this end we are planning to establish a Parent Forum in the new year. We see this as an opportunity for parents and carers to meet and discuss our school policies and practice. We will use your feedback to inform and develop our work. Some of the areas we intend to look at include the new website, communication with home and reporting on student progress. The launch of this group will be on **Wednesday 18th January 2017** and we really hope you will join us on this night. If the Parent Forum is something you might be interested in being part of, please feel welcome to send in your suggestions for discussion at the first meeting. These can be emailed to derby@bury.gov.uk.

On Tuesday 20th December and Wednesday 21st December, is our school production, Disco Inferno. We have a strong cast of over seventy students who will take you on a trip down memory lane to the music and fashion of the 70s. Rehearsals have been going extremely well and I would strongly urge you to come along and watch a performance. The students would appreciate your support and we guarantee you a great evening!

As in previous years, the school will close early on the last day of term. Students will be dismissed from 1.30pm. Please note that school bus services will not be available at this time.

The Spring term commences on Monday 9th January 2017.

It only remains for me to wish you all well at this festive time of the year. I hope you have a good break with family and friends.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher