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JPSA Newsletter

John Port Spencer Academy

Monday 15th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 11 and Year 13 students for their excellent approach to revision in recent weeks. Their commitment, resilience and maturity have been a real credit to them, and we are very proud of the way they have prepared for their examinations.

As we look ahead, our Year 10 students will shortly be embarking on their mock examinations. This is an important milestone in their journey, and we wish them every success as they begin this next stage of their preparation.

There is much to celebrate across the school, and I encourage you to take time to read the newsletter to see the wide range of opportunities and successes within our community—from curriculum highlights such as our Year 10 Food students, to sporting achievements, trips, careers opportunities and the many wider enrichment activities taking place.

We are also pleased to be continuing to invest in our school environment, including the recent development of our picnic area, alongside the installation of a series of solar panels. These improvements are part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing our site and creating a more sustainable and welcoming space for our students.

Transition Resources – New Year 7

For parents and carers of our incoming Year 7 students, key transition information and resources are included within this edition of the newsletter. We hope you find these helpful as we prepare to welcome your child to John Port Spencer Academy and support a smooth and positive transition.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Miss O'Leary
Principal



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LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENTS

MONDAY 29TH JUNE
UNTIL 8PM

THURSDAY 2ND JULY
UNTIL 8PM

- QUALITY UNIFORMS
- GREAT PRICES
- LOCAL & TRUSTED

APRIL – JUNE
✓ Best time to order!

JULY
✓ Expect delays

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER
✗ Not guaranteed for back to school!

OPENING TIMES

Open Mon to Sat (closed Weds & Sun)
9.30am to 5pm
TERM TIME

Open Mon to Sat (closed Sun)
9.30am to 5pm
DURING THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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Key Dates

Term Dates:
Half Term 6 - 1st June 2026 - 23rd July 2026
INSET Days:
26th June 2026

June/July:

Summer Exams ~ 7th May - 17th June

School Events:

Tuesday 16th June	Year 12 Geography Field Trip (Birmingham)
Wednesday 17th June	Sheffield Hallam Uni - Sport Conference Trip
Wednesday 17th June	Mind Charity Concert
Fri 19th - Sun 21st June	DofE Expedition
Wednesday 25th June	Nottingham Trent Uni Lectures Taster Day
Thursday 25th June	Year 7 Parental Consultation Evening (Online)
Friday 26th June	INSET DAY
Friday 26th June	Year 11 Prom
Friday 3rd July	Bletchley Park Trip
6th and 7th July	Geography Year 10 Fieldwork Trips
Thursday 9th July	Summer Concert
Friday 10th July	Maths City - Year 7 Trip - Leeds
Thursday 16th July	Men/Tetanus & HPV Catch Up Vaccinations
Thurs 16th & Fri 17th July	Summer Scholastic Book Fair
Friday 17th July	Primary Maths Challenge

Save the Date:

Thursday 25th June	Online Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening
30th June & 1st July	Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 7th July	Sixth Form Taster Day



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JPSA Transition

Year 6 Transition Days Booklet

Our Year 6 Transition Days Booklet for students is available on our website here:
https://johnportspencer.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Student-Induction-Booklet.pdf



Key Transition Dates

Year 6 Transition Days:
Tuesday 30th June 2026
Wednesday 1st July 2026

Year 12 Taster Day:
Tuesday 7th July 2026

Meet the Tutor Evening:
Tuesday 30th June 2026



Joy

Joy in Learning ~ Food Technology

Year 10 GCSE Food have filleted Mackerel and served on a chickpea and chorizo stew. All students were amazing.



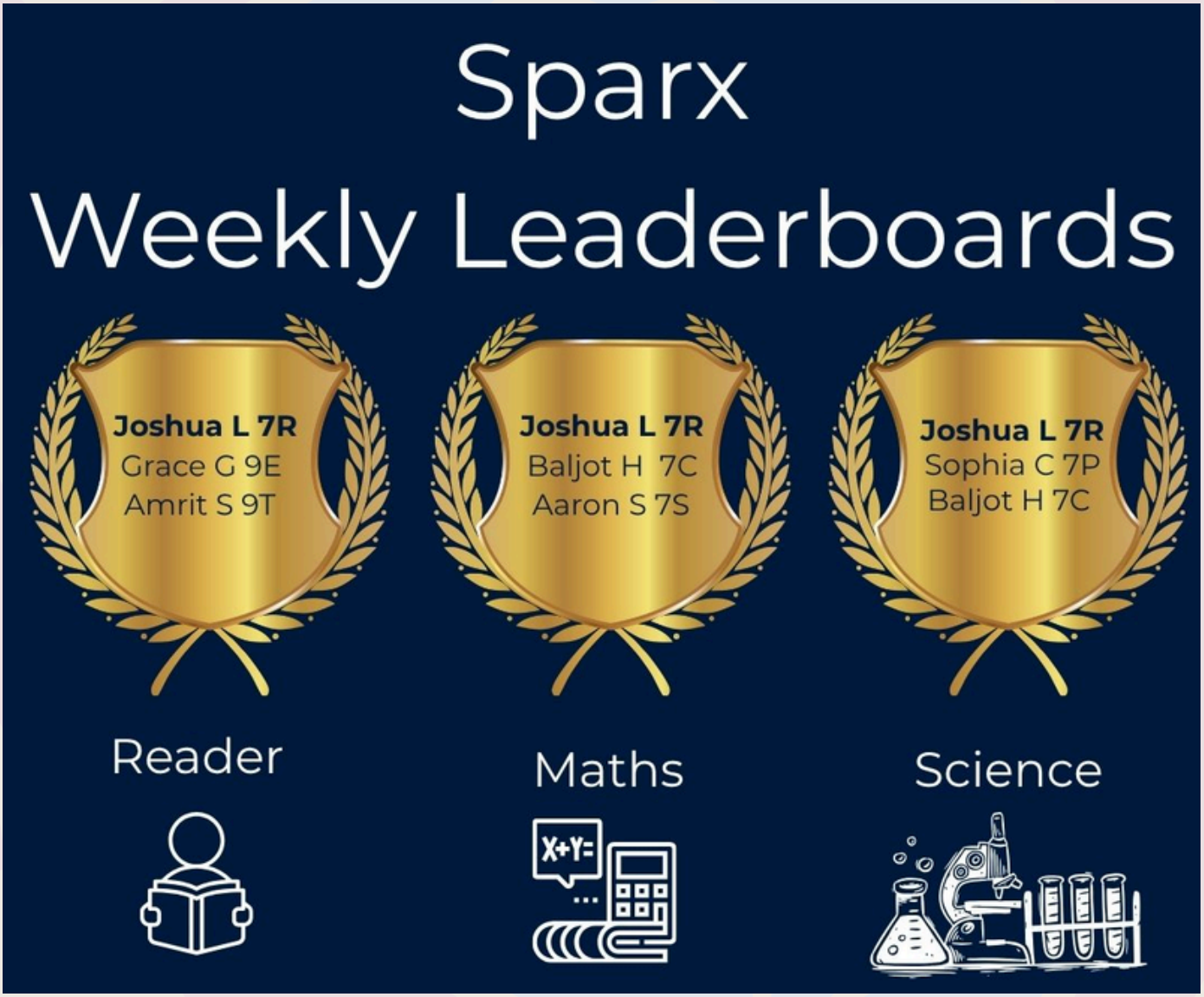


Progress



SPARX LEADERBOARDS

Well done to our current leaders!



Success

U15 Forest Netball Team Additions

Congratulations to Lucy and Rosie for getting into the U15 Academy Long Squad Team for Forest!

This is an amazing achievement, well done!





Act

Local Iron Man World Record Attempt

We have been following the inspirational journey of Laura Massey Pugh and her World Record attempt at consecutive Ironman triathlons.

She battled to complete the 32nd Ironman in about 20 hours, walking 9 hours for the final marathon and finishing at 4am Sunday morning. She broke the World Record and raised over £5,000 for youth charities such as the YMCA in the process.

Some Statistics:
Over the 32 days she completed:



76.8 miles/4,992 lengths in the pool at Etwall Leisure Centre.
3,584 miles on the bike
839 miles running

Total distance 4,500 miles

What she has achieved is truly remarkable, more on her journey can be found on the Etwall Leisure Centre Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/eaEtwall

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Attendance Matters



WHY YOUR ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!

Students with GREEN attendance rating (97% or higher) achieved 1 ½ grades higher in each of their GCSEs than students with a RED attendance rating (below 90%). The results are similar at A Level.

Unlock Rewards

Red	< 90%
Red Amber	90 - 93%
Amber	94 - 95.9%
Amber Green	96 - 96.9%
Green	97+ %



Attendance postcard rewarded every half term

Feel Good Friday

Weekly mentions as part of Feel Good Friday

DID YOU KNOW?



Poor attendance could lead to you earning around **£10,000** less by the time you're 28 compared to someone who shows up to school almost every day.

The John Port Experience



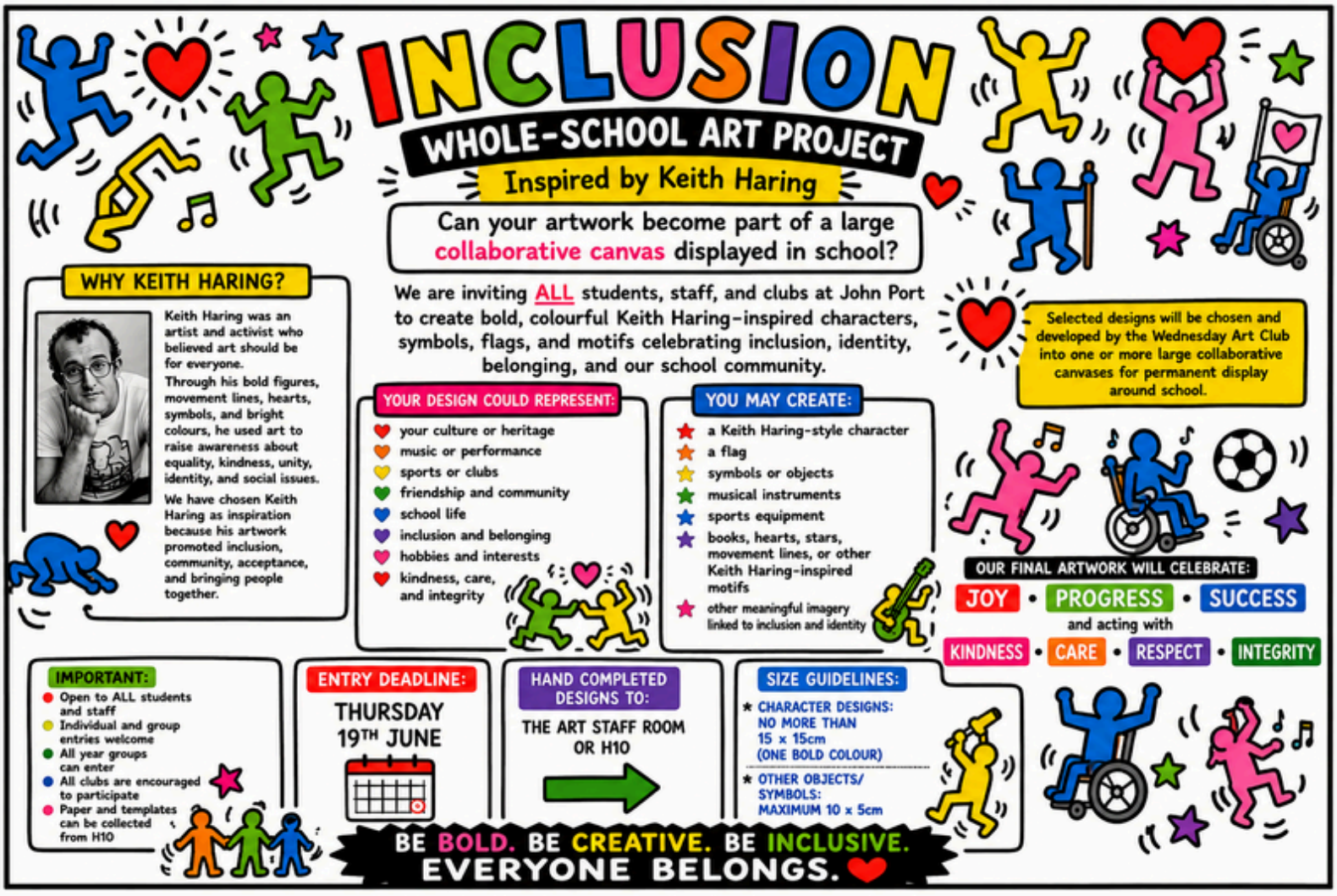
The John Port Community



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Join our Whole-School Art Project!

Templates and paper are available from H10 or students (and teachers) can design their own.



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Careers



This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

Listen to this newsletter

Next week (8-12 June 2026) is National Freelancer Week. During the week, ERIC will run a live session (you can also watch on demand) each day to help you learn how to start, grow and succeed as a freelancer through short talks, videos and real advice from people working in the creative industries. All online, all on demand. 16 different freelancers will star in videos during the week to ensure you're hearing a range of voices and opinions. The topics that will unlock each day are are:

- Monday: What is Freelancing & is it for me?
- Tuesday: Your First Steps: How to Get Started
- Wednesday: Get Clients, Get Paid & Market Yourself
- Thursday: The Realities of Freelancing
- Friday: How to Succeed as a Freelancer



Lots of creatives work on a freelance basis. But what does it actually mean? And what jobs could you do? Here are some resources to help you explore...

Prospects - what can I do with my degree?



This resource was originally designed for students leaving university, having just completed a degree within a specific subject area. It can be used by students of any age to consider where studying a particular subject could take you. You can click into each job role to learn more about the responsibilites, demand and pay.

Day of Wrk



Day of Wrk was created to show what people actually do for their jobs through authentic day-in-the-life stories, all housed in one place which will hopefully give young people a more detailed understanding of what a job actually entails, and have the confidence to apply.

What is freelancing



Freelance jobs sound ideal, as you get to work for yourself (usually from home) and they're available in a variety of fields. That said, it takes business acumen and plenty of hard work to make a career from freelancing. This blog post can help you understand what freelancing is, what roles typically have a lot of freelance opportunities and where to find more information on roles available.

JOB OF THE WEEK

Art Conservator

Art conservators are highly specialised professionals who blend scientific analysis, art history, and hands-on craftsmanship to preserve, protect, and restore cultural heritage. They tackle both remedial conservation (physical repair and cleaning) and preventive conservation (environmental monitoring) to ensure artworks survive for future generations.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

Experts estimate 65% of kids starting primary school today will end up working in a specific job that doesn't exist yet.

Technical, critical thinking, and creative problem-solving skills will be in demand in the future.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email RLowndes@johnportspencer.org.uk

Careers



Break the Wall is Creative Mentor Network's longest running programme, supporting 16-25 year olds break into the creative industry. Mentors on Break the Wall come from all across the creative industries, and it's a great opportunity to connect and meet people across a range of disciplines. Break the Wall is free for all mentees, runs for 16 weeks, and perfect for any stage of your career.

"Aged 18 to 30 and have a business idea you're passionate about? The King's Trust's free Enterprise programme is here to help you turn that idea into a reality. With expert-led workshops, one-to-one support, and opportunities to apply for funding, we provide the tools you need to create a strong business plan and launch a successful business. We've already helped over 91,000 young people like you to start their own business. "

Learn job ready skills with a Google Career Certificate. Level up your career with flexible online training. Get the hands-on experience and practical AI skills you need to help you stand out to employers in high-paying fields.

IBM Skills Build has over 1,000 courses in 20 different languages. Their education progarmmes focus on AI, Cyber Security and Data Analysis. Explore new technologies, build skills that are foundational for the workplace, and earn digital credentials to show what you've learned—all for free.

Escape Studios provide free, on demand tutorials. "Get a taste for our Animation, Games, Visual Effects, Concept Art and Motion Graphics courses with our insightful series of tutorials created by our tutors. Each tutorial dives into a specific topic in one of our disciplines, helping viewers to expand their knowledge in their own time. Whether you are looking to learn more about Unreal Engine, Maya or Houdini, our tutorials are here to help."

The Students' Guide to University 2026 will allow you to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to help you decide whether university is right for you, what you should study, and where you should study it. Topics include researching options, attending events, financing studies, applying, and preparing for university life.

EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

"We're a team of tenacious, talented, and genuinely nice people who turn big ideas into even bigger results. If you're ready to roll up your sleeves, learn fast, and bring your A-game, we'd love to help you take on your next challenge and build your future in PR, communications, and social media."

Find out more about Aduro Communications here.

UNI SPOTLIGHT

"Study at the UK's top specialist art and design university outside of London. This is AUB. A place to shape and build your work; to learn, share, provoke and collaborate. AUB is set in one the UK's most beautiful award-winning natural locations; boasting spectacular gardens, nine miles of sandy beaches, forests and a Jurassic coastline."

You can learn more about AUB here.

Careers

LEARNING SUPPORT @DCG

DCG
DERBY COLLEGE GROUP

PARENTS AND CARERS
TRANSITION EVENT

TUESDAY 16TH JUNE 2026 4:00PM

DERBY COLLEGE GROUP - ROUNDHOUSE CAMPUS

This event is aimed at Parents and Carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the potential of starting their studies at DCG for September 2026.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance, and assistance on offer to ensure a smooth transition into College life.





SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR PLACE AT THIS EVENT

If you require any further information please contact:

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UK Electronics Skills Foundation



Girls into Electronics

Aston University Birmingham

3 July 2026

Discover Electronics on a one day course at a leading university.

A unique opportunity for girls aged 14-17.

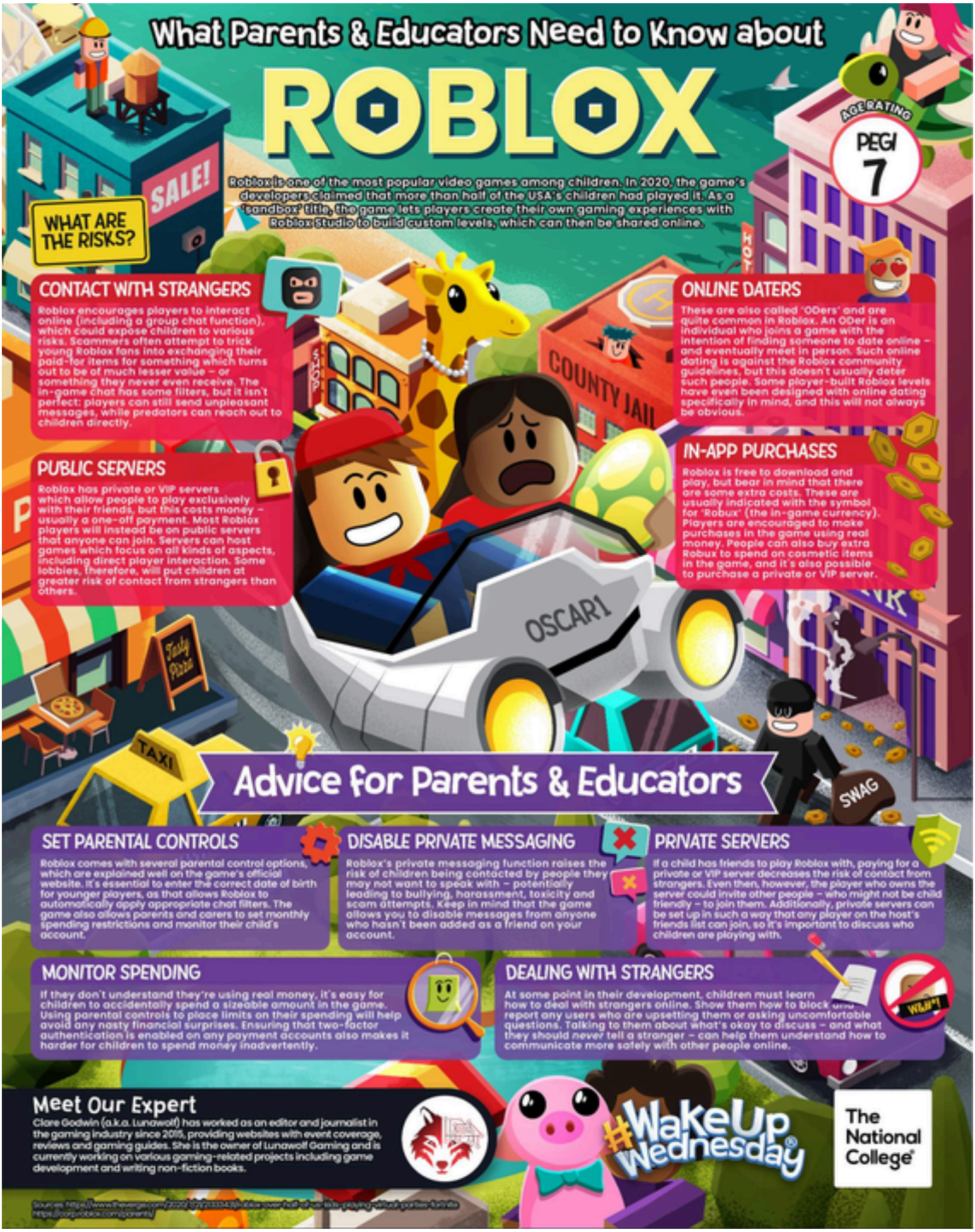
- Hear from women who are working in the Electronics industry
- Attend a sample lecture, a department tour and meet current students
- Get hands-on with Electronics activities
- Find out about rewarding careers in the Electronics industry (green energy – artificial intelligence – healthcare – consumer electronics – autonomous & electrical vehicles)
- Invitation to apply for the Apple Mentoring Program

"This event was genuinely career altering... I can truly see myself having a career in Electronics/ Engineering."
Girls into Electronics Participant 2025

To sign up or find out more information:
ukesf.org/girls-into-electronics

SCAN ME!

Online Safety



What's On in the Local Area



What's On in the Local Area

Being Us Together

ACTIVITY GROUPS

For neurodivergent children & young people aged 11–16 and their parent/carer.

Two groups for residents of South Derbyshire



GIRLS

6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hilton Village Hall

Girls' Group meets on alternate Tuesday evenings during term time.

Boys' Group meets on the Tuesdays in between.

BOYS

6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hilton Village Hall

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Girls' Group meets on the Tuesdays in between.

A welcoming, creative and supportive space where children/ young people and their parent/carer can attend together.

www.theSENDdynamic.co.uk

The SEND Dynamic C.I.C.

What's On in the Local Area

The SEND Dynamic C.I.C.

What to Expect

Each session is part of a user led flexible programme of creative expressive arts and special-interest themed activities. Through playful exploration and creativity, we support emotional wellbeing, self-expression, and social connection.

Expressive arts activities may include:

- Drawing and painting
- Collage and mixed media art
- Sculpting and clay work
- Mask making
- Textiles, crochet, knitting and needlework
- Dance and movement activities
- Creative writing and journalling
- Poetry and storytelling
- Role-play and drama
- Music and drumming circles
- Coding and digital creativity
- Board games and tabletop games



To find out more about joining, email us!

info@theSENDdynamic.co.uk

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What's On in the Local Area

The Junior County Hockey season for 2026–27 begins in June 2026. To support player development ahead of the season, Derbyshire Hockey Association will be offering a programme of Development Coaching (DC) and Strength & Conditioning (S&C) sessions throughout the summer.

The programme is open to all players in the following age groups (based on school year in September 2026):

- U13: Years 6–8 (born 01 Sep 2013 – 31 Aug 2016)
- U14: Year 9 (born 01 Sep 2012 – 31 Aug 2013)
- U15: Year 10 (born 01 Sep 2011 – 31 Aug 2012)
- U16: Year 11 (born 01 Sep 2010 – 31 Aug 2011)
- U17: Year 12 (born 01 Sep 2009 – 31 Aug 2010)

Development Coaching (DC)

A total of 14 hours of coaching will be delivered at The Ellis Astro, Shobnall Leisure Complex across July, August and early September.

- U13 sessions: Tuesdays
- U14–U17 sessions: Thursdays

Sessions include both evening (1.5 hours) and daytime (4 hours) formats.

There is no selection or nomination required—players of all abilities are encouraged to attend, although places are limited due to capacity. Coaches will provide feedback during sessions, and attendance may lead to selection for the County Academy in September.

SUMMER COACHING 2026 – Derbyshire County Hockey

Strength & Conditioning (S&C)

These sessions will also take place at The Ellis Astro on selected Sundays (June–August), from 9:30–10:30am, and are designed specifically for hockey players.

Costs

- DC evening sessions: £10
- DC day sessions: £40
- All DC sessions: £100 (discounted rate)
- S&C sessions: £10 per session

What's On in the Local Area

Registration

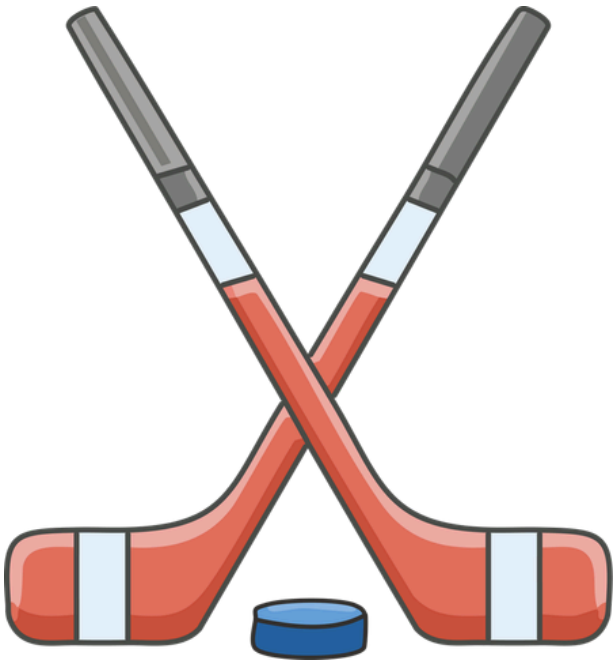
All players must be registered on the Derbyshire Talent Platform:
www.derbyshirecountyhockey.talentplatform.hockey

New players must complete registration before attending. Existing players should log in and ensure all required profile details (including medical and emergency contact information) are up to date.

Additional Information

- Sessions are led by experienced coaches following England Hockey's development framework
- Players should bring standard hockey kit (stick, shin pads, gum shield, water, etc.)
- Payment for sessions must be made in advance via BACS (details available upon registration and on website)

This programme is an excellent opportunity for young players to develop their skills in a structured and supportive environment ahead of the upcoming season.



DERBYSHIRE COUNTY HOCKEY

What's On in the Local Area

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY HOCKEY

DERBYSHIRE HOCKEY SUMMER COACHING 2026

Join us for exciting **summer coaching sessions** designed to enhance skills and build teamwork and confidence for young hockey players in Derbyshire.

U13 B&G (TUESDAYS)

TUES 7TH JULY 18:30-20:00
TUES 21ST JULY 18:30-20:00
TUES 28TH JULY 10:00-15:00
TUES 4TH AUG 10:00-15:00
TUES 25TH AUG 18:30-20:00
TUES 1ST SEPT 18:00-19:30

U14-U17 BOYS & GIRLS (THURSDAYS)

THURS 9TH JULY 18:30-20:00
THURS 23RD JULY 18:30-20:00
THURS 30TH JULY 10:00-15:00
THURS 6TH AUG 10:00-15:00
THURS 27TH AUG 18:30-20:00
THURS 3RD SEPT 18:00-19:30

DC COST

EVENING SESSIONS: £10 FOR 1.5 HOURS
DAY SESSIONS: £40 FOR 4 HOURS
ALL SESSIONS £100 (DISCOUNTED PRICE)

SUMMER STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

AGE GROUPS ARE BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER 2026.
U13 – U17S (IN SEPT 2026, I.E. BORN 01 SEP 2009 – 31 AUG 2016)

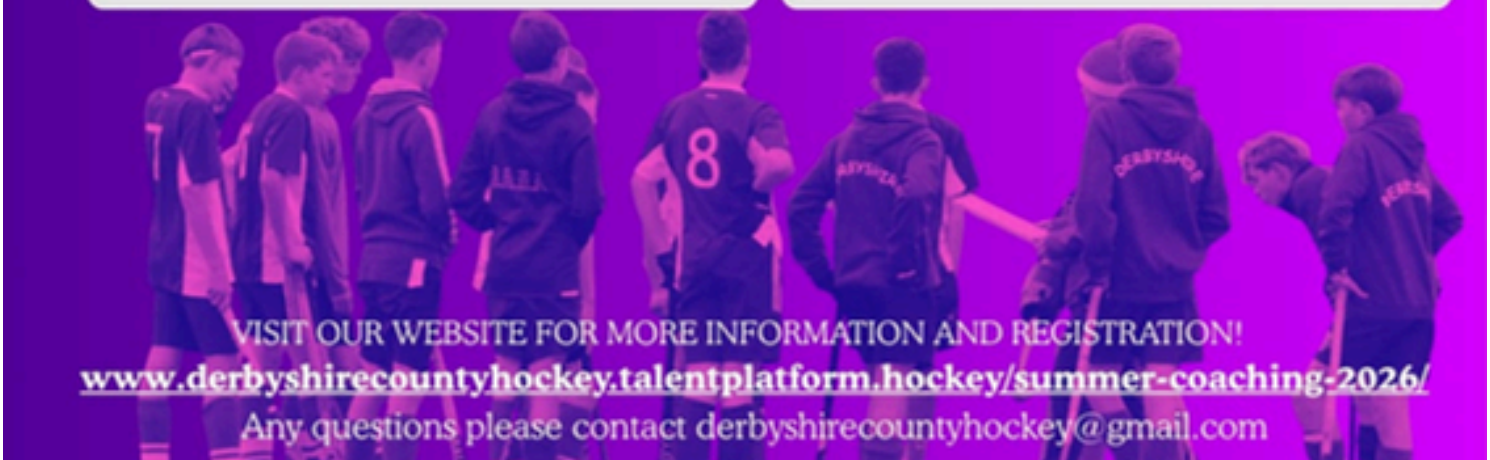
ALSO AT THE ELLIS ASTRO, SHOBNALL, 9:30-10:30

S&C DATES:

SUN 21ST JUNE
SUN 28TH JUNE
SUN 26TH JULY
SUN 2ND AUG
SUN 9TH AUG
SUN 16TH AUG

S&C COST:

£10 PER SESSION
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION!
www.derbyshirecountyhockey.talentplatform.hockey/summer-coaching-2026/
Any questions please contact derbyshirecountyhockey@gmail.com

What's On in the Local Area

Local Dance Classes for Children at Leap Dance

We offer a range of friendly and inclusive dance classes for children of all ages, including Ballet, Tap, Modern, Acro and Musical Theatre. Our classes focus on building confidence, creativity and a love of performing in a supportive environment. Trial classes are available—if your child would like to come along and give it a try, please register your interest here: Book a trial class here

Find out all about us on our Website and on Facebook & Instagram



Safeguarding



Our latest Safeguarding Parent Newsletter is available here:

JPSA Parent/Carer Safeguarding Newsletter



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Leadership Team - Please see our website



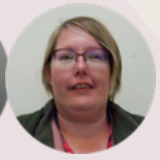
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