



NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th December 2018

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Enrichment has been a key focus at Lord Derby Academy this week. Our pupils have been able to enjoy and benefit from so many different opportunities and experiences including; sporting competitions, the whole school Careers Fair, the STEM Robotics Competition, Mathematics Competitions, Higher Achiever visits, Carol Singing at the Orchard and Huyton Hey Nursing Homes and the GCSE English Department Christmas quiz to name but a few. The atmosphere around school has been fantastic and we look forward to carrying this energy and enthusiasm forward right up to the end of term. I am particularly excited about the production of Matilda and the Pupil Parliament interviews next week.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

As Christmas approaches it is a time to think of others as well as ourselves. As you are aware we are currently collecting non perishable items for the Knowsley Food Bank and Christmas Hampers for our local community. These will be delivered on Wednesday and Thursday of next week so please support these appeals if you are able to do so.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



WINNERS 3rd – 7th Dec 2018 Attendance - Einstein – Behaviour- Einstein -House points- Da Vinci -Punctuality -Curie



CAREERS FAIR

On Tuesday 11th December, Lord Derby Academy hosted its Careers Day. This was an exciting opportunity for all pupils to talk to a wide variety of exhibitors about future prospects opportunities regarding careers. Year 9,10,11 attended the event during the day whilst Year 7 and 8 pupils were invited to attend with parents after school. Pupils engaged extremely well and were hugely positive about the event. There was a genuine appreciation from pupils about the occasion and this was reflected in the phenomenal feedback we received from the high quality providers:



Knowlsey Community College: 'Well organised event with informed pupils asking relevant questions'
Edge Hill University: 'Excellent event, the pupils were very engaged and very ambitious. Thank you for inviting us'.
TTE Training: 'Well organised event, lots of interest show by many pupils. Pupils were also polite and well mannered'.
University of Chester: 'Pupils were very engaged, interested and well prepared with questions'.

Thank you to Career Connect, Jane Roff and Alex Hay and all Lord Derby Academy staff for their support and contribution to making this another successful event.

L.D.A Presents
an evening with Roald Dahl
plus **Matilda** in 20 minutes

Wednesday 19th December
Thursday 20th December
Start time 6pm

See Miss Taylor for Tickets £ 4.00

IMPORTANT NOTICE – COAT AND BAG REMOVAL

Please remind your child that all coats and bags must be taken home before the end of term. Any items left in school will be sent to charity. Pupils have also been informed of this during assemblies.

Believe Achieve Succeed

Enrichment at LDA

LIPA

Fifteen Year 10 pupils have auditioned for and been successful in securing a place with the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts (LIPA) on their Widening Participation programme over the next two years. This is the largest number of pupils from a single school to be successfully registered on the programme. Pupils will be exploring a range of Arts specialism including dance, drama, music and backstage/sound engineering. We would like to say a massive congratulations to the following pupils on their success;

Daisy Dunn, Bobby Lowry, Katie Byrne, Alicia Stuart, Connie Gavan, Rachael Woodfine, Chloe O'Neill, Georgiana Grecu, Holly Davies, Jay Latta, Ciara Parsons, Elliot Mason, Abby Morgan, Daniel Bold and Adam Dunn.

CHOIR ENTERTAINING THE ELDERLY

The Music Department provides a range of enrichment activities throughout the year with the focus this term being on preparations for



the upcoming performance of Matilda. However, pupils have also been working hard on learning a variety of carols which they performed in two of our local nursing homes this week. 20 pupils from the Academy's Choir and Chamber Choir visited The Orchard and Huyton Hey nursing homes where they were joined by many residents to enjoy the festive songs. Pupils commented on how much they enjoyed the experience, particularly when the residents joined in by singing and dancing. The Orchard sent us a lovely email on our return to school saying, 'a huge Well Done & Thank you for bringing your wonderful school choir to the Orchards Residential Home. All of our residents had a fantastic morning. They have brightened up our day.'

The pupils are looking forward to future performances at both nursing homes.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES LDA provide pupils with the opportunity to develop skills that interest them as well as demonstrating a wider commitment to their education. Many of these activities involve significant personal commitment from pupils and preparations for the upcoming performances of Matilda are no exception. The pupils who were successful in securing parts a few months ago have been working tirelessly to learn their lines, songs, choreography and music to make sure that they can give their best performances next week. The pupils have developed resilience in challenging, fast paced, rehearsals as well as empathy for others by supporting each other and stepping in if another pupil has been absent. Their hard work is beginning to come together and we would like to invite you all to join us to celebrate the pupils at the performances on Wednesday and Thursday; tickets are available from Miss Taylor.

DofE

The Academy has recently relaunched the DofE programme with pupils in Year 10 and are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 pupils to the Award in the New Year. The DofE Award allows pupils to explore different skills as well as volunteering in the local community and increasing their physical fitness; they receive certificates for each of the three sections that they complete. Some pupils will go on to complete the full award which also involves undertaking an expedition over two days, we are very excited by the number of pupils who have expressed an interest in this. To find out more about the Award, pupils can visit the website (<https://www.dofe.org/>) or speak to Miss Munroe.



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Enrichment is a thriving area in the Academy with many different opportunities available to pupils. These are the enrichment activities which will be available to pupils in January.

Before School (7.45am-8.30am)	
Every Day	Basketball (PE)
Lunchtime	
Every Day	Lunch Clubs for separate year groups Chess Club (Mr Burgan) Maths Homework Club (Mr Hoslett)
Monday	GCSE Badminton (Mr Proctor)
Tuesday	GCSE Table Tennis (Mr Parr)
Wednesday	Y9 Design Ventura (Mr Blake)
Thursday	KS3 Film Club (English Dept.)
Friday	Friday Flip It Club (Mrs Speer) GCSE Volleyball (Mrs Mills) KS3 Film Club (English Dept.)
After School (3.15-4.00pm)	
Every Day	Homework Club (F32)
Tuesday	Drama Club (Ms Pickering) Choir (Miss Boag-Munroe) Mandarin Club (Mrs Zhang) KS3 Football (Mr Volante) KS3/4 Fitness (Mrs Mills) KS3 English Hwk Club (Mrs Brophy)
Wednesday	Street Dance (Miss Taylor) KS3/4 Trampoline (Mrs Molyneux) Y9 Design Ventura (Mrs Ferns) Y7 and Y8 Gardening Club (Mr Hambleton)
Thursday	Chamber Choir; by audition (Miss Allwood) A Level Maths Club (Mr Burgan) Y9 Badminton (Mr Wheeler)
Friday	Cheerleading (Miss Taylor) Y7 Creative Writing Club (Mrs Venables)