



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the LDA Chair of Governors Cllr Graham Morgan was appointed to the position of Leader of Knowsley Council in May 2018. This is a role which demands a great deal of time and dedication and, subsequently, Cllr Morgan has taken the decision to step down from his position of Chair of Governors and from serving as a member of the LDA governing body. On behalf of the Dean Trust, the Senior Team and the wider LDA community, I would like to thank Cllr Morgan for his many years of commitment to our school. He has overseen the transition from Bowring/ Knowsley Hey to HASCL to LDA and throughout this journey he has always operated with the utmost integrity and loyalty. He has held an unwavering ambition to ensure the very best educational provision for our young people. Cllr Morgan – thank you for your years of service and we wish you all the very best for the future.

I would now like to take this opportunity to announce that LDA has a new Chair of Governors – appointed by Dean Trust Chair Damian McGann and Chief Executive Tarun Kapur, our new Chair of Governors is Ian Marshall. Mr Marshall has been a governor at LDA and its predecessor schools since 2002 and I look forward to his support and challenge as we continue our drive to be an outstanding school. Mr Marshall will be addressing staff as the new LDA Chair of Governors next week and he has written a few words to Parents/Carers in the section below.

In further school news, it has, as always, been a fantastic week at LDA. A week which included Year 11 watching a live broadcast of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet in preparation for their English Literature GCSE, Mrs Fitzsimon delivering important assemblies on health & wellbeing and a very well-attended and productive Yr9 Parents Evening.

Yours sincerely

V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

## Ian Marshall – New Chair of Governors at Lord Derby Academy

I am absolutely delighted and honoured to take over as Chair of Governors from Councillor Morgan. I have been Governor at Lord Derby Academy and its predecessor schools for the past 15 years and have worked closely with Councillor Morgan so share many of his values and aspirations for young people in Huyton. Both of my children went to this school and are now making a really valuable contribution to society thanks to the excellent support they received whilst at school (along with some help from me and my wife of an evening!) I really believe that all young people can achieve whatever they want to and our role as teachers, parents and members of the community is to help them unlock their potential so that they can achieve their ambitions. During my time as Governor I have seen so many young people flourish and I look forward to seeing many more do so. Lord Derby Academy is a great school and with my fellow governors I am totally committed to driving up improved outcomes for all pupils and for the school to be recognised as outstanding both in the community and by OFSTED.



## Year 11 Mock Examinations – Good Luck! Week 1 - 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

DATE	SESSION	EXAM
Mon 26th Nov	1&2 5&6	Maths 1 History/ Geography 1
Tue 27th Nov	1&2 5&6	English 1 Science 1
Wed 28th Nov	1&2 5&6	Science 2 MFL Listening
Thurs 29th Nov	1&2 5&6	Option B—Sport/ Child Dev/ Option C&D—GCSE PE 1
Fri 30th Nov	1&2 5&6	English 2 Maths 2

## WINNERS 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018

**Attendance – Curie**  
**Behaviour – Curie**  
**House points – Da Vinci**  
**Punctuality – Da Vinci**



# Faculty of the Week

# Student Support Managers



Mrs Kelly  
Lead  
Student  
Support  
Manager



Mrs Whitby  
Year 7  
Student  
Support  
Manager



Mrs Broadhurst  
Year 8  
Student  
Support  
Manager



Miss Donaldson  
Year 9  
Student  
Support  
Manager



Mr Wheeler  
Year 10  
Student  
Support  
Manager



Mrs Wheeler  
Year 11  
Student  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 7** - What a fantastic start it has been for Year 7. This first term can be challenging as the pupils have to adapt quickly and get used to new routines and the quick pace of secondary school. This term has given them an opportunity to experience new subjects and meet new friends. The Year group have all recently undergone assessments to ensure that they are all progressing and reaching their own individual targets and parents/ carers will soon receive the end of term report which will reflect the progress that each student has made so far. Parents/Carers had the opportunity to meet with form tutors and key staff at our successful 'Welcome to Year 7' event. Year 7 are getting involved in numerous extra-curricular activities such as football, trampolining, basketball, drama, music and many more. The Expressive Arts department are rehearsing for a performance of Matilda at the end of term and are extremely pleased with the Year 7 pupils who are involved and will be performing in this production on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of December. Myself and Mr Owen are enjoying getting to know the Year group and will continue to help them to progress and reach their true potential, well done Year 7 and keep up the hard work!!

**YEAR 8** - Transition from Year 7 to Year 8 has gone extremely well with pupils sharing a positive attitude and being good role models for our new Year 7 pupils. There have been many successes within the year group: High Achievers; Knowsley Boys Football; Achievers in Gymnastics (trampolining); Year 8 Gardening Club members; Pupils engaged with the Glitch Theatre Programme giving them the opportunity to learn about a democratic voting system; Pupils successfully obtaining parts in our Roald Dahl production of Matilda and the following Year 8 pupils have been successful in becoming members of the Arts Council - Jennifer Zikes, Emily Hannon, Robyn Patterson, Sophie Rogerson, Louis Snell and Lauren Freaney.

There are many opportunities ahead for Year 8, we are making plans to reward our pupils with trips including ice skating, cinema night, bowling, trampolining and some will be given the opportunity to attend the Rock Assembly in London. The Year Team are working towards a bespoke Personal Development Curriculum for the Year Group which will include personalised PDC, rewards, attendance and attainment. Also we will be working with parents to support raising our attendance and achievement. Mrs Blackmore and I are excited to be with the pupils through this exciting academic year with many opportunities.

**YEAR 9** - Year 9 have made a positive start to the new academic year. Uniforms have been impeccable, attitudes to learning – good and they have shown maturity within their subjects. It has also been a busy few weeks for Year 9 with visits from theatrical groups performing the importance of road safety; representatives showing the prominence of democracy and its purpose along with our focus of the week 'bullying' with an assembly delivered by Miss Morrison. The pace of Year 9 is set to move up a gear as pupils prepare themselves for choosing their options. This can be an exciting and apprehensive time but support will be on hand to advise and signpost pupils should they need it. Finally, a massive thank you to parents/carers for attending our recent Parents Evening and supporting your child with their final KS3 Parents Evening. If you were unable to make this event, please contact school to arrange another time that may be suitable for you. As always, thank you for your continuous support.

**YEAR 10** - Year 10 have made a very positive start to the year and an excellent transition to from KS3 into KS4 with a fantastic attitude to learning. Some of our pupils have already begun to commit to extra lessons in order to achieve success, this has been especially evident in ART. Year 10 have settled very well into their option choices and look forward to completing their GCSE courses. Careers advice and educational trips are on the agenda for this year to inspire pupils and provide enrichment. A recent visit from former professional footballer Alex Hay saw over a quarter of the year group access a Shaping Futures workshop based around developing Resilience and Commitment. It has been a privilege to work with the Year group since Year 7 and to watch them all grow and mature into responsible young people. I would like to encourage all Year 10s to keep up all of their hard work, attendance and punctuality in School and continue to act and be positive members of the local community

**YEAR 11** - In Year 11 pupils are creating revision timetables and attending extra lessons ensuring they are prepared and ready for their mock examinations starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November. This week Year 11 have watched a live-streamed performance of Romeo and Juliet by the Royal Shakespeare Company and will be attending a theatre to watch a performance of Macbeth. These events will support and enrich their English lessons. Extra-curricular activities are still popular with Year 11 including sports, rock climbing and canoeing. All Year 11 pupils have had an individual careers advice and guidance interview with our specialist advisor. They are attending college open evenings, applying for courses, apprenticeships and exploring their options post 16. Recently all Year 11 pupils had a mock interview in preparation for upcoming college and apprenticeship interviews. Careers advice, guidance and application support is available to them throughout this very important year. I know for the next few months our pupils will be working really hard towards their GCSE exams. In support of this we will be continuing to run extra lessons after school and an extensive mock exam programme. And there will be trips and activities to motivate to pupils on the road to success. I am looking forward to next few months and the challenges ahead.  
Good luck Year 11!