



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th January 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Pupils and staff were delighted to welcome Lord Derby to the school yesterday. Lord Derby allowed us to name our Academy after him and his ancestors when we converted to be part of the Dean Trust in 2014 and I was delighted to be able to update him on the progress the school is making and show him the high quality learning taking place. Lord Derby also met with our new Head Boy Hey Yee and our new Head Girl Kate. It was a very proud afternoon for our whole school community.

Thank you to the Year 11 parents who attended Parents Evening last night. This was a crucial evening for parents to access information from teachers about your child's progress and I hope you found it useful. I am confident the school is doing all it can to support your child in the lead up to the GCSE examinations but please do let us know if you require any additional support, advice or guidance.

Finally, it has been a cold week and further drops in temperature are anticipated. Please know that we always strive to keep LDA open and information will be shared via our Twitter account @DTA_LDA and our website should we need to contact you about adverse weather conditions.

Yours sincerely

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Lord Derby Academy's First Primary Spelling Bee

This week we were delighted to welcome primary pupils and their families to our first ever Primary MFL Spelling Bee. These young linguists had all worked incredibly hard to learn 25 words in either French or Spanish. Words were selected at random for the pupils to spell (including accents!) in front of the audience. The pupils certainly rose to the challenge with incredible performances and were a credit to their schools and families. Once again, LDA pupils, including many from the Pupil Parliament, were on hand to help and support with the event and did an amazing job; special thanks must go to Tom S who acted as judge, demonstrator and even hosted a Parental Spelling Bee competition! After a hard fought battle, the winning school was Park View Academy who were delighted to receive the prestigious LDA Spelling Bee plaque and language learning software.

The individual winner was from Hope Primary School. Congratulations to you all and we look forward to seeing you defend your titles next year!



Year 10 and 11 Mock Examinations – Good Luck!

YEAR 11

| DATE | SESSION | EXAM |
|--------------|----------|----------------------|
| Tue 29th Jan | 1&2 | Maths 1 |
| Fri 1st Feb | 1&2 | Maths 2 |
| Mon 4th Feb | 3&4 | Maths 3 |
| Tue 12th Feb | 1, 2 & 3 | English Literature 1 |
| Wed 13th Feb | 3&4 | English Literature 2 |

YEAR 10

| DATE | SESSION | EXAM |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| Tue 5th Feb | 5&6 | English |
| Fri 6th Feb | 1&2 | Maths 1 |
| Wed 13th Feb | 1&2 | Maths 2 |
| Thurs 14th Feb | 1&2 | Maths 3 |

WINNERS 14th – 18th October 2019

Attendance – **King**

Behaviour – **Curie**

House points – **Einstein**

Punctuality – **Einstein & Curie**



YEAR 7 HIGH ACHIEVERS CLUB

This half term saw the launch of our weekly lunch club for those pupils identified as being higher achievers. The aim of the club is to promote higher level cognitive thinking as well as expanding pupils' vocabulary and developing confidence.

Pupils can choose to engage in a variety of vocabulary based board games such as Countdown, Articulate and Dixit or simply use the space to spend some time reading or building relationships with their peers. We are also putting together a High Achievers book box filled with challenging reads for pupils to access.



Mrs Fletcher
Head of Department



Mrs Venables
Deputy Head of Department



Mrs Phillips
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Sergison
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Barry
Responsibility in English for Year 7



Miss Morris
Leader of Literacy



Miss Leicester
Classroom Teacher with KS3 TLR



Miss Thwaite
Classroom Teacher SENDCO



Mrs Grisdale
Classroom Teacher and NQT/ITT Professional Mentor



Miss O'Reilly
Classroom Teacher Head of Year 11



Mrs Brophy
Classroom Teacher

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Year 11 have begun this half term with positivity and enthusiasm. The pupils will be completing mock exams this half term to prepare them for the summer exams, the dates for the mock exams are over leaf. As a reminder, the summer exam dates are below.

Literature Paper 1—Wednesday 15th May
Literature Paper 2—Thursday 23rd May
Language Paper 1—Tuesday 4th June
Language Paper 2—Friday 7th June

As always, your support and encouragement is essential in ensuring the pupils are prepared and confident going into their exams. Year 11 revision sessions run every other Tuesday with the HB1 Study Base open every morning and afternoon for pupils to access. Class Charts is used to set all homework and revision tasks and pupils are encouraged to seek additional help from their English teacher wherever they require it.

Year 10 are continuing with their study of Literature this half term and have taken to their GCSE studies well. Year 10 pupils will also be completing mock exams this half term. Their English exam will be on **Literature Paper 1** so pupils should be revising **Macbeth and A Christmas Carol**.

To help pupils with revision we will be hosting a Year 10 study base in HB5 on Thursday evenings.

ENRICHMENT IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Enrichment in the English Department
Last term we provided many exciting opportunities for our pupils here at Lord Derby Academy. We saw groups of pupils attending the theatre to see a unique production of Macbeth, a huge cohort of Year 11/10 pupils were treated to a reading of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens' great grandson, Gerald, at the beautiful St. George's Hall. We are always planning ways to help our pupils engage with English so keep your eyes peeled for upcoming activities.

LITERACY

The library is situated in HB3 and the E-Library is accessible through the school website. If you would like additional information, please see Miss Morris. Happy reading!

Bedrock Vocabulary Bedrock is set as a homework every week in Literacy. Pupils are expected to complete 2 lessons of Bedrock per week. Bedrock is a vital tool to help pupils expand and enhance their vocabulary!

LITERACY 16 X 16 READING CHALLENGE

Reading is a fundamental requirement of a successful pupil.

Are you ready for a new reading challenge? Can you read 16 challenging books by the time you're 16?

Check out the Literacy challenging book list in the English Homebase and choose 16 to read to achieve the Higher Achiever Reading Challenge Award!

Remember, 'Read to Succeed!'

Literacy Matters!

Lord Derby Academy and Bedrock Vocabulary



Bedrock Vocabulary Login:

LDA Website:

Helpful Links > Bedrock Vocabulary

Username: Pupil Name e.g. jack_wilson

Password: First 3 letters of first and last name e.g. jacwil

Stars of the Week

Year 7 - Faye Williams, Daniel Donnachie

Year 8 - Andrew Brown, Jonjo Baxendale

Year 9 - Stephen Lawler, Caitlin Sadler

Year 10 - Kate Williams, Ellie Dawrant

Year 11 - Macey Peters, Kira Dean, Jack O'Leary Bather

