



NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th March 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We all enjoyed celebrating World Book Day at Lord Derby Academy yesterday. Many thanks to our Head of Literacy Miss Morris and her team for making it such an enjoyable occasion. The storyteller Gav Cross delivered to our pupils throughout the day in the special literacy tent and at the end he wrote us this lovely postcard:



Please tell us about your visit to Lord Derby Academy

Name: GAV CROSS Date: 7/3/19

Role/Reason for visit: Storytelling

Comments: Always a delight to return..Sensible and sensitive responses to a challenging subject, a thoughtful audience!

Signature GAV CROSS



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

It is now only 9 weeks until the formal written GCSE examinations. Year 11 have been benefitting from intensive English and Maths sessions this week. A number of practical exams begin even sooner. Can I ask all parents of Year 11 to support the school and your child by encouraging solid revision at home to build on the in school learning. It is more crucial than ever that we all work as a team at this stage of the academic year.

Finally, can I thank Mrs Fletcher and the English team for taking our pupils to watch an evening performance of Macbeth at the Epstein Theatre last night. I am told it was a superb experience for our children.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher

WINNERS 25th February – 1st March 2019

Attendance – **Einstein**, Behaviour – **Einstein**, House points – **Einstein**, Punctuality – **Einstein**



LDA CELEBRATES WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday March 7th was World book Day which is celebrated in over 100 countries across the World and all pupils in Key stage 3 and Year 10 have had the opportunity to take part in a range of reading activities.

This year a KS3 book was chosen so that pupils began a reading journey of 'The Hunger Games.' Each lesson of the day began with a chapter from the book and should pupils can continue the journey either as a Form during their reading time or by borrowing the book themselves from the Library.

Over 600 pupils took home a free book in our 'Read to Succeed' giveaway at break in the Atrium. Books were selected from this year's World Book Day recommendations and were supported by 'News from Nowhere' based in Bold Street in Liverpool.



LDA WELCOMED GAV CROSS!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, Gav Cross, a Storyteller for young people and adults alike, came to visit Lord Derby Academy to help us celebrate World Book Day. Bringing his 'pop up tent,' he entertained pupils from Year 7 to Year 9 with his stories from the story of the Great War & the Pals Regiments of World War 1.

KS4 also had the opportunity to speak to Gav as part of an extra exam support session. Gav was an excellent source of knowledge, helping pupils to understand the context of Briton at war and linking it to our 'Power and Conflict' poetry.



YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Year 11 Mock Exams will take place on Tuesday 12th March and Friday 15th March – Good luck with your ongoing revision.

ENRICHMENT



BBC - Foreign language learning is at its lowest level in UK secondary schools since the turn of the millennium, however Lord Derby Academy are proudly bucking the trend! Last week, we welcomed the BBC into our MFL classrooms to demonstrate how our pupils are enthused and inquisitive at learning languages up to Key Stage 4.

The BBC analysis shows a percentage drop between 30% and 50% since 2013 in the numbers taking GCSE language courses in a vast amount of areas in England.

Yet the narrative at Lord Derby is the opposite, we have seen an increase in pupils opting to take a language or in some cases **two** languages at GCSE.

The BBC saw this as an opportunity to visit our Year 9 dual linguist group where they were learning how to apply similes and metaphors in Spanish whilst applying three tenses! The pupils were later interviewed about their high aspirations and enthusiasm for the subject, speaking about the Spanish Exchange Programme and future career pathways. We are tremendously proud of the hard work and commitment shown by our pupils, and a special thank you to Mrs Holme for allowing her lesson to be filmed and sharing our success with the BBC!



Mrs Holme
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Mrs Brophy
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Arnold
Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Ellis
Assistant
Headteacher



LDA's First Primary MFL Spelling Bee - In January, we were delighted to welcome primary pupils and their families to our first 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 themselves, their schools and families.

Once again, LDA pupils, including many from our Pupil Parliament, were on hand to help and support with the event and they 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 resilient 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 Danyl from Hope Primary School.

Congratulations to everyone and we look forward to seeing you defend your titles next year!

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Exam Dates

Yr.11 Spanish GCSE exam dates

Spanish GCSE Speaking exams

8th April and 10th May.

Spanish GCSE Reading exam Higher & Foundation

22nd May (AM)

Spanish GCSE Listening exam Higher & Foundation

22nd May (AM)

Spanish GCSE Writing exam Higher & Foundation

5th June (AM)

Yr.11 French GCSE exam dates

8th April and 10th May.

French GCSE Reading exam Higher & Foundation

14th May (AM)

French GCSE Listening exam Higher & Foundation

14th May (AM)

Spanish GCSE Writing exam Higher & Foundation

17th May (AM)

The MFL department will be running extra intervention sessions over the next few weeks, leading up to the speaking exam. Please see your teacher for your intervention schedule.

Please encourage your child to revise their coloured speaking booklets, in preparation for their exam.... Why not test them?

KS4 - YEAR 11 half term revision

- All of our Year 11 linguists are working extremely hard to prepare themselves for their GCSE exams in French and Spanish. The French revision morning during half term saw pupils experiencing a range of revision, memory and recall techniques. An extremely productive morning! Further additional revision sessions are being scheduled as we approach the exam season – please check the newsletter and our LDA twitter account for further details.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

Key Stage 3 curriculum - Key Stage 3 pupils have benefited from a whole host of engaging activities in MFL lessons this term! While Year 7 have been learning to talk about their school in Spanish through a range of Harry Potter-related activities, including our very own Harry Potter board game, Year 9 have been learning how to describe people and places through the authentic Argentinian film 'Valentín'. Meanwhile, Year 8 have been busy taking part in an exciting technology project, where they have designed their own app or item of technology and then presented it in Spanish. ¡Qué fantástico!

