



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Can I start by saying that I hope you enjoyed a fantastic Easter break and by officially welcoming in the Summer Term ahead.

We have enjoyed a positive first week back. Standards are extremely high and our pupils are ready to learn. I have been leading the celebrations for St George's Day in assemblies across the week. My key messages have been focused on 'Being Brave' 'Being Tolerant' and on 'Standing up for what is right' – values we hold very true to at LDA.

The formal GCSE examination season is now underway and GCSE dance and drama exams have taken place this week. Year 11 are fully focused on their studies and there is a lot of support in place for these pupils over the coming months. We wish our Year 11 every success.

You will be aware that LDA has been inspected by Ofsted this week. The report will be released in due course.

Parents / Carers I thank you in advance for your support over the term to come. I am looking forward to us continuing to go from strength to strength.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

WINNERS 1st April – 4th April 2019

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



Please see below a reminder of our Standards and Expectations



Standards & Expectations/ Code of Conduct

- Pupils are expected to be polite, behave well and follow instructions at all times, in school and in the local community
- Respect the environment
- Respect each other
- Be polite at all times
- Move quietly and sensibly around school

Key items for the school day

- A school bag
- A planner
- A Calculator
- A dictionary
- A pencil case containing key items
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Two black pens
- Green pen for responding to teacher feedback
- Highlighter Pens

Attendance and Punctuality

Aim for attendance of at least 97%.

Holidays taken during term time will not be authorised and may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.

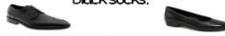
Pupils absent from school for 10% of the time are defined as 'persistent absentees.'

Pupils should be on time to all lessons.



Uniform

Footwear should be plain black shoes, business style with leather upper and black socks.



Large bows or coloured accessories/logos are not permitted.

Be aware some retailers call their training shoes, shoes -

If it looks like a trainer it is a trainer and these are not permitted.

Outdoor coats should be removed when onsite. Blazer and school tie should be worn at all times, only school badges awarded by school may be worn on blazer. Shirts must be tucked in. School pinafores must be knee length.

School kit must be worn for every PE lesson.

Pupils should travel to and from school in full uniform.



Haircuts, Facial Hair & Hair Accessories

Extreme haircuts (e.g. shaved No.1) and colouring, which are stark in contrast to natural tones, **are not acceptable.**

Full head shave minimum number 3, number 2 on sides only. Boys must be clean shaven - no facial hair allowed. Hair below the shoulder or excessive must be securely tied back. long hair in the face is not permitted. Hair should be secured out of the eyes or cut above eye level. Hair accessories must be in school colours and only small in size. Items with glitter, flowers, slogans etc are **not acceptable.**



Jewellery & Make-up



Pupils are **not allowed** to wear any jewellery other than a watch.

No piercings of any kind are allowed.

Make-up, nail varnish, false eyelashes, false nails etc. is **not allowed.**

Semi permanent make up and false tan is not allowed

Drinks, Chewing Gum and Litter

Pupils may bring still water on site and can drink it throughout the day.

Before school, at break and lunch pupils can purchase a variety of healthy drinks from the school canteen.



Bottles should not exceed 750ml. No chewing gum allowed. Pupils must not drop litter.



Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices (Including Smart Watches)

These are **not permitted.**

Mobile phones are a banned item (pupils should not access anyone else's device).

(if your child needs to have their phone for an emergency contact then they must hand it in to Student Services at the start of the day).

In an emergency parents/carers can contact Student Services.



LDA EASTER SPORTS TRIP

Holland 2019

The latest LDA Sports Tour took place during the second week of the Easter Holidays. Sixty one pupils and seven staff travelled to Holland for a tour that included the following ...

- Football coaching provided by West Ham United FC / U13 and U15 football tournaments.
- Dance development workshop.
- Sports skills development.

The pupils stayed at Center Parcs and enjoyed using the Aqua Mundo tropical pool every night. The trip also included a trip to the Phantasialand theme park in Germany. Please read on for more details of how each part of the tour went.



Under 15s Football tournament - Our Year 9 Football team played a series of matches against different schools from Britain. The tournament lasted over 2 days, and consisted of several 20 minute games. All players gave 100% effort from start to finish and demonstrated their ability to work as a team under tough conditions. Stand out players were M Fitzgerald, G Fitzgibbon, J Wilson, J Keegan, T Robinson, F Naylor, J Farrell-Dobie, L Ashman & C McCormack.

Under 13s Football - LDA fielded two U13 boys teams and they both did fantastically well. The 'B' team were competitive in every single match and recorded a number of wins. A Lamont, J Kennerk, J Spencer performed particularly well during the two day tournament. The 'A' team only went and became European Champions! They played a total of nine matches and did not concede a single goal. Stand out performers were D Mahaffy, D Charlton, H Long & T Joynt. Can they retain their crown in two year's time?



Girls Football - LDA girls competed in a tournament against several British schools. Our girls were certainly challenged this year as they were asked to join up with Ashlyn's school (Hertfordshire). The standard of the football tournament was brilliant and the whole team showed resilience, determination and a great team spirit. The team finished second overall which was a great achievement considering this was the first time that LDA girls have competed in this event.

Dance - Seventeen members of our tour party elected to spend two days developing their dance and choreography skills. They completed two dance workshops. Both workshops explored new styles of dance and opportunities for the pupils to choreograph their own material and perform in front of a small audience. All of our dancers worked extremely hard over the two days and can be extremely proud of themselves.

