



NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th July 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

What a fantastic week at LDA. There are so many highlights and a few of these that really stand out for me are:

- The Primary transition day on Wednesday when our new Year 7 cohort visited the school for a full day and fully immersed themselves into life at LDA. The children were a credit to themselves, their families and their current schools and we are really looking forward to them joining our team in September.
- The Open Event yesterday evening. This was the first of three open events to be held for future cohorts at LDA. The school was absolutely packed and the feedback from parents and pupils was overwhelmingly positive.
- The enrichment activities which have taken place across the week including Year 6 pupils from Blacklow Brow making rock cakes with Mrs Hampson in technology, an Arts award theatre event for Year 8 organised by Mrs Fletcher in English and a whole host of STEM events led by Mrs Fitzsimon. We have also rewarded pupils across the school who have achieved 97% attendance and excellent Class Charts records with surprise 'Silent Discos' which the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed.

A phenomenal week and I am sure next week will be just as exciting with our Festival of Sport on Tuesday and our Expressive Arts Showcase on Thursday Evening.

With kind regards,

V. Gowan V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

WINNERS 24th – 28th June 2019
Attendance – Curie & Nightingale, Behaviour – Einstein, House points – King, Punctuality – Einstein

CHAMBER CHOIR

PERFORMANCE - During Expressive Arts week, our Chamber Choir were invited to perform at Graduation celebrations for Blacklow Brow and Park View primary schools. The Choir performed a range of songs and two of our Year 9 pupils also performed as soloists. The Chamber Choir has gone from strength to strength this year under the leadership of our visiting instrumental and vocal teacher Miss Allwood. Auditions for the Chamber Choir will take place in the new academic year and places are open to pupils in all year groups.



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CASE



The LDA Summer Talent Showcase
Thursday 11th July
Start time: 6pm
Ticket - £2

BBC PHILHARMONIC VISIT #2

This year a group of 20 pupils across KS3 and Year 10 have rehearsing weekly on a range of orchestral music. As part of Expressive Arts week one of the violinists from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra ran a workshop with the Modulo orchestra as well as additional pupils who got to experience rehearsing as part of a large group. A selection of pupils are now preparing to travel to London for a large scale performance at the Royal Academy of Music where they will be part of a National Orchestra who will rehearse and perform a concert that will be live streamed on Facebook. If you would like to watch the pupils performing, it will be livestreamed on the Orchestras for All Facebook page at 3.30pm on Friday July 12th.

Lord Derby Academy **WINNERS** 2019

Breakthrough Artist of the Year
LAUREN HARRIS

Breakthrough Choreographer of the Year
Yr8 GROUP

Breakthrough Composer of the Year
JAYMIE STRODE - Yr9

Breakthrough Photographer of the Year
OLIVIA JONES

Breakthrough Script Writer of the Year
YVONNE RUSSELL - Yr7

Breakthrough RUBY McKENNA
JESSICA SMITH
LAURIE WESTON
HOLLY TINSLEY
HEIDI McLEAN

Welcome to the ICT and Business newsletter. This has been a very busy time of year with the KS3 and 4 end of year examinations and both myself and Mrs Gilland would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during this process.

KS3

All year groups have worked well this year covering units in Year 7 such as game production, practical programming and living in a digital world which covered the components and basic understanding of how computers work. Year 8 covered units involving networking, python programming and computer crime and cyber security and Year 9 covered units involving problem solving, how data is represented in computers, programming and spreadsheets. All year groups have done very well covering these challenging and extensive units.



Mr Ashley
Head of
Department



Mrs Gilland
Classroom
Teacher

KS4

Progress in computer science has been very good over the year with the large majority of the GCSE theory elements being completed and the pupil's coursework component started. To support further revision resources have been added to the pupils' electronic classrooms and paper-based revision booklets are available from the computer science room. The Digital information Technology class has been completing their first coursework element of their examination this year and they will be starting their written examination revision in September for a formal examination in December. Business studies have just completed their mock exams and are now reviewing theme one content 'investigating small businesses' in preparation for their summer revision. Pupils will be given revision packs to help retain knowledge learned throughout the year.

UKFAST and The Dean Trust Hack Day Competition

Last week the department and other schools in the Dean Trust were invited to enter programming teams in to a competition led by UKFAST who is one of the UK's leading web hosting and colocation providers based in Manchester. Ten pupils who will be studying GCSE Computer Science in Year 10 attended split in to three working teams. This was a fantastic day, in impressive surroundings and one which our pupils thoroughly enjoyed and witnessed many achievable and exciting career opportunities in the computing industry.

The competition was based on ROBOT WARS. Teams would design, build and program a robot that would battle other robots until only one survived to be crowned winner. The teams had four hours to program the robots and make the robots as effective in battle as they possibly could while following rigid battle rules. Robots had to stay in the battle zone at all times and must not stop for more than 10 seconds at a time.

After a great start by all competitors it was with some pride that the last three robots in the competition fighting it out for the winner's trophy were all from LDA. All three battled fantastically and were a credit to their programmers. At the end there had to be a winner and a robot called "STEVEN" took the winners applause closely followed by "Dangerous Dagger" and "Panic Attack". Well done to all the pupils who contributed to a fantastic day!



GOOGLE Classroom and Classcharts

The department runs an electronic classroom which incorporates teaching materials, revision and assessments. Homework is also delivered electronically through the school classcharts system. Access at home can be achieved by adding the pupils' google school account to your current home google accounts (icon in the right corner of google).

