



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been delighted to welcome a range of visitors to the Academy this week who have all commented on the calm atmosphere and on the high standards of learning. Primary Headteachers from across the Dean Trust visited us this morning and Mr Kenny and Mrs Williams were thrilled to see former pupils from Park View Academy and Blacklow Brow School hard at work.

LDA pupils took part in the production of 'Violent Ends' at the Culture Park on Thursday Evening alongside other young people from across the Knowsley secondary schools. This production highlights the importance of teaching knife crime and showcase pupils' key messages through drama, poetry and recorded interviews. I would like to thank all the staff and the Imaginarium Theatre Company for enabling our pupils to take part in such a significant event.

As the deadline of the 31<sup>st</sup> October approaches can I please remind all prospective parents from the Year 7 2020 cohort to fill in an application form from the Knowsley Local Authority (or Local Authority in which they reside). This includes parents from pupils at the Dean Trust primary schools and Blacklow Brow and Park View who must also fill in an application form.

Enjoy the weekend.

*V. Gowan*

V Gowan  
Headteacher



Miss Gowan  
Headteacher

## WINNERS 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October

Attendance—King, Behaviour—Curie, House points—Einstein, Punctuality—King



## LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **RESILIENT**

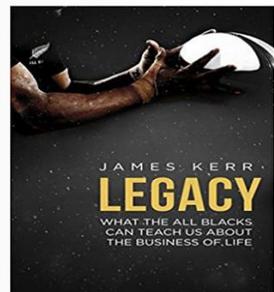
- If a person is resilient they are able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.
- If an object is resilient it is able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.

## Book Recommendation: LEGACY

In Legacy, best-selling author James Kerr goes deep into the heart of the world's most successful sporting team, the legendary All Blacks of New Zealand, to reveal 15 powerful and practical lessons for leadership and business.

Legacy is a unique, inspiring handbook for leaders in all fields, and asks: What are the secrets of success - sustained success? How do you achieve world-class standards, day after day, week after week, year after year? How do you handle pressure? How do you train to win at the highest level? What do you leave behind you after you're gone?

What will be your legacy?



## NUMERACY PUZZLE

$$\text{Blue cup} + \text{Blue cup} + \text{Blue cup} = 15$$

$$\text{Yellow cup} - \text{Yellow cup} + \text{Blue cup} = 10$$

$$\text{Red cup} + \text{Red cup} - \text{Red cup} = 06$$

$$\text{Blue cup} + \text{Blue cup} \times \text{Yellow cup} = ?$$

Last weeks answer:



35

Year 10 Extra Study Club is now taking place every Wednesday from 3-4pm to give pupils the opportunity to complete homework and revision.



Mr Parr  
Head of  
Department



Mrs Mills  
Deputy Head of  
Department



Mr Proctor  
Classroom  
Teacher



Miss Morrison  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Cundle  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore  
Head of Year 7



Mrs Molyneux  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mr Torode  
Technician

**KEY STAGE 3 PE** - Key Stage 3 boys and girls have all had an incredibly positive start to the new academic year and as our first half term draws to a close, PE staff are happy with the progress that has been made. This half term, classes across KS3 have been enjoying Netball, Handball, Badminton, Swimming and Orienteering. Next half term classes will focus on Football, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball and Fitness. Attendance at enrichment activities has been outstanding, however, if you have not attended yet, please have a look at the timetable and join in an activity next week.

**NETBALL** - Attendance at Netball has been incredible, we have had 6 teams regularly turning up each week to play Tuesday 3.00-4.00pm. Year 9,10 and 11 are all invited to stay until 4.30pm to support our GCSE PE Netball pupils in achieving their best possible grade. All girls have now been allocated a squad to play for and captains will be announced shortly. The fixture list is always being updated so please remember to check the posters on the PE corridor regularly.

## FIXTURES

Date	Year group	Against	Venue
<b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	Year 10	Bluecoat	LDA
	Year 11		
<b>Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Year 10/11	Knowsley Tournament	Halewood
<b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y7 B squad v's Y8 B squad	LDA	LDA
<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y7&8 A squads	Dean Trust Tournament	DT Wigan
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Y7A squad v's Y8 A Squad	LDA	LDA
	Y8A squad v's Y9		
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	Y10 v's Y11	LDA	LDA
<b>Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	TBC	Kirkby	LDA
<b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Year 7 A Squad	Knowsley Tournament	A.Saints

This week Year 7 and 8 A squads played Halewood Academy and Year 8 A squad took part in the Knowsley Netball tournament. On Monday Year 7 won against Halewood 3-2 and Year 8 lost 12-5. On Tuesday Year 8 played 4 games winning one and only losing the others by 1 goal. Mrs Mills' standout performances were from F.Williams, L.Adair, N.Morrison and N.Bell.

**GCSE PE** - Pupils are currently working hard towards their GCSE PE examination next year. With the Year 11 practical exam during the spring term 2020, it is important that all Y11 pupils are attending the GCSE PE sports clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes. These clubs offer the perfect opportunity for you to develop your skills in Badminton, Volleyball and Table Tennis in preparation for your practical exam. We also have a group of fifteen Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE PE pupils beginning their swimming module at the Knowsley Culture and Leisure Park in the near future.

**Year 11** GCSE PE extra lessons take place every Friday between 3.00-3.50pm with Mr Parr, and it is vital that pupils attend these sessions to complete their coursework as well as prepare for their next mock examination in December.

**Year 10** GCSE PE pupils have made a very positive start to their studies. Year 10 pupils have also been taking advantage of our lunchtime clubs and have recently begun the Performance Analysis component of their course. Pupils can request extra help from Mrs Mills regarding any issues they are having with homework.

**SPORTS STUDIES YEAR 11** - Year 11 pupils are working hard to improve their current grades in Sports Studies. They have been refining and enhancing their coursework, specifically in R056- To develop their knowledge and understanding of outdoor activities ready for moderation on the 25<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils need to ensure that they are attending additional/extra sessions every Tuesday (Badminton), Friday (Table Tennis) and theory each week. Pupils have also been encouraged to complete additional independent study to further enhance their coursework marks. Year 10 pupils have had a great start to their course. They are currently studying the Sports Leadership module and have completed their first assignment and completed part of their second assignment (risk assessment). The pupils are now ready to begin planning their own session of which they are assessed on their delivery. Year 10 pupils have been heavily involved in the other aspects of the course and supporting the PE department by officiating primary football competition. All primary schools involved have commented on the pupils professionalism and the high quality of officiating.

## UP FOR THE CUP

This week our Year 9 played against Sacred Heart in the English Schools Competition. LDA took an early lead with goals from H Long, G Merryfield and L Schruyers. However, football is a game of two halves and Sacred Heart rallied together and, by full time, scores were tied, which meant penalties. The hero of the night LDA's goalkeeper J Harley Radcliffe. He was able to make three excellent saves which helped us to win the match.