



NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd November 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a week filled with aspiration at LDA. On Tuesday we delivered training on Modern foreign Languages to primary schools from across Knowsley Local Authority. The primary school teachers observed a Spanish lesson and spoke with our pupils and staff. One teacher emailed the following day to say "It was lovely to watch Year 8 pupils in action and to see how MFL is taught at secondary level. The pupils were confident, articulate and a credit to LDA".

We also hosted a Careers Fair on Tuesday where pupils from Year 9, 10 and 11 were given the opportunity to speak with local employers, Post 16 providers, colleges and other exhibitors. Again, the feedback from the visitors was absolutely superb.

Finally, Mrs Sergison has been launching Year two of the LDA Pupil Parliament. Glitch Theatre delivered a 'Vote for me' performance about the value of democracy and Mrs Sergison showed the successes of the first year of the Parliament – these have included table tennis tables for the school, the implementation of a healthy menu in the canteen and our pupils visiting Knowsley Hall for a range of events. I am really looking forward to reading applications and interviewing pupils for the new cabinet positions next month.

Yours sincerely,

V. Gowan V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

OGWEN VALLEY TRIP - Mr Wheeler, Mr Christer and Mr J Torode accompanied a group of Year 8 pupils to Ogwen Valley, North Wales on Saturday 16th November 2019, with the aim of promoting team building and leadership skills. The dramatic setting of these glacial mountains is one of the most majestic and inspiring in Snowdonia as well as being Wales' first nature reserve. The pupils covered around 4 miles of walking on the day - Well Done to C. Dalton, H. Myers. P.F. Dobie, J.F.Dobie, D. Donnachie, D. Wibberley, E. Chapman.



The Expressive Arts department, after a difficult decision making process, are proud to announce the Arts Council Representatives.

LDA Arts Council Representatives 2019– 2020

- KS3 Representatives**
Art - Gina F & Faye W (Curriculum)
 Rebecca J (Enrichment)
Dance - Annabel C (Enrichment)
Drama - Sophie R & Casey F (Curriculum)
 Mae R (Enrichment)
Music - Lauren F (Enrichment)
 Amber C & Shannon R (Curriculum)
KS4 Representatives
Art - Daisy J (Curriculum)
 Reece P (Enrichment)
Dance - Jessica B (Curriculum)
 Lauren H (Enrichment)
Drama - Callum K (Curriculum)
 Shauna R (Enrichment)
Music - Dean W (Curriculum)
 Olivia J (Enrichment)

LDA Christmas Hamper Appeal 2019
 Make a charitable contribution to elderly residents of our local community and help make their Christmas a little merrier! Your Form Tutor will collect your hamper items. Please do not bring perishable items, some ideas are: Tinned foods, Mince Pies, Chocolates, packet foods etc.



PRIMARY MFL – On Tuesday, the MFL Department were thrilled to welcome some of our local primary schools into LDA to look at MFL teaching at KS3.



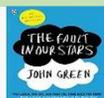
LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **Articulate**

- having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently
- pronounce (something) clearly and distinctly

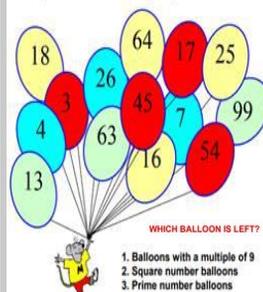
Book Recommendation:

'The Fault in Our Stars.'
 John Green has created a soulful novel that tackles big subjects-- life, death, love--with the perfect blend of levity and heart-swelling emotion.



NUMERACY PUZZLE

If a number in one of the balloons is an answer to any of the 3 questions below it will fly away.



- WHICH BALLOON IS LEFT?**
1. Balloons with a multiple of 9
 2. Square number balloons
 3. Prime number balloons

NETBALL CLUB

Tuesday 3-4 All Years Welcome!

Fixtures
22 nd Nov Y10 v's Y11 at LDA
28 th Nov TBC 'V' Kirkby at LDA
28 th Jan Year 7 A Squad Tournament at All Saints

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

Mon 25 th Nov	1&2 5&6	Geography 2 Science Biology
Tues 26 th Nov	1&2 3&4	Maths 2 Option B
Wed 27 th Nov	1&2 5&6	Science Chemistry MFL reading / writing
Thurs 28 th Nov	All Day 5&6	Art—Option C Option C
Fri 29 th Nov	1&2 3&4 5&6	Option C for selected Art Option D / Group 2 Dual Humanities - Geography paper 2 MFL Writing
Mon 2 nd Dec	1 & 2	Art - Option D Group 1
Tues 3 rd Dec	1 & 2	Art - Option C Group 2
Wed 4 th Dec	1 & 2 5&6	Maths 3 Science Physics



Mrs Kelly
Lead
Student
Support
Manager



Mrs Wheeler
Year 7
Student
Support
Manager



Mrs Whitby
Year 8
Student
Support
Manager



Mrs Broadhurst
Year 8
Student
Support
Manager



Miss Donaldson
Year 10
Student
Support
Manager



Mr Wheeler
Year 11
Student
Support
Manager

YEAR 7 pupils have moved seamlessly from primary to secondary and it has been great seeing the different successes already, we have seen pupils making friends, experiencing new subjects and working together as a team to build the community ethos in the year group. Attendance has been our main focus and Year 7 have worked hard to maintain very good attendance and punctuality records, attending school with enthusiasm and engaging fully in lessons. Most forms have now been rewarded with their free breakfast of toast and hot chocolate and it has been great to see the competition between each form (and form tutors) on attendance building. So what is next for Year 7? In the week commencing 25th November, all Year 7 pupils will have the opportunity to complete a Level 3 Bikeability qualification. Pupils will complete a short 2.5 hour course on how to cycle safely. We are also planning the Christmas reward trip for pupils with an excellent attendance and behaviour record. Year 7 will also be introduced to the Pupil Parliament and I can't wait to see our Year 7 pupils stepping up and getting themselves involved in making difference across the school. I am really proud of all the work Year 7 have been doing and really please to congratulate them on an excellent start to their time at Lord Derby Academy. Your hard work and commitment is great to see. Keep it up!

YEAR 8 -The transition from Year 7 to Year 8 has gone extremely well for all of the Year group and it has been good to see the Year 8 maturing and becoming excellent role models for our new cohort of Year 7 pupils. It has been a busy term for the year group and already they have had the opportunity to experience two theatre productions from external companies, one highlighting relevant issues that teenagers may face and also one regarding road safety. The feedback was extremely positive and all pupils benefited from both of the productions. Some pupils within the year have also recently engaged with "The Glitch Theatre Programme" which allowed pupils to gain knowledge of a democratic voting system with the aim to encourage them to be part of our upcoming Pupil Parliament recruitment drive. There is lots more to come during this busy term and all Year 8s will receive their end of term report in December which will highlight the progress that they have made. Next term we have our Year 8 Parents Evening on 12.3.19 which Mrs Whitby and Mr Owen will look forward to inviting all pupils and parents to attend. This is an opportunity for staff to speak with individual pupils and their parents and to discuss their progress and any targets that need to be set to ensure that each pupil achieves their potential.

YEAR 9 - We are very much looking forward to sharing positive stories of our Year 9 pupils' progress, attendance and behaviour for progress at our Parents Evening on Thursday 28th November. The Year group have all recently undergone assessments to ensure they are all progressing and reaching their own individual targets. Parents/ carers will receive pupil reports during these appointments. If you are unable to attend on the evening please do let us know and we will arrange a more convenient time that best suits you and your family. Thank you to the 57% of parents that frequently access class charts; having an awareness of how your child presents on a day to day basis at school is powerful tool and keeps you one step ahead of them. Exciting times are just around the corner for Year 9 as they will soon begin to prepare themselves for choosing options. We are extremely keen for this to be a smooth process and are ready to support pupils and parents should they require it at any point. Pupils have already visited the annual LDA Careers Fair this week, giving them the opportunity to meet representatives from regional colleges, universities, apprenticeship and wider 14-19 training providers. As the pace continues to gain momentum, we would urge you to regularly discuss the process with your child to reduce their apprehensions and steer them in the right direction on their journey to academic success.

YEAR 10 have made an excellent transition from KS3 to KS4 and are enjoying the options that they have chosen. Miss Donaldson has visited a number of lessons over the last few weeks and pupils are committed and enjoying their learning. We are delighted with the number of pupils who have been accessing the revision club on Wednesdays and taking control of their learning and gaining support from their peers and staff. The number of pupils attending is increasing weekly and the atmosphere is relaxed with committed learning taking place. Following on from this Year 10 started their Mock exams; behaviour was impeccable and we hope that all their hard work pays off when they receive their mock exam results. This week, pupils are starting their careers appointments to give them a better understanding of what careers are available to them and what qualifications are needed to gain their chosen career. In addition to this, Year 10 accessed a careers fair in which a number of employers, colleges and higher and further education institutes attended to offer information and guidance to our pupils. On the calendar this week was the launch of the Head Girl/Head Boy/Deputies and Pupil Parliament vacancies. Pupils will go through this in more depth within form time this week. We look forward to receiving your application forms and remember, you can use your pupil parliament membership as your 'Volunteering' element of your Duke of Edinburgh Award.

YEAR 11 all accessed a careers fair on Tuesday 19.11.19 with many local educational establishments providing advice and information on how to pursue different careers. In conjunction, all pupils have had an individual careers advice and guidance interview with our specialist advisor. Pupils should now be attending college open evenings, applying for courses, apprenticeships and exploring their options post 16 at this moment time. Mock Interviews will commence on the 17th – 18th December 2019. These meetings will be in preparation for the college and apprenticeship interviews. All pupils should be looking to apply for at least 3 colleges. Once pupils have achieved their GCSE results they will then be able to choose their preferred place of study out of their 3 options. Extra lessons: Pupils have been attending extra lessons since September, these run each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Should pupils feel they require more support, Monday – Thursday, Mr Wheeler oversees a pupil led support session from 3pm – 5pm in HB1. Pupils will often utilise their peers when looking for advice or support with their work. The sessions allow pupils the opportunity to work independently or as a group, covering all subject areas.