



Friday 13th March 2020

NEWSLETTER



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have received some questions from parents/carers concerning Coronavirus. We would like to reassure our school community that we continue to follow advice from Public Health England and Ofqual (examinations). We will keep you informed as further advice is published. We will always prioritise the safety of our pupils and look to support them through their studies in this difficult period. We will be using the school Twitter account @DT_LDA, the school website and our text messaging service to keep you fully updated when matters arise.

As always, the atmosphere at LDA is calm, purposeful and positive. Year 11 are working hard towards their GCSE examinations and a number of pupils are attending school tomorrow for additional maths sessions with Miss Pope and Mrs Arnold. I was delighted to speak to Year 8 parents at Parents Evening yesterday and hear how well our Year 8 pupils are performing in their subjects and are enjoying life at the school and our Year 9 pupils have now informed us of their Options preferences.

I am also pleased to tell you that the building renovation works to the Learning Resource Centre are nearing completion and our pupils will soon be benefiting from two brand new classrooms in this area.

With best wishes for the weekend

Yours sincerely,

V. Gowan V Gowan, Headteacher

Oxford University Language Test

This week the Modern Foreign Languages department hosted an Oxford language aptitude test for our top linguists in Year 9. The test is used as an entry exam by hopeful applicants of Oxford University who wish to carry out a degree in Modern Languages. Fifteen pupils in total were selected to sit the exam and demonstrated excellent endurance and determination to decode the fictional language. The top test performers were, D. Weir, T. Douglas and M. Armour. A huge congratulations to all pupils involved and a special thank you to Miss Crookes for organising the event!

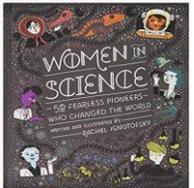


LITERACY

Literacy Word of the Week: **Benevolent**

Definition: Well meaning and kind / Charitable organisation.

Book Recommendation: Women in Science celebrates the achievements of the intrepid women who have paved the way for the next generation of female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts, physicists and beyond ...



Annie rehearsals are well underway! Our performers have shown so much commitment so far, let's keep it up! We are excited to have our Arts Council pupils involved so if you are a member of the Arts Council then pop in to G06 on Wednesday 3-4pm for a look at the show.

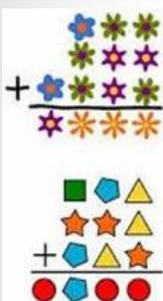


Liverpool Hope

On Thursday 5th March, girls from Year 9 and 10 went to Liverpool Hope University for International Women's Day. Pupils took part in a carousel of activities helping them to develop their skills in understanding issues women have faced over the years; the gender pay gap, empowerment and finally a talk from Jenna Downing who is a professional Skater. They all made a positive contribution and engaged fully to the activities of the day. Miss Donaldson and Mrs Broadhurst would like to say a massive well done to all of the girls involved. Stay proud!

NUMERACY PUZZLE

Can you find the value of each symbol? Each symbol has a different value between 1-9.



WINNERS 2nd - 6th March

Attendance - **King Lates**
Points - **Einstein**
Behaviour - **Curie**

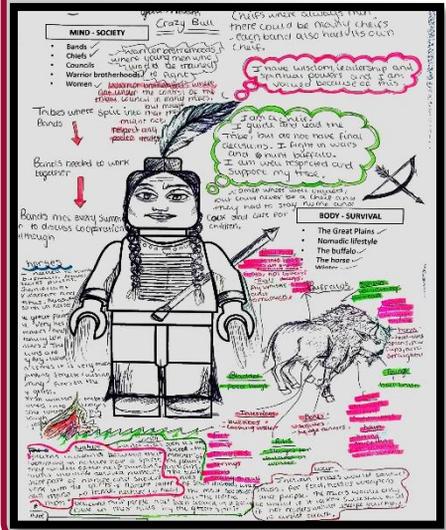


History

Year 11 - Year 11 pupils have been working hard over the last few months focusing on the Norman invasion of England and the impact that this had on the Anglo-Saxon population. Several of the practice exam questions focused on the difference between the strategies and equipment of both sides during the Battle of Hastings. Pupils were given the opportunity to examine and use some of our replica armour and weapons to gain an understanding of how important battle tactics were to the overall outcome.



Year 10 - Year 10 pupils have recently started their new topic on the American West. The beginning of the course examines the culture and lifestyle of the many Indian tribes who lived on the 'Great Plains' which stretched from north to south through the middle of the USA. Pupils used the template of a LEGO figure to design their own Plains Indian, complete with labels outlining their unique way of life.



Mr Kemp
Head of Department



Mr Lloyd
Head of Geography



Mrs Bannon
Head of Year 10



Ms Blackmore
Classroom Teacher



Mr Lindsay
Classroom Teacher



Mrs O'Neill
Classroom Teacher



Mr Owen
Head of Year 8

Year 11 Revision Quiz –

6 questions, 1 on each of the 6 key GCSE historical topics. Get all 6 answers correct and you are in with a chance of winning a Cadbury's Cream Egg. Every week until Easter!



Year 11 – Top 10

We would like to highlight the pupils who have made the most progress from their KS2 starting points in their recent History GCSE mock exam. Well done... Keep up the good work.

J. Woodhouse, T. Hanson, D. Romanowski, B. Cook, L. Sullivan, G. Alexander, S. Dean, A. Earl, C. O'Neill, J. Ritchie

Geography

YOUNG GEOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR - Just after the Easter holidays we will be announcing this year's competition and the requirements that are needed to fulfil this competition. The competition runs along side the Royal Geographical Society's annual competition. The aim is that at LDA we have our own winner and along with this several other entries will be chosen to be submitted in to the national competition.



WIDER READING LINKS

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
<https://geographical.co.uk/>

KS3 MOODLE - In geography is our aim to ensure that every pupil is able to excel in the topics that they are studying. We do though, at times, understand that pupils may not be able to attend lessons for a variety of reasons. So alongside their knowledge organisers, pupils have now got the opportunity to access PowerPoints and resources on google classroom. To access the PowerPoints, pupils need a code, they will also need their LDA log-in. Once in they will be able to access their year groups resources. This will be handed out to pupils over the next few days.

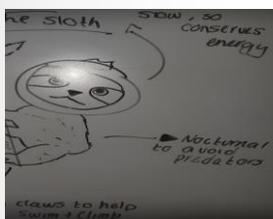
GCSE GEOGRAPHY REVISION

Year 11 have been getting creative in class with their revision for paper one.

They are trying out different revision methods such as flash cards, BrainBox game's and revision through annotated diagrams.

Further revision support can be found through our Google Classroom and GCSE Bitesize.

REVISION EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL



DEAN TRUST MOCKS

The continued hard work and determination of Year 11 has never been more evident than that of the results obtained in their trust wide mock examinations. A large number of pupils achieved significantly better than their last mock just before Christmas. Pupils that achieved a grade 9 are; M. Adderley, S. Brennan, HY. Cheng, S. Comiskey and T. Ritchie.

Keep up the excellent work everyone and access your revision materials using the code 6ce4v7s