



Easter 2020

NEWSLETTER

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we 'break up' for the Easter holidays I would like to take this opportunity to truly thank you for all your support over recent weeks.

The spring term at LDA had been progressing so positively; with the school achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark in January, pupils fully engaging in our Behaviour for Progress strategy and the second phase of our Pupil Parliament just about to launch.

And yet a worldwide crisis we could never have predicted meant that, with great sadness, we had to physically close our school doors to the majority of pupils. I am, however, delighted to say that the LDA school community is still as strong as ever. Staff are in constant contact electronically and are busy planning for terms ahead. Pupils are carrying out their learning from home and staying healthy. Enrichment is continuing to flourish through Miss Munroe's 'virtual choir'.

The Easter break will feel very different this year. I am keen that it remains just that. A break. Therefore, I have asked staff not to set more work for pupils over the next two weeks. This should enable our pupils and our staff to have some rest and recreation time.

W/C 20th April our teaching staff will be back in contact. Work packs will be provided by post (should this still be possible) and on-line learning will continue. We will also be launching virtual assemblies and a range of virtual enrichment activities.

Please continue to follow the school on Twitter @DT_LDA and check the school website over Easter as these forums will be updated if important information comes through.

Please see below for key messages from staff.

LDA pupils, families and staff are constantly in my thoughts.

Please stay safe.

With very kind regards,

 V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher



Safeguarding and additional support

Dear all Parents/Carers

Should you require any additional support during this time please refer to the Information, Advice and Guidance, Staying Safe section on the school website for guidance on safeguarding, support and well-being for you and your family. This section includes information about local food banks and wider supportive services in Knowsley.

It is also vital that school has a working contact number for you. Please contact the school reception on 0151 477 8860, between the hours of 9am – 1pm if you need to update your contact details or use the school email account office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk

If you need additional support please access the Knowsley Community Support Line which is a freephone service on 0800 073 0043.

Stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cundle

Assistant Headteacher/Designated Safeguarding Lead



Support for parents looking after pupils with SEND - Managing the Transition to Home Schooling

Dear Parent/Carer

We have posted on our school website a leaflet called "Managing the Transition to Home Schooling" by Dr Amelia Roberts from University College London (UCL). It contains practical ideas that are designed to make the transition to home schooling as smooth as possible for pupils with SEND.

Kind regards,

Miss Thwaite

LDA SENDCO



Dear Year 11,

I hope you and your families are safe and well and you are staying positive.

Some key reminder messages for you:

- You are our pupils and will continue to be our pupils
- You are our priority
- You are not on your own
- We will support you
- You are leaders in the school, role models to others and we are proud of you
- Look after one another, be sensible and support others
- It is a time to show how strong we are as a community. Be kind!
- The Government have said you will get the qualifications you deserve – keep evidence of your work and continue to work hard whilst at home
- You will be treated fairly!

Thank you for your patience, resilience and commitment at this difficult time and remember 'work hard, education is everything, education is your power'.

Best wishes

Mrs Hampson and Mr Wheeler

#Dreamsobigitscaresyou



Dear Year 10,

Hope you are all safe and well and making the most of your time indoors. As you are all aware, your teachers have been working very hard to ensure you have the right amount of appropriate work for you to complete.

It is vital that you do as much as you can, each day, to prevent any gaps in your GCSE studies for when we return. What you do now, your future self will thank you for! If you are struggling to access work, please contact school, keep referring to the school website, Class Charts and Google Classroom. Make sure you have a routine in place to allow time for study, exercise and rest. Miss Donaldson and I are endeavouring to make contact with you all throughout this time and we will continue to find ways to keep in touch. In the meantime, stay healthy, stay positive, help around the house and we look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Mrs. Bannon and Miss Donaldson



Dear Year 9,

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a few key messages.

1. You matter, and we miss you. We will do our best to continue to support you and your family
2. Remember to stay safe and stay at home so that everything can return to normal as quickly as possible.
3. Be kind to your family. We miss the opportunity to be with you and learn together but whilst we are apart, enjoy and learn with your family.
4. Find a hobby; take the time to figure out what you love and find out more about it.
5. Get creative and remember to log on and complete home learning (Bedrock, Class Charts, Google Classroom). If you have any password difficulties, please get in touch.
6. Go outside every day but stay safe.
7. Find ways to make a difference and lift each other up; call or text someone (a friend, your grandparent, or a cousin.)
8. We'll be here when you get back and we can't wait.

Wishing you well, Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Broadhurst.



Dear Year 8,

I hope you are all well and safe at home. Please keep checking Class Charts and Google classroom for updated work to complete at home. Keep a regular structure to your day and make sure you are doing some exercise! Joe Wicks is doing a daily workout on his Youtube channel, a fun way to keep fit. Make sure you have a good rest over Easter. Please remember to listen to government advice to stay at home in order to stay safe.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Mr Owen and Mrs Whitby



Dear Year 7,

In these unprecedented times, it must be a little unusual to be doing your learning at home and it is very different, perhaps, to what you are used to. I am hoping that you are attempting the work set by the teachers and accessing different resources to ensure that you are keeping active and motivated. A regular schedule will also support and help throughout your day. We might not be at school working in the same building, but we are still a Year 7 team working towards a common goal. Remember our school values; Believe, Achieve and Succeed and the messages delivered in assembly every week. Messages about being ready to learn and take on the new and different challenges each day. We need to be respectful and remember that the people around you are there to help and support you in the best possible way they can. Maybe, it can now be your opportunity to take on some new responsibilities. Please - Stay safe and please stay at home!

Ms O'Reilly and Mrs Wheeler



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