



NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the Pupil Induction Days last week, we have been delighted to deliver our 'usual' timetable this week – with five full days of learning completed.

It has been such a privilege for me to visit lessons every day and to see our pupils flourishing in class. Pupils are so quickly building up positive relationships with each other and with their teachers.

With regards to COVID19, pupils have been incredibly respectful of our new Health and Safety systems. I truly thank them for this. The Dean Trust Operations Executive has toured our site to offer further advice and guidance and we are confident that we are doing all we can in the circumstances to support the well-being of our school community. Please see the list below for further information.

I am also pleased to have the opportunity in this week's newsletter to reflect on the GCSE Results Day for our previous Year 11 cohort – which we celebrated together on 20th August. As you know, this year group faced real challenges due to the pandemic and I was so pleased that the pupils' hard work and dedication was recognised and that these young adults were able to move on to the next stage of their education or training with a fair set of qualifications.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



Finally, for any prospective Year 7 families – we are currently reviewing our plans for our Open Events programme, in light of the most recent government restrictions. We will ensure you receive all the information you need about the LDA offer. In the meantime – please follow us on Twitter @DT_LDA to build up a flavour of our school culture.

Yours sincerely

V Gowan, Headteacher

- We have limited the number of visitors coming on site. If you do have an appointment at the school – please wear a face covering (unless you are exempt)
- With transmission rates increasing, please ensure your child is not gathering anywhere in large groups outside of school hours
- Please support the school in not asking your child to wait for their sibling/friend at the end of the school day. We need pupils to leave site immediately to ensure year groups are not mixing
- Please provide your child with hand sanitiser if you are able to do so
- Please provide your child with drinking water if you are able to do so
- Please continue to discuss with your child how the spread of COVID19 can be prevented through frequent hand-cleansing and through social distancing where possible

LDA Summer School 2020

During the summer break we held our traditional Summer School, welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to Lord Derby Academy.

We ran one Summer Transition School, teaching a mixture of Maths, Science, Art, Dance and Sport – over four days in total. We held a traditional curriculum on Monday through Wednesday and a bespoke enrichment day on Friday.

We had over 150 pupils attend – taking part in lots of activities including: fitness, creative maths puzzles, creating characters and even ‘strutting their stuff’ in Dance. Everyone had a great time getting to know members of their new forms, forming new friendships, getting to know Lord Derby Academy, the staff and settling into life in the ‘big school!’

The pupils experienced how lessons are structured at LDA and shared their learning whenever visitors joined their groups. They were extremely well-behaved and really showed their love of learning. The pupils had lots of opportunities to build and develop their confidence in many different situations and enjoyed a smooth transition from primary school to LDA.

Everyone was a credit to themselves, their parents and to Lord Derby Academy.

Thank you to everyone who helped or took part, including our staff: Mrs. Wheeler, Mr Wheeler, Ms Lancelot, Miss Taylor, Ms Hardman, Mr. Panther, Mr. Downie, Mr Lindsey, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Kelly, Ms Redmond, Ms. Chase, Mr. Blake, Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Arends, Mrs. Gilland, Ms Jones, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Jalota.

Miss E O'Reilly, Teacher of English, Head of Year 8

Miss A Boug- Munroe, Teacher of Music, Whole School Enrichment Lead



Quotes from pupils:

“The most amazing thing about Summer School is that I have made so many new friends.”

“I loved maths because the teacher was really funny and he helped me when I was stuck.”

“I loved Summer School because I got to know new people”

“I enjoyed Dance the most because it was fun and interesting, especially because we had ‘glowsticks’