



THE DEAN TRUST Lord Derby Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope your families are safe and well. My main focus today is to update you on the COVID-19 situation. I do, however, want to start by thanking you as parents, and our pupils, for all your support in the current circumstances. The Senior Team at LDA are keen to let you know that the pupils' behaviour and engagement in lessons and around the school have been exemplary. I could not be more proud of our school community at this current time.

With very kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan, Headteacher

COVID-19 update:

- To date there have been 2 confirmed of COVID-19 amongst the LDA pupil cohort. 1 in Year7 and 1 in Year 9
- As a result of these confirmed cases, identified group of pupils within those specific Year Group bubbles have been asked to self-isolate
- Please be aware the number of 'self-isolation' days for pupils can vary according to the last point at which they have may have had 'close contact' with an infected person
- I will continue to keep you updated regarding any further cases
- You will be notified by text and then by letter should your child need to self-isolate at any point

Parental support:

- **From Monday your child MUST wear a face covering in communal areas of the school**
- **Please support us in ensuring your child's face covering is black/grey/burgundy or medical blue**
- **Please see statement on website for further detail regarding face coverings**
- **Please do not send your child into school if they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms**
 - a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough
 - a loss or change to sense of smell or taste
- Please avoid speculation at all times and await official information from the school
- Your child MUST leave the school site immediately the end of their school day
- Please ensure the school holds your up to date contact details (telephone number and email address)

School support:

- Pupils will be provided with work in line with the curriculum if they are having to self-isolate
- Work will be set which **all pupils** can access in the first instance
- Additional work will be set via Google Classroom and Class Charts
- LDA staff are currently receiving training regarding 'remote learning for pupils' and we are continuing to develop our practice in this area
- Staff are receiving continuous advice and guidance on Health and Safety and our systems are reviewed daily to ensure we are keeping our school community as safe as possible in the current circumstances

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Classroom Teacher SENDCO



Mrs Grisdale
Classroom Teacher



Miss O'Reilly
Classroom Teacher/ Head of Year 8



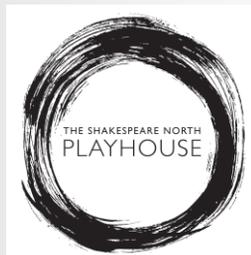
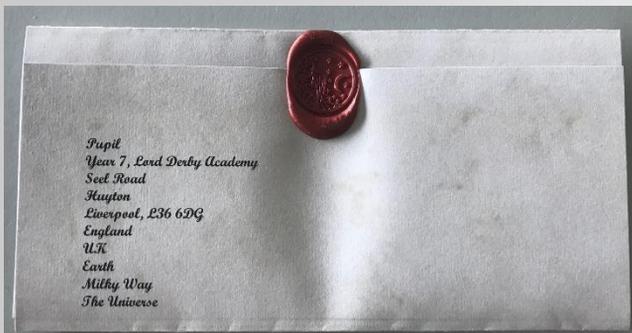
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Classroom Teacher



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Our Place in the Universe

The English Department at Lord Derby Academy are so excited to be launching a new project for Year 7 in collaboration with Shakespeare North. A group of academics and educational experts have worked to create some fantastic resources that allow pupils to explore their own identity and community before broadening their journey to the rest of the world and universe beyond. Pupils will use one of their English lessons each week to create a portfolio recording this exploration whilst also considering how all of these ideas connect with Shakespeare.



New Staff

The LDA English Department is excited to welcome our two new members of staff this term! Miss Mullally and Mrs Lancaster officially joined us at the beginning of the Summer term but have finally been able to meet our pupils and begin their time with us. Both staff have made an excellent start and are already vital members of our department.

KS3



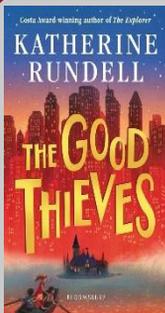
KS4



All of our KS3 & 4 pupils have made a fantastic return to school showing their resilience and keen interest in learning. KS3 pupils have begun studying a range of short stories and extracts and KS4 have been working on GCSE Literature texts and skills. All Year 11 pupils have been gifted with CGP revision cards for each Literature text which will help them to prepare for their exams next year. Well done to our brilliant pupils on their excellent return.



Recommended reads: for pleasure and for challenge



The Good Thieves – Katherine Rundell

Fresh off the boat from England, Vita Marlowe has a job to do. Her beloved Grandfather has been cheated out of his home and possessions by a notorious conman with mafia connections. Can she outwit them and help her grandfather?

The Hate U Give – Angie Thomas

Follow the story of 16 year old Starr, the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.



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Literacy Matters!

Bedrock Vocabulary Login:

LDA Website: Helpful Links
>Bedrock Vocabulary



Stars of the Week

Year 7 - Lillie C, Cailen O, Robyn S,

Year 8 - Isabella R, Lily A, Phoebe D, Louie T

Year 9 - Casey F, Alisha I, Amber C

Year 10 - Emma M, Ruby Mc, Mathew N, Chloe B

Year 11 - Naomi S, Jack W, Sophie S, Anthony W



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