



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th October 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As a school community, we continue to move forward in a purposeful and positive manner. I have been particularly impressed with the mature and determined attitude of our pupils despite the challenges of the current time.

On Thursday, all pupils had the opportunity to enjoy some valuable time with their Form Tutor during extended Well-Being Time. It was a pleasure to hear Year 7 pupils reflecting on their experiences at LDA so far; Year 7 parents can expect to receive information about this next week. Our Fire Drill Practice was also very successful yesterday, with Year 11 setting an excellent standard at the start of the day and all pupils demonstrating immaculate behaviour throughout.

At the time of writing, the current position at LDA with regard to live positive cases of COVID-19 is 6 pupils. Guidance is being followed and this is helping to limit the number of staff and pupils required to self-isolate.

Finally, I was delighted to be able to share our 'This is LDA' Video with prospective parents, carers and pupils this week. It is a real showcase of what our school ethos and I invite you take a look. You can view it on our School Website, Twitter Page or by typing the link into your browser: <https://youtu.be/VKIAGXgXtVo>

Enjoy your weekend

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Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Message to parents/carers of Year 11 pupils. Year 11 have been issued with a Year 11 Handbook this week which contains key information for pupils and parents/carers. We hope you find the information useful in supporting our Year 11 pupils.



We have received a Certificate of Achievement to celebrate all the pupils', parents' and teachers' hard work and commitment toward the Liverpool Counts Quality Mark. Well done everyone! We couldn't have done it without you. We will continue to work together as a community to achieve the Gold award.



Ada Lovelace Day

On Tuesday this week, some of our Key Stage 3 science and STEM classes were involved in online web chats with women who work in the field of STEM. Companies such as Siemens, openreach, Clarke Energy systems were involved as part of **Ada Lovelace Day** which aims to encourage young people (particularly girls) to consider a professional career in STEM industries.



Who is she? Ada Lovelace was born in 1815 and worked with inventor Charles Babbage. Whilst working with him she wrote extensive notes based on a short article she had read, in which she described several 'computer programs'. Her notes inspired Alan Turing in the 1940s in his work on the first modern computers. She sadly died aged only 36, of cancer, but her passion and vision for technology make her a powerful symbol for modern women in technology and STEM careers in general.

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LDA parents are currently following their child's Behaviour for Progress on the Class Charts app.

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Miss Taylor
Head of
Department



Ms Chase
Classroom Teacher
with Responsibility



Miss Boag-Munroe
Lead Teacher
of Music



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Greenhalgh
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Pickering
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Expressive Arts Week at Lord Derby Academy During Lockdown

Every year we celebrate the Arts subjects by creating activities and competitions for all pupils to get involved in, and we didn't want the last academic year to be any different. So, the Expressive Arts team created a Google Classroom to provide the LDA pupils all with lots of fun and exciting Arts related activities and competitions.

Each day new activities launched in the classroom and it was exciting to see pupils challenging themselves to complete them. Opportunities, were provided for pupils to not only complete activities and quizzes in the arts subjects, but also in cross curricular areas too. From speaking Spanish, to Maths Craft, researching Arts around the world to Arts anagrams and acrostic poems, there was so much to get involved in.

The Breakthrough competitions have been so popular over the past couple of years, so much so, the Expressive Arts team didn't want the pupils to miss out due to school closure whilst the circumstances are different. Therefore, the Breakthrough competitions were launched. Pupils submitted their amazing work via the Google Classroom for the staff to judge. The winners in each category received a certificate and a £10 gift voucher.

Although the week is over, the Google Classroom will be relaunched after the October half term break for all pupils to continue to access the activities and quizzes, in addition to new exciting enrichment activities.



GCSE Drama - Key Stage 4 pupils have had lots of success in the Devising component of the Drama GCSE course recently.

Year 10 and 11 pupils have responded to stimuli, created thought-provoking drama and performed their work in front of peers in practical lessons.

Ms Pickering has been very proud of the development of ideas and use of performance conventions that she has witnessed throughout workshops. Keep up the good work!



Lord Derby Academy Chamber Choir

Despite not being able to rehearse together in person, the Music Department are continuing with enrichment provision through a virtual Choir and Chamber Choir.

Both activities are run on Google Classroom. Auditions for the Chamber Choir are currently taking place online...you have until October 23rd to upload your audition tracks.



The LDA Virtual Choir is open to all pupils (and staff) and will be undertaking a different performance each half term...this half term we are working on Blinding Lights by The Weeknd.

LDA Virtual Choir Code – pq2jnfi

Chamber Choir Code – 3pre3yv



Focus on Sound in Music

The Music Department have invested in an online programme, Focus on Sound, to support remote learning as well as to develop home learning provision. All pupils can access the software using their Google Classroom log in details through the link included on each ClassCharts and Google Classroom task. Pupils can use the software to revise key topics and learn about new aspects of music at any point, there is even a composition tool on there to help them create their own musical ideas.



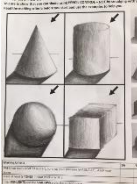
Keeping Music Practical

Covid 19 restrictions have meant that there have been significant changes to the Music provision at LDA. However, pupils are still enjoying a practical curriculum through the use of body percussion to develop their rhythmic literacy skills. We are excited for the upcoming research and debate units for Year 8 and Year 9 and the melodic 'Wak a Tube' unit which Year 7 will be exploring after half term. Can you perform the Blinding Lights accompaniment on the Google Classroom pages?

ART

We want to start off by saying how everyone in the Art department is greatly impressed with how the pupils have adapted to the 'new normal'. Covid aside, we as a staff are finding it very strange as we are missing a very dear colleague. Mrs MacDiarmid took the tough decision to resign over the summer holidays to spend more time with her family. It is safe to say, and an understatement to say that staff and pupils alike are missing her, it is just not the same without her unerring support and fantastic art skills.

Year 7 are completing their Baseline Test activities demonstrating their drawing and shading skills of the 4 basic forms.



To meet the needs of Covid related guidelines within the art room, Year 8 and 9 are working within specifically designed booklets by Mrs Greenhalgh and myself looking in depth at the Visual Elements with art.

The work within them already shows great engagement and a developing understanding of these key concepts which we look forward to applying to more practical outcomes in the near future.

Year 10 has made a brilliant start to the course and it is clear they are all loving the Twisted Fairy Tales theme. The project aims to encourage research into the history and darker side of fairy tales and it is gratifying to see how readily the pupils are responding to the context as well as showcasing their art skills.



Year 11 are going back in time to the days of Flower Power and the hey day of the Beatles by looking at 'Art of the 60's'. They have made a brilliant start to the new project and already their sketchbooks are looking fantastic. The Op Art and Psychedelic art has obviously not lost its appeal and the pupils are thoroughly enjoying completing their research pages. To set the tone we have been playing music from the era in class which has met with mixed responses from some to say the least!