



NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2020

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I have really enjoyed the week at LDA. We have had our full whole school cohort in attendance, despite these challenging times, and pupils have been working hard and making good progress in class.

Staff have been using training time after school to further develop our remote learning provision and we are increasingly confident that, in the event of lockdown/isolation, your child will be well catered for – with online and paper based learning available.

For prospective Year 6/7 pupils to the school, our feeder primary schools have now all received copies of our prospectus to pass onto you – and our LDA video will be released next week. We hope you enjoy it. Please remember the deadline for applications to the school for September 2021 is October 31st 2020 via Knowsley Council's online application process.

Finally, we will be launching additional study sessions for our Year 11 pupils in the coming days to ensure our pupils are given every opportunity to maximise their potential in their GCSE qualifications.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

In July, some of our Year 11 Higher Achieving pupils were selected to take part in the Scholars Programme online. Pupils worked collaboratively with Lancaster University and Shaping Futures and took part in online seminars with their PHD Tutor. I received an e-mail from Sophie Callin, the Programme Officer for the North of England, congratulating the pupils on their dedication and commitment to their projects.

"The final assignment is challenging, being pitched a level above where the pupils are currently working at in school. We are extremely proud of what they have achieved."

We would like to congratulate all of the pupils who took part in the programme and we are so proud of each and every one of you! Please see Mrs Holme for your certificates.



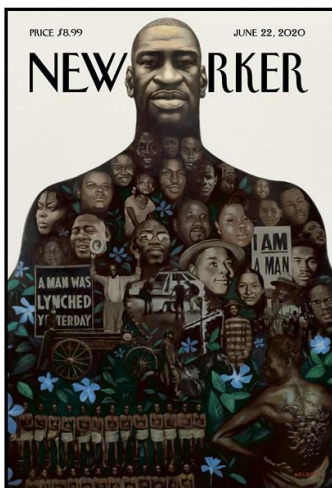
The Scholars Programme with Shaping Futures

Pupil	Final Mark	Final Grade
Dylan	67	2:1
Erin	64	2:1
Frank	51	2:2
Luke	55	2:2
Mark	64	2:1
Rachael	60	2:1



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month is Black History Month. Pupils have been learning about the importance of Black History to British history. Pupils have been learning about Black History in PDC, history and music lessons.



681 LDA parents are currently following their child's Behaviour for Progress on the Class Charts app. **Are you?** Call reception today for your login details.



NUMERACY PUZZLE

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KS3 TEACHING AND LEARNING

Upon returning to LDA, our pupils were introduced to a "Catch up Curriculum" in the Modern Foreign Languages department. A bespoke programme for each year group was created to ensure that pupils were able to consolidate prior learning across a range of cultural and historical contexts. Year 7 are enjoying learning about Hispanic culture, traditions and greetings, whilst Year 8 have gone back in time to talk about *The Tudors* and describing the appearance, clothes and town of Henry VIII and his family!

Year 9 have been thoroughly engaged with our *Space* module, discussing the lunar landing in 1969, applying the future tense and debating about the advantages and disadvantages of space exploration!



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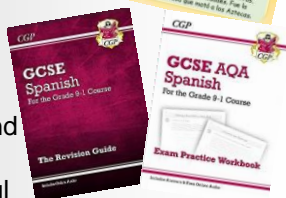
Mrs Ellis
Assistant
Headteacher

KS4 TEACHING AND LEARNING

Our KS4 pupils have enjoyed learning about The Spanish Armada and The Aztec Empire over the last four weeks at LDA, their Spanish knowledge has flourished and their self-belief has returned.

The purpose of the bespoke **Catch up Curriculum** was to ensure all gaps in prior knowledge were addressed, confidence of our pupils was regained and cultural knowledge was built on and new knowledge acquired. The MFL Department has been really impressed with the engagement and resilience of our KS4 Language learners and are so proud of their Behaviour for Progress and positive start. Well done KS4!

As part of our Language support provision at LDA, all of our Year 11 pupils studying Languages have been gifted a CGP revision guide and workbook. Ensure that you are working your way through the helpful activities and revision support. Please see a member of the MFL team should you require any further guidance.



FRENCH CLUB

The academic year 2019-20 saw the launch of our KS3 French Club, which met with great success! Pupils enjoyed playing French games and sampling some French sweet treats - all while building on the French they'd learnt in primary school, or in some cases even starting the language from scratch.

Sadly, French Club has not been able to meet so far this academic year due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, the learning does not have to stop! The following websites are a fantastic way to brush up on your French and learn more about French culture:

BBC Bitesize - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Duolingo - www.duolingo.com

Memrise - www.memrise.com

For more ideas and resources, please see Miss Kellner in S31.



European Day of Languages at LDA – MFL Rocks!

To celebrate European Day of Languages, all pupils are invited to enter the MFL Rocks competition. To enter, you need to decorate a pebble or small rock with designs representing a European country – look at just a few of the fabulous entries we have received so far!

There are amazing language learning prizes to be won in each year group and every entry will become part of our exciting new 3D art installation in the MFL department. We can't wait to see what designs you will come up with so it's time to get creating as the competition closes soon!

