



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

We have had a significant number of pupils needing to self-isolate this week as a result of a relatively small number of positive cases of COVID-19 within year groups. We will always put Health and Safety first and it is crucial that we internally track any possible close contacts of a pupil who tests positive and ask these contacts to stay at home. This decision is never taken lightly but it is an action that could help to break any possible transmission of the virus. I truly thank you as parents/carers for all your support in this matter. Any child isolating at home is provided with appropriate work, aligned to the curriculum, via Google Classroom and Class Charts and we have also been able to offer a number of 'live lessons' to Key Stage 4 pupils. As mentioned last week, please do not hesitate to contact the school if your child is struggling to access the work from home for any reason (including a lack of an electronic device) and we will do all we can to support.

I am pleased to report that our Year 11 cohort have begun their GCSE mock examinations and their attitudes to learning have been exemplary. Well done to Year 11 – keep up the excellent Behaviour for Progress. Next week we are launching our LDA Christmas Appeal to support the Knowsley Foodbank – we will provide you with further details over the coming days.

With best wishes for the weekend.

*V. Gowan* V Gowan, Headteacher

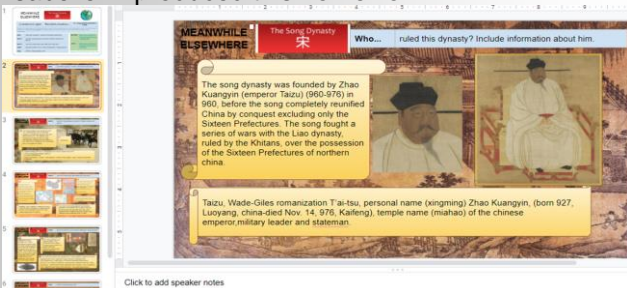


Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

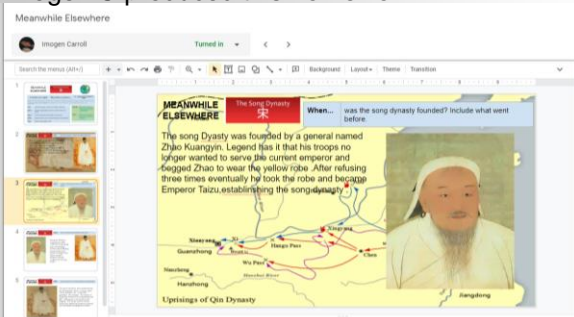
## Meanwhile, Elsewhere in History

Pupils are set a task on google classroom which gives them the opportunity to explore the history of other civilisations which exist during their period of study. In Year 7 they are studying the Norman conquest, meanwhile elsewhere the Song Dynasty is in control in China.

Isabelle M produced this homework



Imogen C produced this homework



The following also completed excellent pieces:  
Jessica Mc, Jasmine H M, Faye K and Sasha TP



Over the last two weeks every pupil at Lord Derby Academy has been given access to Tassomai which is a fantastic online learning resource. Tassomai is an intelligent learning program that quizzes pupils on their knowledge across the three core subjects; English, maths and science. The exciting feature is that the program gets to know each pupil individually and tailors its quizzes to focus on any gaps in knowledge while probing deeper into the topics they are familiar with. It is a user-friendly way to develop and deepen knowledge and understanding to achieve outstanding progress.

The expectation is that every pupil must register and complete a minimum of 4 daily goals per week but the more they do, the better progress they can achieve and there is no limit to the number of quizzes they can take. Their success is shown on a personal tree of knowledge and they can feel very proud of their achievements as the tree grows and becomes full of green leaves. Look out for year group winners each week as we track pupils' use of this great resource! You can visit the website (Tassomai.com) yourself to find out more.

**693** 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.

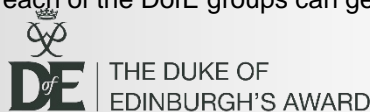


## Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Academy has recently launched the DofE programme with pupils in Year 9. The DofE Award allows pupils to explore different skills as well as volunteering in the local community and increasing their physical fitness. When we are able to, some pupils will go on to complete the full award by undertaking an expedition over two days. To find out more about the Award, pupils can visit the website (<https://www.dofe.org/>) or speak to Miss Munroe. There are two Google Classrooms where pupils in each of the DofE groups can get support or advice with their Award;

Year 9 – pdmnbuj

Year 10 and Year 11 – 4zg7biz



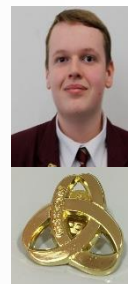
## Lord Derby Academy Awards

Pupils in all year groups are able to work towards their LDA Awards at Bronze, Silver and Gold Levels which involve them working on skills, physical activities and supporting others in a voluntary capacity. They can also work towards the maroon Resilience Award for perseverance during Lockdown or periods of isolation at home.

Resilience Award Google Classroom – 6q47it2 (pupils can get advice on the other Awards here too)

### First LDA Gold Award

One of our Year 10 pupils, Aaron, has been the first pupil at Lord Derby Academy to achieve the Gold LDA Award. Aaron has worked extremely hard to achieve his Bronze and Silver Awards in Year 9 before moving onto and completing the Gold Award this term. Despite periods of isolation Aaron has supported his family at home, worked on improving his fitness using Ring Fit Adventure and earned all of the subject badges available to him. Aaron has said that completing these activities has helped him develop a range of life skills as well as developing his coordination, endurance and flexibility through the physical section of the Award. A massive congratulations to Aaron for all of his hard work and perseverance.



### LDA will be experiencing our very first virtual Book Fair next week!

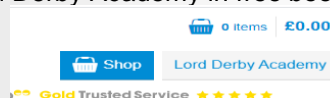
Lord Derby Academy is placing vocabulary at the heart of everything that we do and reading is key to supporting our pupils in learning new vocabulary. Pupils will have the opportunity next week during KS3 Literacy lessons to choose a book of their choice to read which will be gifted by the school.

#### FREE books for your school

If you would like to view the full range of books on offer through the Book Fair, use the link below.

Please make sure that when you order, that you are linked to our school, because for every £1 you spend 20p goes to Lord Derby Academy in free books when you order books :

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>



The question below has some numbers missing. Can you figure out the missing numbers and what operation was being used?

What's the answer?

$$\begin{array}{r} \square \ 7 \ 2 \\ 3 \ \square \ 8 \\ \hline 4 \ 7 \ \square \end{array}$$

## Lord Derby Christmas Appeal

*What will we be doing this year?*

We will be collecting food items for Knowsley's Foodbank. Bring in a food item from the list provided or a food item from home that is no longer required.

Make sure the food item is in-date.

Also 150 pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 will participate in a Christmas card workshop to send our local elderly residents within our community.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

OUR FOOD STOCKS ARE LOW

We desperately need:

UHT milk	Tinned fruit
Fruit squash	Tinned rice pudding
UHT juice	Tinned meat
Instant coffee	Tinned potatoes
Biscuits	Jars of pasta sauce

Big Help Project 0551 482 6084  
Link Rd, Hughton L36 6AP Reg. Charity No. 1141024



Mr Moran  
Year 7  
Pupil  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 7** Have made an exceptional transition to senior school and I'm privileged to be part of the journey. Already I have watched the year group settle into their lessons, fully engaged and trying their best. They arrive to school every day fully equipped and ready for learning. Both staff and visitors have commented on how well-mannered you are and this is a credit to you and your families. Year 7 have had a busy term preparing for and then completing their CATS test. Many have received postcards home about their encouraging start in LDA. We had a really positive end to the first half term with a Halloween prize draw for the outstanding effort shown this term by our pupils and excellent attendance too! Additionally, in these unprecedented times a huge well done for your continued effort to maintain excellent school standards. We are starting our Lord Derby Christmas appeal and I look forward to our pupils and parents engagement as always! We would like to thank parents for their continued support. I am really proud of all your hard work year 7 you have made an outstanding start in Lord Derby Academy it is really good to see, keep it up!



Mrs  
Wheeler  
Year 8  
Pupil  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 8** - Firstly, I'd like to thank you all for a great first term back in school. It was strange being away from you all during lockdown and it has been great to see you all again since our return in September. The majority of you have returned with a positive attitude and it is good to hear such positive comments on a daily basis. I really enjoy working with you. Starting week commencing the 30<sup>th</sup> November, we are introducing FANTASTIC FRIDAYS. This is a great way to reward all your hard work and efforts. Every Friday, we will be handing out four prizes to pupils who meet the following criteria; good attendance, outstanding behaviour points, teacher nominations and improved behaviour for progress. On Friday if you meet this criterion you will be placed in the draw and could win a prize. 'You need to be in it to win it'. Year 8 you should continue working hard in lessons, logging on goggle classroom regularly and meeting the standards and expectations across the school. We are doing really well and it would be great for all of us to continue pushing ourselves from now until Christmas. Don't forget the 'Virtual Parents Evening' on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 4.00-6.00pm. This will be an opportunity for your parents to speak to your teachers, check your progress and discuss how you are getting on in lessons. Staff will offer you some advice and help you to move forward and improve. Please ask your parents log on and make some appointments. I'm so proud of each and every one of you and you make me smile every day. Well done Year 8!



Mrs  
Whitby  
Year 9  
Pupil  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 9** - We are extremely proud of all of Year 9 for rising to the challenges and changes they have faced since the start of term. It has been a positive and smooth transition from Year 8 into Year 9 and we are grateful for your dedication and positivity throughout. We are pleased with you all for your mature approach to your learning and how you have adapted well to our new "normal". We know that you are all looking forward to learning more about the pending Options process next term. Part of this process will include numerous opportunities for all of Year 9 to have Careers advice and guidance. This will ensure that you are all able to make an informed decision about your personal option choices. Mrs Whitby, Mr Owen and all staff are extremely proud of all of your hard work and commitment via google classroom and your positive attitude towards remote learning and we urge you to continue with this dedicated approach to your learning. We look forward to seeing you all back in school very soon and thank you for your resilience and hard work with regards to keeping up attendance and remaining positive in these difficult times.



Mrs  
Broadhurst  
Year 10  
Pupil  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 10** As Year 10 start their journey on their GCSE courses, this is such an exciting time as they begin to plan and prepare for their future. During this time, all pupils will be accessing our Careers Specialist who will be giving support, advice and guidance for college, career opportunities and requirements for their chosen fields. I am excited to be taking all our fantastic pupils on this journey throughout their KS4 experience. Despite the difficulties we are all experiencing at present, the Year Group have adjusted remarkably well making an excellent transition into KS4 gaining new experiences through remote learning and having a good understanding of independent study via our classrooms and also the introduction of live lessons which are being well received. Hopefully it will not be too long before we can resume some kind of normality and look forward to engaging in extracurricular activities and trips in the future. There will be many opportunities in the future to help everyone develop their skills through DofE, LDA Awards, sports and other activities which are being planned. Aaron S has recently received the LDA Gold Award, a fantastic achievement. Well done Aaron! I am extremely proud to be part of the year group and am so impressed with how well they have accepted and dealt with the recent challenges showing great resilience. Well done Year 10 keep up the good work.



Miss  
Donaldson  
Year 11  
Pupil  
Support  
Manager

**YEAR 11** In such unprecedented times Year 11 have shown a massive amount of resilience. When times have been challenging they have risen above it and shown commitment to their studies with many staying behind after school for extra revision sessions to further develop their knowledge of their subjects - a huge well done for this! We have also had a number of staff commenting on how well Year 11 are doing with online work on Google classroom. Again, well done! Last week a number of 'live' classes took place on Google Classroom in preparation for their Mock exams and again Year 11 showed their dedication to their studies and made sure they 'attended' the online lessons. We are so proud of you! At present Year 11 are sitting their Mock Exams and again; the resilience and commitment they have shown has been outstanding. The Year 11 team are extremely proud of their efforts and we know that their hard work, determination and self-belief with school and parental support will pay off for them to reach their end goal. If you're still unsure of what your end goal is - don't worry. Careers interviews are still taking place so if you're unsure; please see one of the team and we will arrange an appointment for you. Year 11 - It's been an absolute pleasure to watch you grow into keen and outstanding learners from Year 7 to now and I truly hope your hard work rewards you. Stay focused and believe you can, because we know you can.