



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th January 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and that you have had an enjoyable week – despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.

We are now at the end of our fourth week of this latest national lockdown. I would like to thank you once more for your support with home schooling. It is new territory for all of us but I am so proud of how our school community is responding. I have again been impressed by the quality of work pupils are producing and the LDA staff are truly enjoying the delivery of live lessons.

We now know from government that we will be in this situation until at least 8th March 2021. Leaders at LDA will continue to do all we can to ensure your child does not miss out. I would really encourage pupils to attend the Head of Year assemblies on a Monday (9am) and the Form Tutor sessions on a Friday (9am) via the Google Classroom. Pupils will also benefit from taking part in the school competitions on offer – such as the Step It Up competition and the Cook Off competition we have seen in recent weeks.

Parents/Carers of Year 9 pupils – you will be aware that Mrs Ellis is now in the process of launching the Options Process and we are looking forward to helping pupils access all the information they need to make their subject choices for Key Stage 4.

Finally - I am delighted to tell you that we are continuing to make improvements to our school site during this lockdown period. Last week we had a new canopy installed on the yard for our pupils to be able to get fresh air – even when it rains.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



Year 8/Year 9 Antibody Results

Dear Parent/Carer (of those pupils whose child completed the Covid School Infection Survey which included an onsite antibody test). I have been informed today that test results will be emailed out to parents (using the email address that you used to register your child) on Friday 29th January 2021. Please keep an eye on your junk and spam folders as the email may go into one of these. In order to access your child's results you will need to log back onto the portal using the following link: <https://www.oc-meridian.com/CISSchools>
If you cannot remember your password details, you will need to click the "forgotten password" button and reset it. Further information in relation to understanding your child's results can be found on the school website in the Covid information section.

Literacy - This week, pupils have been reading and discussing Malala Day in line with the School's Personal Development Curriculum theme of the week. Why not visit 'The Day' and read through the article with your child at home?

Aged just 15, Malala Yousafzai, is the UN's youngest ambassador for peace, and on July 12th this year, she will celebrate her 20th birthday. It is a chance to highlight the role young people can play in society: in this case giving everyone, particularly girls, an education.

Malala Day is organised by the UN Secretary-General's Global Initiative on Education.

Username: lordderby / Password: password123

<https://theday.co.uk/themes/2017-malala-day>

Parents Evening dates:

YEAR 11 = 11th February 2021 (4pm-6pm) –
This will take place virtually. Further information has been sent in the post and is also available on our website

YEAR 9 = 25th February 2021 (4pm-6pm)

YEAR 10 = 22nd April 2021 (4pm-6pm)

YEAR 7 = 6th May 2021 (4pm-6pm)

LDA Year 9

GCSE Options Launch

Monday 8th February

A brochure outlining the information, advice and guidance available to pupils and parents is on its way to you in the post

A copy is also available on the LDA Website and the LDA Twitter page @DT_LDA



Question and Answer Sessions with Key Staff

Book in to speak to Key Staff about the Options Process. Speak to:

Director of KS3 / Whole School Curriculum Lead: Mrs Ellis

Director of KS4: Miss Morrison

Head of Year 9: Mr. Owen

SENDCO: Miss Thwaite

Curriculum Leaders



Options Google Classroom

Visit the Options Google Classroom to learn more about each course.

Subject Information

Hear from Curriculum Leaders about course content, career pathways and assessment in every subject.



LDA Options Booklet

You will receive an Options Booklet in the post. This contains important information about all of the KS4 courses on offer at LDA.

Options Key Presentation

Learn about the Options Process, what is on offer and how to fill in the Options Form during a Key Presentation from Mrs Ellis.



**Deadline for submission of Options Form:
Friday 23rd April 2021**



LDA GCSE Taster Week

Find out more about the wide range of courses on offer and where they can lead you in the future. Try out new subjects such as Astronomy and Statistics!



Careers Interview

Book a telephone conversation with the LDA Careers Advisor to talk about your pathway to a successful Career.

Faculty of the Week Science

SCIENCE REMOTE LEARNING

The Science department would like to say a big thank you to those pupils who have been working hard during the current lockdown! LDA pupils have had access to an array of different activities alongside their Google Classrooms, ranging from live lessons (you can see here Mr Hambleton live from his classroom!) to Kahoot competitions and Tassomai.

Pupils are reminded that they should always register with their teacher and submit their tasks before the end of the lesson to ensure that they get positive marks on ClassCharts.



Mr Hambleton
Head of Department



Miss Hardman
Deputy Head of Department



Mrs Fitzsimon
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Mrs Lancelott-Morris
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Miss Small
Classroom



Mr Kidd
Classroom Teacher



Mr Chapman
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Pugh
Classroom Teacher



Ms Lally
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Du Plessis
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Hughes
Transition Tutor

TASSOMAI

We have 872 pupils registered to use Tassomai. This means some pupils have not yet accessed the learning support that Tassomai provides across the core subjects; English, Maths and Science.

It is a quick and easy to use resource to help pupils with recall skill and deepen their understanding of all topics covered.

To register visit Tassomai.com and click 'register with code' and simply type in our school code: QE7D9BJR. Watch your tree of knowledge grow immediately.

Last week Jacob B from Year 9 completed the most daily goals! This is fantastic and great way to maximise learning.

Anyone who has forgotten their details, just ask your teacher to reset your password so you can get back to growing your tree of knowledge!



STEM REMOTE LEARNING

Our STEM curriculum in school is based largely around designing, building and evaluating which is difficult when you're learning at home for many reasons. Therefore, our STEM lessons will now take the following format:



There will be a weekly Kahoot quiz which pupils should complete during their STEM lesson. This week's quiz is on their Science Google classroom for them to complete. Who will win? The current leader this week is Josh Monks in Year 8!



The pupils have Tassomai log ins, which is an app they can use to learn and revise. They should be achieving their daily goal for 4 days a week and should always log on during their STEM lesson.

Numeracy 2 - Percentage increase/decrease
Answer the questions as best you can. You can view a video!

Finally, if your child is in Year 9, they will have a weekly numeracy quiz to complete in their STEM lesson, which is set by Mr. Hambleton.

SCIENCE GOOGLE CLASSROOM CODES

YEAR 7	CODE
7x/sc89	f7njckz
7x/sc78	srjeijt
7x/sc67	5xgjlw2q
7x/sc56	tx46625
7x/sc45	jastjbl

YEAR 8	CODE
8x/sc89	lffedt6
8x/sc78	dzkjb4n
8x/sc67	vw334nz
8x/sc56	ie7hyvu
8x/sc45	c6uhm5f

YEAR 9	CODE
9x/sc89	rw7os37
9x/sc78	z7jxj4p
9x/sc67	qwhogpk
9x/sc56	6wigzwd
9x/sc45	5rwsawu

YEAR 10	CODE
10x/by89	7h3jtkr
10x/ph89	f66fqp
10x/ch89	6l3ugt4
10d/as49	yqltre7
10x/sc89	lysv357
10x/sc78	44qcrmo
10x/sc67	66wajns
10x/sc56	hyv5p4x
10x/sc45	xbllcjk
10y/sc89	pnmompb
10y/sc67	vkwpvxg
10y/sc45	oehtsl
10xy/sc45	5ux6zx4

YEAR 11	CODE
11x/by89	uwitm5y
11x/ph89	qckwmpi
11x/ch89	xrlan7f
11d/as49	76ug5qp
11x/sc89	yffhtc2
11x/sc78	3zhc666
11x/sc67	5tq7p3r
11x/sc56	fvhygra
11x/sc45	d33sid7
11y/sc89	46ygtiz
11y/sc78	aghzoik
11y/sc56	qxktxk5
11y/sc45	h6gopxv
11x/sc44	l6twr4m
11y/sc44	k4nwb2k

General Science Classrooms	
Year 7	5n7u23n
Year 8	zu6wotr
Year 9	pyqahvx
Year 10	26c2hvg
Year 11	mpfsbmn

STEM	
Year 7	c4sobba
Year 8	foovefn
Year 9	4y6k7kw

Stars of Remote Learning in Science

The following pupils have gone above and beyond with their home learning. Consistently logging online and complete their work to the highest standard. Well done!

Year 7: Katie P, Grace D, Olivia A, Hollie C, Francis H, Phoebe D / Year 8: Sam M, David H, Niamh B, Emily W / Year 9: Daniel C, Katie M, Jacob B, Darcy F, Erin A, Harry P, Millie L / Year 10: Laila W, Adam C, Lauren F, Sarah F, Demi W, Sophie R, Katie W, Chloe B, Laila A, Jamie HR / Year 11: Katie H, Reece P, Callum G, Ellie S, Heather R, Darcy S, Matthew A, Mollie C