



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th March 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our pupils back on site this week. The pupils were greeted warmly by staff on their return and bespoke support has been put in place for any pupils who may have struggled during the lockdown period.

The vast majority of pupils have been absolutely exemplary in their attitudes and approach to the return to school. They are helping me to keep our school community safe by complying with all the on-site health & safety measures – including the wearing of masks.

As you are aware, we are following government direction in testing pupils (whose parents have given consent) for COVID-19. Our systems are running smoothly and hundreds of tests have taken place already this week. To date, there have been no positive cases detected at LDA during this first round of testing.

Next week we return to 'normal', with all pupils back in school full time and **at their Year Group's usual time**. We will be ensuring our pupils are able to feel secure in their learning and we will be giving them all tools they need to continue to make progress across the remainder of the academic year.

With many thanks for all your support,

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

LITERACY

Focus – Science Week

Pupils have been reading an article during form time about whether they would take a holiday in a space hotel:



Why not continue the discussion at home or research another topic of interest?

<https://theday.co.uk/stories/i-d-like-a-room-with-an-earth-view-please>

Username: lordderby Password: password123



We at Lord Derby Academy are committed to creating a reading culture for all our pupils.

Are you looking for your next read? Free e-Books and e-Audiobooks borrowing service from Knowsley Library Service offers a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles for adults, teenagers and children.

<https://yourlibrary.knowsley.gov.uk/great-reads/ebooks/>

Why not share your reading passion at home? Whether you're reading together with the family, or listening in your own time, find your next audiobook to tune into on the World Book Day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

National Careers Week has been extended until Easter

National Careers Week 2021
1st - 6th March 2021
#NCW2021



Throughout next week LDA pupils will be able to access a 'Virtual Careers Fair' as part of National Careers Week 2021.

<https://www.ncw2021.co.uk/>

Pupils can find a range of resources to support their Careers education in the LDA Careers Hub Google Classroom - code **bwv43rx**. Year 9 pupils can access links to presentations from local post-16 providers under the Year 9 Options tab.



Parents and carers can access a guide to National Careers week on the LDA website <https://www.lordderbyacademy.co.uk/parents-pupils/careers-education-information-advice-and-guidance/>

Last Week's
answer:

12 circles contain
dots

**Numeracy
puzzle**

This Week's puzzle:



Can you move just 2 matchsticks to make the equation correct!

Kahoot!

STEM Quiz Results

Well done to those pupils who completed this week's quiz. You have all been awarded achievement points for engagement in remote learning! We will carry on setting this (as homework) as KS3 pupils have engaged brilliantly with it and have enjoyed our weekly quiz.

The top 10 pupils this week were:

Kahoot name	Score
Jason TL	22484
Faye JS	21482
Avaosh 8x/89	20053
Lois JS	19230
Eleanor JS	18183
MeganMog TL	17020
Jakob 8x	16780
LexieM 7x89 TDP	16739
Anthony CPU	16644

PE KIT UPDATE

All PE lessons will continue for the foreseeable future, to be taught outdoors. Please see details below about what pupils can wear in their PE lessons in order to keep warm.

- Plain black jogging / tracksuit bottoms.
- Burgundy PE shirt.
- Plain black fleece.
- Plain black gloves (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.99).
- Plain black base layer tops (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.49).
- Plain black leggings / base layer bottoms (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £2.49).
- Burgundy crew neck sweatshirt (available from the PE office via ParentPay - £9.99).

Black fleeces (with LDA badge) can be purchased at West Derby School wear and Lisa's School wear. Please note that hoodies or coats are not allowed to be worn during PE lessons.

Base layers - £2.49



Gloves £2.99 per pair



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 10



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

GCSE PE

Key Stage 3 boys and girls have made a positive start to their PE lessons following our return to school. Until Easter, all classes across KS3 will be taking part in 'couch to 5K' fitness sessions. Next half term, we hope to return to teaching more traditional summer sports as well as offering after school sports activities as well. Like many subject areas, PE has had to deal with significant changes due to coronavirus. For example, to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible, all of our practical lessons will be taking place outdoors. Please see above for information about PE kit as we want all pupils to be warm during their outdoor lessons as we move through Spring.



SPORTS STUDIES

Sports Studies pupils are currently working hard towards completing / improving their coursework.

Year 11 are preparing for their practical unit (Developing Sport Skills). Pupils are assessed on their sporting performance, knowledge and application of rules and regulations through the role of an official and on their ability to plan a training programme in order to improve their sporting performance. It is essential that all Year 11 pupils attend all practical intervention sessions and every revision session. These will be held every Friday after school and the start date will follow in the near future.

Year 10 pupils are currently studying the Sport Leadership unit where they are assessed on their knowledge of different types of leadership styles. Pupils have almost finished their second assignment where they have plan a coaching session in a sport of their choice and deliver this session to their peers.



GCSE PE

Year 10 GCSE PE pupils have worked hard during their remote lessons through the winter lockdown. They have completed their work about fitness training and have moved on to study their next unit of work – Sport Psychology. They have also begun the second part of their Performance Analysis coursework project. Please remember that If your son or daughter misses a lesson due to illness etc then they can catch up by using the Year 10 lesson materials contained in the



Year 10 GCSE PE google classroom. Here, they will find power-point presentations together with a commentary from Mr Parr to help them understand how to work through the lesson. Pupils and parents can also request extra help by speaking to Mr Parr regarding any issues they are having with GCSE PE work.

Year 11 GCSE PE pupils have worked hard during lockdown and produced some high quality work during online learning. Since Christmas they have completed two units of work: anatomy and physiology and health and fitness and have successfully completed two end of unit exams online. They are currently studying sports psychology where we have begun by looking at classifying skills and setting goals. Pupils have also been working extremely hard on producing high quality coursework which is now almost complete. Video evidence of practical sports has been completed in Rock Climbing, Dance, Netball and Football, putting us in a strong position moving forwards into the summer term.

As before Christmas, all lessons are available online, so if your son or daughter is working from home or needs to catch up for any reason, then everything can be accessed through the GCSE PE google classroom. If there are any queries while working in this way please request my support by sending me a direct message through google classroom. Mrs Mills.