



NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th May 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

This week I have been talking to our pupils about their recent learning. They have been showing me their workbooks and talking me through their curriculum pathways. It has been a real pleasure to hear pupils discussing the reasons for studying Macbeth in English, the use of the imperfect tense in Spanish and the importance of budgeting in numeracy.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Thank you to our Year7 families who attended our remote Parents Evening last night. I hope you found your time spent with our teachers to be useful and informative. Year 7 continue to be a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Finally, I would like to say a special well done to our Year 11 cohort for the mature way in which they have approached their Dean Trust mock examinations over the past fortnight. I am confident they will have built up solid pieces of evidence towards the Teacher Assessed Grades which will be submitted in June. Thank you to Miss Morrison, our pastoral teams, Heads of Faculty and the school examination team for ensuring our pupils were well prepared and that the exams ran smoothly.

Best wishes for the weekend.

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher

The Great Lord Derby Bake Off 2021

Can you create a cake to celebrate the easing of lockdown restrictions 2021?



Task: Create a cake that you would share with your family and friends to celebrate the easing of lockdown in June 2021.

Submit a photograph of your creation to our LDA House Competition Google Classroom:

Google Classroom Code: np2cdlh

All entries will be awarded 20 House Points

Deadline: Friday 28th May 2021 by 3pm

Prize: Our LDA Bake Off Champion will win a £20 Voucher.
Good Luck Everyone!



Numeracy Puzzle

					40
					68
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68	?	57	75	63	

The pictures in each row or column add up to the number shown

Can you find the value of each picture????

LITERACY

We at Lord Derby Academy are committed to creating a reading culture for all our pupils. Vocabulary is an essential part of being able to read fluently. To support our pupils' vocabulary, our pupils are provided with an account with **Bedrock Vocabulary**. Please ensure that your child aims to complete **at least two lessons** of Bedrock every week to make good progress in extending their vocabulary knowledge.

This week pupils have been reading an article from The Day as a representation of this week's topic, Cultural Capital:

Does jargon stop us thinking clearly? Some people love using technical or fashionable language, but others complain that buzzwords simply clutter our minds and hamper communication.

<https://theday.co.uk/stories/when-buzzwords-start-to-become-fuzzwords>

Username: **lordderby** Password: **password123**



Teaches Tier 2 vocabulary	Encourages reading	Adapts to the student
Innovative, research-based vocabulary curriculum teaches Tier 2 vocabulary	Engaging fiction and non-fiction prose introduces words in context, encouraging reading and increasing cultural capital	Powerful, intelligent algorithms personalise the way language is taught and reinforced for each student



Faculty of the Week Science

Key Stage 3 – What have we been learning?

Year 7 – Electricity, muscles and bones

Year 8 – Metals and their uses, energy transfers

Year 9 – Science revision unit



Mr Hambleton
Head of Department



Miss Hardman
Deputy Head of Department



Mrs Fitzsimon
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Mrs Lancelott-Morris
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Mr Kidd
Classroom Teacher



Mr Kidd
Classroom Teacher



Mr Chapman
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Pugh
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Lally
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Du Plessis
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Hughes
Transition Tutor

YEAR 11 WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Top female scientists in Year 11 are invited to apply for an online residential hosted by the **University of Cambridge**. This will be a free online event occurring every Tuesday throughout June. It would be an excellent opportunity for those of you who want to pursue Science in the future.

See Miss Hardman in G44B for more details. The places look competitive so make sure your application is of a high standard before you send it off!

Application link: www.pem.cam.ac.uk/yr11womeninscience



FIRST TECH ROBOT CHALLENGE

Our robotics champions received their certificates this week, crediting them with the Industrial Cadets Gold award.

Once again, we are so proud of the hard work and determination these pupils showed despite the new challenges and steep learning curve they faced.

Well done team!



Our STEM lessons are usually very practical based, but this has been somewhat curtailed due to COVID restrictions. Thankfully, during the past half term we have been able to get our pupils working in teams again – working on investigation and engineering skills as well as improving their resilience and problem-solving skills.

Currently our pupils in Year 8 are working on designing a rollercoaster made from card, with the aim of taking a marble the longest time to complete the rollercoaster. Our pupils really enjoy this engineering challenge.

This is the current progress of one group's rollercoaster. I am sure you will agree, it is looking very good!

Year 7 have just finished making cars by balloon-power! This improves our pupils problem-solving skills as it can be tricky to get the car to move once it's built! Here are some examples of our pupil's work:

