



NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th May 2021

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

At the end of the first half of the summer term, I would like to thank you for all your support for our school community. It has been a challenging time for everyone but I am delighted to see life at LDA starting to return to some sense of normality as we slowly and safely emerge from the pandemic.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

The remainder of the summer term brings a lot to look forward to -including the Festival of Sport, induction events for our future Year 7 cohort and our whole school Enrichment Day. We will be saying a fond farewell to our Year 11 cohort at the end of the first week back and I will be honoured to speak to pupils at their Leavers Assembly and wish them every success in the future.

I hope that you and your families enjoy a safe and restful half term break.

With kind regards,

V. Gowan

V Gowan, Headteacher

LITERACY

This week pupils have been reading an article from The Day as a representation of this week's topic: News of the Week. Is there a formula for happiness? Scientists at University College London believe that they have found one – and that if we stick to it, the world of tomorrow will be a far brighter place.

"Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and the end of human existence."

Aristotle (384 – 322BC), Greek philosopher

Why not continue the discussion at home?

<https://theday.co.uk/stories/revealed-at-last-the-secret-of-happiness>

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How can I support reading from home?

T Take turns to talk about what you are going to read



R Recap the predictions as you are reading



U Use lots of encouragement



S Share what you know about the text



T Tune-in and be interested



LDA Key Stage 3 – Annual examinations

Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are working towards their end of year assessments which will take place towards the end of June in all subjects.



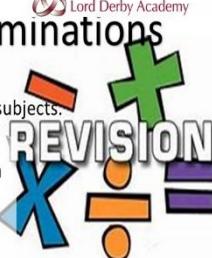
BBC Bitesize KS3 has some useful and interactive revision resources

Pupils will be tested on what they should know / be able to do so far in their Curriculum Pathway.

LDA staff will support pupils in class to prepare for these assessments.

All KS3 subjects
This is an opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their learning so far. These assessments will also be useful in identifying any gaps in learning that we need to address.

Parents can support pupils by helping with organisation of revision at home.



Numeracy Puzzle

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Faculty of the Week



Miss Taylor
Head of Department



Ms Chase
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Miss Boag-Munroe
Lead Teacher of Music



Mr Proctor
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Greenhalgh
Classroom Teacher



Miss Pickering
Classroom Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Drama

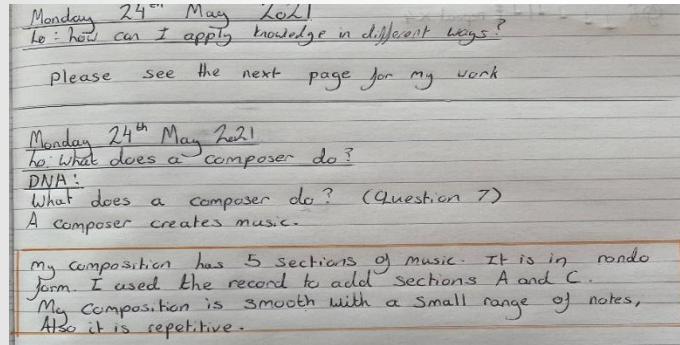
Year 10 GCSE Drama pupils engaged with L.I.P.A (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts). As part of 'Widening Partnerships' they created forest & sea environmental set design mock ups and participated in an Acting workshop too! Their attitude and conduct towards this external agency were of the highest standard making our Drama department very proud, well done Year 10!



Many KS3 Drama pupils this term have been outstanding in their effort to learn new drama techniques. Here are some photos of one class participating in what was a very insightful thought-tunnel!

Music

Music Mark Award – LDA was recently identified as a Music Mark school in recognition of the value placed on Music and the commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum throughout the pandemic. The music department would like to thank and congratulate all of the pupils who continued their Music studies while working from home whether that was through their curriculum provision or by being involved in the remote choir.



PDC – 'Celebrating the Arts'

Week beginning the 10th May, Lord Derby Academy pupils celebrated the Arts throughout their PDC time. Pupils discussed the following with their classes:

What is your favourite Arts subject at LDA and why?

Why are the Arts subjects important at LDA?

What events take place at LDA to celebrate the talent of its pupils?

The pupils had valuable conversations about the Arts subjects and delivered thoughtful answers in response to the questions.

During their PDC time, pupils gained knowledge on and celebrated, LDA staff members who have keen interests in the Arts.

The Arts are valued by all at Lord Derby Academy and this was very clear to see in the PDC celebration. Here are just two from many quotes from the pupils:

"Being artistic is the key to the lock of life" - Ben R Y10

"Art isn't a choice, art is life" - Jamie H-R Y10

WHO AM I?

I have 2 artistic claims to fame:

- I 'won' a Blue Peter Gold Badge after entering, and then winning my age group, in a painting competition in 1974.
- I play 'Grade 8' Trumpet – and once played a fanfare for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at Doncaster Race Course. (I then got into a load of trouble because I stood on the Duke's foot and hurt his toe!!!!)
- I have played the trumpet with both South Yorkshire Youth Jazz Orchestra and the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and played a solo at the Royal Albert Hall
- I play the ukulele for my 2 dogs – and they both think that I'm RUBBISH!!!

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Here is a picture of me learning to play the ukulele during 'Lockdown 1'. Year 7 were set a challenge to learn something new – I chose the ukulele because it only has 4 strings and seemed less complicated than a guitar!

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