



THE DEAN TRUST Lord Derby Academy

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15th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are safe and well.

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support for our school community over the past academic year.

As we approach the end of term, I would like to inform you in advance of our arrangements for the last day of term (Tuesday 20th July 2021) and the start to the next academic year in September 2021.

Tuesday 20th July 2021:

In light of the significant number of pupils who have had to isolate over recent weeks, **I am keen to ensure all our pupils benefit from a full day in school on the last day of term.**

The day will include both normal lessons and some time with Heads of Year and Form Tutors. Pupils will have the opportunity to receive further key messages about safety over the summer and they will be given advice to support their own health and mental well-being.

Therefore, **there will be no early finish at LDA and pupils will leave school at their normal finishing time:**

Year Group	Finish Time
Year 7	2:50pm
Year 8	2:55pm
Year 9	3:00pm
Year 10	3:05pm

Although the government are lifting many restrictions on Monday 19th July 2021, at LDA we will continue to follow local guidance until the end of the academic year. Therefore, pupils will still be expected to wear face coverings in the school building until they break up for the summer holidays, unless they are exempt.

Academic Year 2021-2022

In line with government guidance, we will be testing pupils (with parental consent) for COVID-19 on their return to school in September. You will receive more information about this testing, and you will have the option to provide your consent, during the summer break.

You will receive more information from Assistant Headteacher Miss Pope regarding the start to the academic year. However, I am keen to let you know well in advance that the pupil return to school will be staggered to allow for the COVID testing to take place:

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Thursday 2nd September 2021 – Year 7 and Year 11 pupils only

Year Group:	Arrival Time:	Finish Time:
Year 7	8:38am	3:00pm
Year 11	11:15am	3:00pm

Friday 3rd September 2021 – All pupils on site

Year Group:	Arrival Time:	Finish Time:
Year 7	8:38am	3:00pm
Year 11	8:38am	3:00pm
Year 8	10:00am	3:00pm
Year 9	11:15am	3:00pm
Year 10	11:45am	3:00pm

From Monday 6th September 2021 onwards – all pupils will start at 8:38am and will finish at 3:00pm.

Please be aware that, due to the ever-evolving COVID-19 situation, all arrangements are subject to review and could be changed at any time. I will always endeavour to communicate any changes to parents/carers as far in advance as possible.

I hope this provides you with sufficient detail at this stage. I will be in touch at the end of August to give you more information on the start back in September.

I wish all our LDA families a very happy and restful summer break.

With very kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan

Headteacher

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