



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th March 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and that you have enjoyed your week.

We have been very focused on our pupils articulating their learning this week and I have been visiting lessons across the school watching pupils discuss their responses together and then expressing their answers to their classmates.

I was also delighted to welcome our Chair of Governors Mr Marshall into school yesterday. Mr Marshall spent the full day with us - visiting lessons and talking with staff and pupils.

On Wednesday afternoon I attended a lovely ceremony at Dean Trust Ardwick for Headteacher Miss Finlay - who is retiring next week after 38 years in education. It was lovely to meet with other Dean Trust staff and the pupils at Dean Trust Ardwick certainly did Miss Finlay proud with some magnificent performances. We wish Miss Finlay well with her retirement.

I hope you and your families enjoy a lovely weekend.

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



Numeracy Puzzle



This weeks question...



36 people live in the eight houses in Albert Square.
Each house has a different number of people living in it.
Each line of three houses has 15 people living in it.
How many people live in each house?



Last week's answer...



$$? = 9 + 5 + 4 + 3 = 21$$

Calling all Y8 ... are you ready
for a Maths challenge?

Across the week of 28th March 2022, LDA is hosting a Maths quiz for all Y8 pupils.
The quiz will take place on Kahoot and will close on Friday 1st April at 7pm.

The game pin will be shared via your Maths class google classrooms and the LDA
Twitter page ahead of the challenge.

You must put your first name and the maths set you are in as your screen name
(Eg Mike9y67).

**Who will be our top scorers?
Will x band or y band be victorious?**



Good luck!



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. Revision sessions are every Friday after school and practical interventions sessions are every Monday and Friday at lunch in the sports hall.

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.

Year 11 GCSE PE

Pupils have been working hard preparing for their final mock exam on 1/4/22 and applying the finishing touches to their coursework project. The pupils have also been practicing hard on their two practical activity assessments ahead of the external moderator visit on 27/4/22. After the visit from the external moderator, we will be focusing on revising for the two final theory exams (24/5/22 & 10/6/22). Pupils have already been provided with high quality revision materials and extra lessons to support theory revision are held every other Friday from 3-4pm. The AQA exam board have provided a full list of revision topics for this qualification and each Y11 GCSE PE pupil has been provided with a copy of this list.

Enrichment in PE

There are currently a number of PE enrichment opportunities for our pupils to enjoy.

Basketball – 7.45 to 8.30am Mon – Fri

Netball – 3.00 to 4.00pm Tuesday

Football – 3.00 to 4.15pm Tuesday

Trampolining – 3.00 to 4.30pm Wednesday

Rugby League (Y8 & Y9) – 3.00 to 4.15pm Wednesday

Pupils of all abilities are welcome at these PE clubs so come along.

Year 10 GCSE PE

Pupils have made a very positive start to their studies. They have begun by learning about fitness training and have carried out a series of fitness tests across a range of the components of fitness. This has enabled Year 10 pupils to make a start on the Performance Analysis component of their course via the google classroom. They have also completed the Physical Training Unit of work and the end of unit test that accompanies this. Coming up we will be working on providing a high quality Rock Climbing trip and a Volleyball club run by a professional Volleyball coach. These are fantastic opportunities which pupils must attend if they want to succeed.

Please remember that If your son or daughter misses a lesson due to illness etc then they can be provided work via the Year 10 GCSE PE google classroom. Here, they will find power-point presentations or guidance towards suitable activities. Pupils and parents can also request extra help by speaking to Mr Parr or Mrs Mills regarding any issues they are having with GCSE PE work.

Key Stage 3 boys and girls have made a positive start to their PE lessons during the spring term. Between Christmas and Easter classes across KS3 have been taking part in activities such as Trampolining, Football, Table Tennis and Volleyball. Next half term we will begin our summer sports programme which will include activities such as Athletics, Tennis, Rounders and Softball. We also hope to see the 'post covid-19' return of competition in sports such as cross country and Athletics. We are still encouraging pupils to remain covid safe in PE by sanitising whenever possible and allowing the wearing of masks at all times. Even as we move closer to the summer term we encourage all pupils to check the ever changing weather in preparation for PE lessons and bring appropriate kit. We are selling certain items through parent pay which can be collected from PE staff.



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 11



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Teachers eat bugs for Science Week!

We had a very busy and exciting week here at LDA last week.

We had a treasure hunt on Monday, as well as a STEM day building gliders with 60 Year 9 pupils. Other lunchtime fun included making balloon cars, a flash bang show and making sherbet. We had nearly 200 pupils down in the Science department over the week and it was really enjoyable!

The final fun was a Bushtucker Trial involving lots of our staff eating dried locusts, crickets, chilis and mealworms! Over 100 pupils came to watch the fun and we raised £60 for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.

Looking forward to next year's science week already!

Ms . Fitzsimon

The winners of the Treasure Hunt were:

Poppy B (Yr7), Jamie W (Yr7), Tilly N (Yr8) Ava G (Yr8), Hannah G (Yr8), Megan D (Yr9), Daniel L (Yr10) and Lewis S (Yr10)



Careers

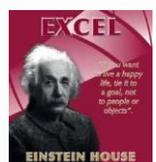
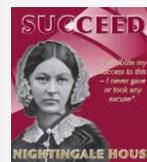
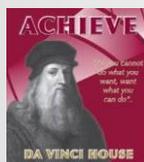
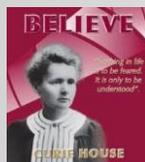
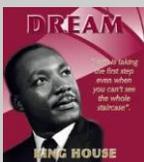
All Year 8 and Year 9 pupils received an assembly from RAF Commanding Officer Anthony Feeny who talked to pupils about the range of activities available to them locally and beyond. He also talked about career prospects following training with the RAF and the potential to achieve a BTEC qualification whilst enjoying activities with friends. Pupils were invited to attend sessions on a Monday and Thursday evening at Prescott Sqn, Cumber Lane, Whiston.

Pupil Parliament

This week Key Stage 3 Pupil Parliament members have been meeting to establish their next focus.

One of the key points which was raised was to see more competitions and to re establish the importance of the house system.

Bringing new ideas on how this can be done will be their drive for the next few weeks.



Maths Feast Challenge

A number of pupils in Year 10 recently took part in a National Maths competition.

They competed against 18 other schools from across Merseyside and won the first round.

Well done to everyone who took part.



Colomendy Maths Residential 2022

A number of pupils in Year 10 and 11 spent their weekend in Colomendy taking part in a Maths residential.

Whilst there they completed seven hours of quality Maths to help them prepare for their upcoming GCSES.

They also took part in a number of outdoor activities, made new friends and some even stepped out of their comfort zone.

A fantastic trip, one which all learners will remember.

Well done to all who attended.

