



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 7th April 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the end of the Spring term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support for our school community.

Despite the fact that the pandemic has continued to bring challenge, I am confident in saying that we have still been able to drive forward and to provide a really strong educational and enriching offer for our pupils.

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that we have, once again, achieved the Inclusion Quality Mark with Centre of Excellence status and we have, only yesterday, also been assessed towards achieving the Numeracy Quality Mark. In addition, we have further strengthened our staffing this term and, on Monday, we welcomed our new Lead Pupil Support Manager Mrs Scott to the LDA team.

I have really enjoyed watching our Heads of Year deliver the end of term celebration assemblies over recent days and I am incredibly proud of the pupils who were rewarded for their excellent Behaviour for Progress and for their contribution to school life.

I wish you a safe and happy Easter break and I look forward to welcoming pupils back on site on Monday 25th April.

With kind regards,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Numeracy Puzzle

This week's puzzle...

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{🌻} + \text{🌻} + \text{🌻} &= 36 \\
 \text{🎀} + \text{🌻} + \text{🌻} &= 39 \\
 \text{🐣} + \text{🐣} + \text{🎀} &= 35 \\
 \text{🐣} \times \text{🎀} + \text{🌻} &= 162
 \end{aligned}$$

Work out the value of each emoji



Last week's answer...

$$\text{🐻} + \text{🦊} + \text{🐰} = 90 \text{ Kg}$$

$$60 + 20 + 10 = 90$$

Year 11 Hair & Beauty



I am so proud of the Year 11 Hair and Beauty pupils. They have worked really hard for 2 years and have stayed on track, producing outstanding work before their assignment deadlines. As a special treat for those who have beaten their target deadlines and grades, today they have been learning how to cut hair for the first time. Some performed a long length cut, whilst Billie-Jo created a bob. Their hair cuts were amazing! All level and beautifully aligned. Well done to Faye, Ellie, Isabelle, Billie-Jo and Ashleigh.



Year 9 Widening Participation & Education Pathways – Interactive Theatre Presentation

Year 9 were fortunate to attend an engaging 1-hour theatre presentation and integrated workshop, looking at options for future routes and how these can lead to a fulfilling future for all. The show was an informative and fun introduction to Post 16 & 18 pathways, focusing on the different options available (including different routes to higher education and widening participation) and the importance of planning for a successful future. The programme was designed to raise aspirations and motivate our pupils in order for them to plan for, and achieve, the highest level they can in education and training, regardless of their background. It also examined the importance of GCSEs, Post-16 options, Post-18 options and staying on in education until 18.

Ramadan

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims will not eat or drink during the hours of daylight. This is called fasting. Children are not expected to fast until they reach puberty, usually around the age of 14.

Ramadan remembers the month the Qur'an (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. The actual night that the Qur'an was revealed is a night known as Lailat ul-Qadr ('The Night of Power').

When is Ramadan?

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. The exact dates of Ramadan change every year. This is because Islam uses a calendar based on the cycles of the Moon.

In 2022 in the UK, Ramadan will begin in the evening of Saturday 2 April and will end on Sunday 1 May.

Ramadan starts when the new Moon first appears in the night sky. Full moon marks the middle of Ramadan. As the Moon wanes to the other side, Ramadan finishes.

How is Ramadan celebrated?

Most Muslims fast between dawn and sunset. Fasting allows Muslims to devote themselves to their faith. It is thought to teach self-discipline and reminds them of the suffering of the poor. However, children, pregnant women, elderly people and those who are ill or travelling do not have to fast.

During Ramadan, it is common to have one meal (known as the suhoor), just before dawn and another (known as the iftar), directly after sunset.

A family share iftar.

A family share iftar. A meal that is eaten after the Sun has gone down during the month of Ramadan.



If you are participating in the observance of Ramadhan,
may we wish you
Ramadhan Al-Mubarak.



Study Support

This is a very important time for our Year 11 cohort who are working towards their final examinations which commence in May.

To support their preparation, they have received a Study Booklet which includes the examination timetable, revision techniques, well-being strategies and exam guidance.

We are delighted that staff are providing additional study sessions over the Easter break to support our Year 11 pupils as they prepare for their final examinations. Many of our cohort will also be sitting their Spanish speaking examinations next week. Bueno suerte!

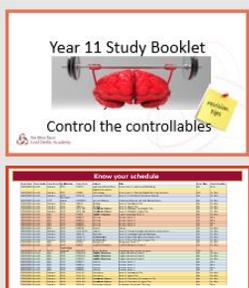
On our return from the Easter break the following practical examinations are taking place:

PE Practical examination – Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dance Practical examination – Friday 29th April 2022

Drama Practical examination – Monday 23rd May 2022

We wish our Year 11 cohort well with their preparation and revision and look forward to seeing them at the Easter Study Support sessions.



Useful websites
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3>
<https://www.methodmaths.com/login.html>
<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/browse>
<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>
www.senecalearning.com
www.Activelearn.com
<https://app.bedrocklearning.org/>
www.languagesonline.org.uk
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>
<https://blog.innerdrive.co.uk>



Year 11 Easter Study Support Timetable April 2022

	Monday 11 th April LM	Tuesday 12 th April LM	Wednesday 13 th April LM	Thursday 14 th April	Friday 15 th April
9.30-12.00	History Geography Spanish speaking exams (appointments) Music (appointments)	English Design technology Business Computer science Spanish speaking exams (appointments)	Science (SL) Biology (Triple) (RF) Spanish speaking exams (appointments)		
12.30-2.30	Spanish speaking exams (appointments) Music (appointments) Maths (NS) REMOTE SESSION (foundation)	Spanish speaking exams (appointments)	Spanish speaking exams (appointments)		
	Monday 18 th April	Tuesday 19 th April JA	Wednesday 20 th April JA	Thursday 21 st April JA	Friday 22 nd April
9.30-12.00		English Maths CPa (higher) Food and nutrition	Science (KYO) Statistics (JAS)	Art	Sports studies – REMOTE SESSION
12.30-2.30				Art	

Pupils are expected to arrive at school, or log in if it is a remote session, at the identified start time and will be required to stay throughout the entire session. Pupils are not required to wear school uniform however sensible attire will be expected. Sessions will run from 9.30am until 12.00 and then 12.30 until 2.30pm unless stated otherwise. Pupils must be on time for their sessions and adhere to our usual standards and expectations and our electronic devices policy. **Pupils have been issued with appointments for music and Spanish.**