



Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We continue to respect the national period of mourning in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our usual celebratory newsletters and our social media activity on Twitter will resume next week. I am attending a Service of Celebration for the Queen at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral with our Head Pupils in Year 11 on Sunday.

The state funeral of Her Majesty takes place on **Monday 19th September 2022**. As the day has been declared a national Bank Holiday, I can confirm that **LDA will be fully closed**. I encourage our pupils to reflect on the Queen's seventy years of service to our nation on this day. School will be open as normal on **Tuesday 20th September 2022**.

I wish you and your family a peaceful weekend.

With kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



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Year 7 Settling and Assessment

Year 7 pupils are settling well into their new timetables. It can take some time for pupils to get used to changing rooms every lesson but our Year 7 cohort have been a credit to themselves. The design of the curriculum model at secondary level means that pupils may be in different classes for various subjects. SATs results and information received from primary schools are used to inform the initial setting of Year 7 pupils. We understand that pupils can flourish at different times throughout their time in school. Therefore, setting is reviewed termly at LDA to ensure that pupils remain challenged and supported appropriately.

During the week commencing **20th September 2022**, all Year 7 pupils will complete Cognitive Ability Tests (CATs) in school. CAT4 is the UK's most widely used test of reasoning abilities for children aged 6-17+ years. It is an assessment of developed abilities in areas known to make a difference to learning and achievement – namely verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial reasoning – and it provides an objective perspective on potential student achievement. They take approximately 2h15 to complete and comprise 3 individually timed assessments. Your child does not need to prepare or revise for these tests. Each pupil will be informed of their time slot as listed below and these assessments will be completed digitally. Pupils should not worry about the completion or results of these tests; they are simply used to gather more information to be able to support our pupils.

Tuesday 20th September – **KING** House
Wednesday 21st September – **CURIE** House
Thursday 22nd September – **DA VINCI** House
Friday 23rd September – **NIGHTINGALE** House
Monday 26th September – **EINSTEIN** House

Mrs Ellis, Deputy Headteacher