



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd September 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, we have been observing the period of national mourning in honour of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II over recent weeks. Therefore, this is the first opportunity I have had to officially welcome you to the new academic year. We have had an excellent start to the Autumn term at Lord Derby Academy. Everyone is absolutely delighted with our eight brand new classrooms, which were completed over the summer break, and we are also still celebrating the record GCSE results in mathematics and English and many other subjects achieved by our Year 11 2022 cohort.

It was a real pleasure to welcome our pupils back to school on 6th September 2022. I met with all pupils in their assemblies and I focused on my aspirations for the school year ahead and on our 'firm but fair' approach. Both staff and pupils were inspired by the personal story of our guest speaker Anthony Bennett. Lessons are now well underway and our pupils are continuing on their ambitious curriculum pathways, which I am confident will enable them to build the knowledge and skills they require to make progress.

I would like to say a particular welcome and well done to our new Year 7 cohort. They are a delightful group of young people and they have already been a real credit to their families and their primary schools. They are quickly adapting to 'The LDA Way' and I look forward to seeing them flourish and thrive at the school.

Can I please encourage you to sign up to the My Child at School (MCAS) App which we are now using to communicate with parents/carers. You should have received an email from Bromcom with your log on details. If you need guidance on this, please contact the school office via email office@lordderbyacademy.co.uk.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



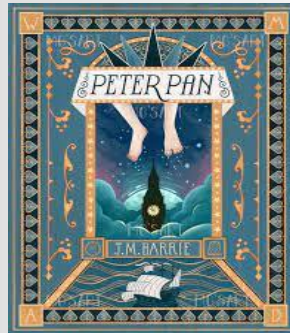
Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Numeracy Puzzle

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Year 7 Curriculum

What a great start Year 7 have made to learning our brand new curriculum in English. Designed across The Dean Trust to expose pupils to a breadth of literature from a range of genres and time periods, we are so excited to be exploring the theme 'Growing Up'. Year 7 will be immersed in J.M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan' whilst also examining folktales, extracts from Shakespeare, poetry, non-fiction and short stories.

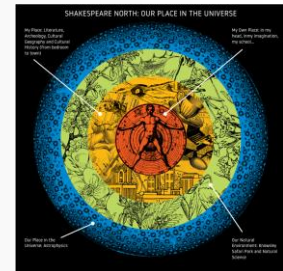


LDA and Shakespeare North

We are incredibly lucky to work closely with the fantastic Shakespeare North Theatre in Prescot and we have a number of exciting opportunities ahead for our pupils this academic year including trips to the theatre itself to watch performances.

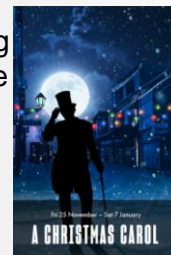
We are also privileged to be the flagship school for the 'Our Place in the Universe' project which we run with our Year 7 cohort. This project aims to allow our pupils to explore their own identity and, their connections to their local community and beyond through the lens of Shakespeare. This is a fantastic opportunity and one our pupils are always excited to begin!

This September will mark the opening of an exhibition in the theatre of our pupils' work from the previous academic year. It is an incredible honour to be able to showcase the hard work and enthusiasm of LDA pupils and we are looking forward to seeing the exhibition come to life.



Enrichment with the LDA English Department

The English department are thrilled to offer a range of exciting enrichment this year. From our entire KS4 cohort going to see 'A Christmas Carol' at Shakespeare North Playhouse in December, to a thrilling production of 'An Inspector Calls' at Liverpool Empire Theatre in March we are passionate about bringing texts to life to help our pupils engage with them and develop a love of learning. Keep an eye out for the LDA enrichment calendar and correspondence home for more details.

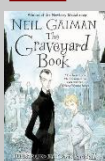


Reading Recommendations

KS3

Neil Gaiman 'The Graveyard Book'

When a baby escapes a murderer intent on killing the entire family, who would have thought it would find safety and security in the local graveyard? Brought up by the resident ghosts, ghouls and spectres, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead.



KS4



Christopher Pike 'The Midnight Club'

They were victims of life, but they vanquished death. In a hospice for teens with terminal illnesses, five friends form the Midnight Club. They meet every night to share spine-chilling stories. Some are invented, some true. The strangest are a mixture of the two. The club members make a pact - whichever of them dies first will try to contact the others from beyond the grave. The most incredible of their stories is about to begin...



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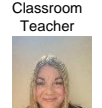
Miss O'Reilly
Classroom Teacher/ Head of Year 10



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Classroom Teacher



Miss Mullally
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Lancaster
Classroom Teacher

LDA Summer School 2022

During the summer break we held our LDA Summer School 2022, welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to Lord Derby Academy. The aim of the week was to ensure the smooth transition of all pupils from primary into secondary education. To support the academic and pastoral elements of Transition we were able to deliver a bespoke timetable of events including mathematics, science, literacy and sport.

We welcomed on average 150 plus pupils each day, enabling pupils to establish new friendships for the new academic year. Pupils took part in a variety of activities including: dodgeball, code breaking, 'Where am I?', extracting DNA, inventing fantastic stories, creating short performances and learning basic first aid.

During summer school, we were fortunate to work alongside Liverpool Football Club who delivered basic fitness and football skills to all pupils who attended. Team building and school ethos became the focus during the last two days of summer school enabling pupils to improve upon their communication skills and form strong bonds with pupils in their form group. We introduced pupils to new and engaging activities, with the aim to build their confidence levels and resilience when working in teams or leading activities. Over the two days, pupils had the opportunity to participate in activities including Wackit Ball, Calatrain and the Lui.

Thank you to all of the Year 7 pupils who attended. It was a fantastic week which has enabled a positive transition for all pupils involved to Lord Derby Academy.

Our LDA community has now been enhanced.

Thank you to all the staff who supported to ensure that this was a great week.

E O'Reilly
Head of Year 10



GCSE Results Day 2022



We were delighted to welcome our Year 11 2022 cohort back in late August to receive their examination results. This year group were our first cohort to sit external examinations since 2019. They overcame the challenges that the pandemic brought and achieved some fantastic results.



We wish them all the very best as they move on to their next phase of education, employment or training. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, we are extremely proud of you!



After School Sport – Autumn 1

	Activity	Year Group	Venue	Staff	Time
Monday	- Girls only Fitness	7 - 11	Sports Hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Tuesday	- Netball	7 - 10	Muga	Mrs Mills	3pm
	- Boys Football	7	Astro	Mr Proctor	3pm
	- Table Tennis	8 - 10	Atrium	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Wednesday	- Tramp	7 - 10	Sports Hall	Mrs Molyneux	3pm
	- Boys Football	8 - 10	Astro		3pm
		9	Sports Hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm
	- Y9 Sport			Mrs Blackmore	
Thursday	- Girls only Football	7 - 11	Astro	Mr Dickinson	3pm
Friday	- Dodgeball	7	Sports hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm