



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 4th November 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and that you and your family enjoyed a restful half term break. We have experienced a really positive start to Half Term 2. Our Modern Languages Department has been teaching staff and pupils about the 'El Día de los Muertos' Mexican festival through a range of activities and we are really looking forward to welcoming a group of pupils and staff from Zaragoza in Spain into LDA on Monday.

The LDA Senior Team have been visiting lessons across the week, hearing from our pupils about the progress they are making along their curriculum pathways in their different subject areas. Please continue our work by asking your children at home **what precisely they are learning in each subject?** and **how their learning in one subject can be used in their other subjects or in life outside of school/in the future?**

Finally, our Safer School Police Officer P.C. Woodpark has been delivering assemblies to pupils about firework safety and about how they can enjoy Bonfire Night with putting themselves or others at risk. I hope you are able to enjoy the celebrations safely as a family on Saturday night.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

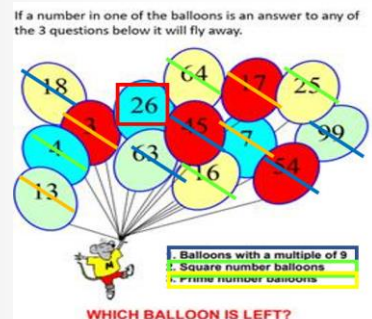


Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's
Numeracy
puzzle...



Last
weeks
answer...





Miss Taylor
Head of
Department



Ms Chase
Lead Teacher
of Art



Miss Boag-Munroe
Lead Teacher
of Music



Mrs Greenhalgh
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Holland
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher

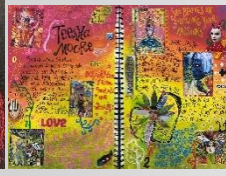


Mr Torode
Technician

In ART this half term, we would like to celebrate the achievements of KS4. Year 11 have been working on their final outcomes for their first coursework project 'Art around the World'. You may remember the fantastic sketchbook work from previous newsletters. The final outcomes are large scale masks, based upon different cultural influences. I think you will agree they are absolutely stunning. They are also completely environmentally friendly when you realise they have been made out of cardboard boxes cut into strips and so they are a superb example of recycling!!

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE course. They are working on the theme of 'Twisted Fairy Tales'. We have undertaken this project in the past with great success and are looking forward to the pupils producing exciting 3D outcomes later in the year. At this stage they are working on their sketchbooks, which as you can see are beautifully creative and also very informative.

We would also like to make a special mention to Phoebe D. Although only in Year 9, she has started her GCSE coursework in her own time and has been working on it independently throughout the summer. She is producing some truly wonderful work and we can say with confidence that she will achieve great success come August 2024.



Expressive Arts Showcase:



On 14th December, Lord Derby Academy will be back hosting its annual showcase of talent for parents and carers to attend. Covid times have put a stop to the showcase, but it's now lights, camera action time again!

Auditions for the pupils will be taking place during the week beginning the 21st November.

Please see Miss Taylor for more information.



The Music Department has relaunched use of the online programme 'Focus on Sound' to support home learning provision. All pupils can access the software using their Google Classroom log in details through the link included on each Google Classroom task. Pupils can use the software to revise key topics and learn about new aspects of music at any point, there is even a composition tool on there to help them create their own musical ideas. Please support your child by encouraging them to complete their homework tasks and to use the additional features on the software.

Pupil Voice in Drama.

All pupils have been invited to have their say about their drama education at Lord Derby Academy.

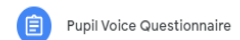
Miss Taylor has populated a pupil questionnaire in all of the KS3 and KS4 Google Classrooms.

The questionnaire allows pupils to express their love and likes for the subject and also, they have the opportunity to explain any areas they feel may need improving.

Pupils are also asked about their confidence levels within the subject, so that staff can support in ensuring all pupils are making improvements on their confidence levels throughout all of their drama lessons at LDA.

Miss Taylor is looking forward to seeing the results.

Pupil Voice in Drama



The Arts Awards November 2022	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
ART	Jess Bowler	Lacey Underwood	Ava Blamire	Antoinette B	Anna B
DRAMA	Maisie A	Poppy B	Mischa M	Olivia B	Poppy F
Music	Thomas R & Eva G	Harry H & Poppy B	Dillon R & Ava G	Kate H-McB	Millie G
DANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	Matilda B	Poppy A
TEXTILES	N/A	N/A	N/A	Amelia K	Macey R
PHOTOGRAPHY	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ethan McK	Kate R

Pupil Parliament

During the last week of term, a group of Year 7 Pupil Parliament members took part in a Glitch Theatre workshop.

During this workshop our pupils were given the opportunity to develop a better understanding of the Parliamentary system, explore the history of democracy and take part in a live debate!

Well done to all who took part.



National Green Careers Week –

Monday 7th November 2022- Friday 12th November 2022

Green Careers Week is an exciting event that raises aspiration, supports diversity, challenges stereotypes, and promotes real opportunities for young people to have a career that will genuinely make a difference. They can discover careers, jobs, roles, and career pathways that are green careers and develop green skills.

A green career can be any job, role or occupation that contributes to preserving or restoring the environment and our planet. It can be within any industry, not just those seen as 'green.' Green skills are abilities, attributes, values, attitudes, knowledge, and technical skills needed to adapt services, processes and procedures to support climate change.

Green careers are a fast-growing global employment sector that touches every company, employer, employee, and education establishment. Requiring everyone to work together to build a talent pipeline from school through to employment for the thousands and thousands of jobs and roles needed for the future. Green careers reach into every aspect of our lives and offer young people an exciting array of opportunities. There are green career and green skills suitable for everyone.

Explore these pages and see how these companies and many more are raising awareness of green careers through activity resources, case studies, webinars, videos, events, and employment information. Challenge young people to find out more and continue to embed green careers awareness in the classroom in the coming weeks and months.

For further information please check out: <https://greencareersweek.com>



This week we have relaunched this fantastic learning resource. One of the biggest challenges that pupils face is to remember the vast amount of learning that takes place across their school years. Tassomai supports pupils to remember more for longer by creating quizzes that are tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. There are easy to use functions for our pupils to track their own progress and to complete extra work on their weaker areas. We also have a Tassomai club in school to allow everyone the chance to access this resource. All we ask in return is that our pupils complete 2 quizzes per week for each subject to benefit from the positive impact this resource has.

Look out for celebrations and rewards for the pupils making the most of this resource and boosting their learning. Good luck!



Enrichment at LDA

Monday

Girls Fitness, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

French Club, F17, Lunchtime, KS3

Wednesday

Time travellers Club, S41, Lunchtime, KS3

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y8-10

Y9 Sport, Sportshall, 3pm, Y9

Trampolining, Sportshall, 3pm

Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7



Tuesday

Stem Club, G44D, 3 - 4pm, KS3.

Netball, Muga, 3pm, Y7-10

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7

Table Tennis, Atrium, 3pm, Y8-10

Eco Club, HB2, Lunchtime, KS3

Thursday

Girls Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7-11

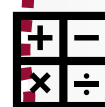
Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B, Lunchtime.



LDA games group is over in the HUB.

Years 7 to 9 can attend the group on a Monday to Wednesday.



DANCE CLUBS:

The dance department currently offer the following clubs for pupils to attend:

CHEERLEADING – Thursday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Taylor– G07

GCSE DANCE – Wednesday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Taylor – G07

DRAMA CLUB:

The drama department currently offer the following club for pupils to attend:

DRAMA CLUB – Tuesday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Holland – G06



Día de los Muertos



LDA pupils have been learning about the Hispanic festival, *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead), in their languages lessons this week, exploring the traditions behind this event and enriching their cultural knowledge.

To mark the occasion, Year 7 pupils also took part in a competition to design their own *calavera* (sugar skull), an important symbol of the festival.

Please hand to Mr Wynne before Friday 11th November, winners will be announced in assemblies. Buena suerte!



LDA CHEERLEADING CLUB!



Enrichment activity	Cheerleading:
Where and when is it?	Fridays: 3:15pm – 4pm, G07. PE kit required.
What is it?	Cheerleading is the fastest growing sport in the UK, and is being taught at schools across the country. Cheerleading for LDA pupils is a great option, as it allows pupils to try a brand-new sport, encouraging regular exercise and even a new hobby!
Why choose to take part in this enrichment activity?	Pupils will work on their physical endurance as Cheerleading is a great cardio workout. Stretching exercises in the sessions will support in developing flexibility and increase the pupil's range of movement. Cheer not only teaches athletic discipline, but also helps improve pupil's confidence and team-working skills. Cheerleading club will always have a chance to perform in the school talents shows, building confidence.
Who can sign up and who do you contact?	Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Miss Taylor.