



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th November 2022

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers

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

This week we have had a number of new Teaching Assistants start to work at our school and I wish them a warm LDA welcome.

Mrs Hampson has been continuing the focus on 'Pupil Voice'. Over 600 pupils responded to our Pupil Voice Online survey and we are now in the process of considering their feedback. We will keep pupils fully informed as to what they have told us and what our resulting next steps will be.

Next week sees a return to face to face Parents Evenings at LDA. We are starting the cycle with Year 10 and we are looking forward to meeting with Year 10 families on Thursday between 4:30pm and 6:30pm so that subject staff can discuss the progress pupils are making along their curriculum pathways and give them advice about how to further deepen their learning. I hope all our Year 10 Parents/Carers are able to attend. Pupils will need to be in full school uniform.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



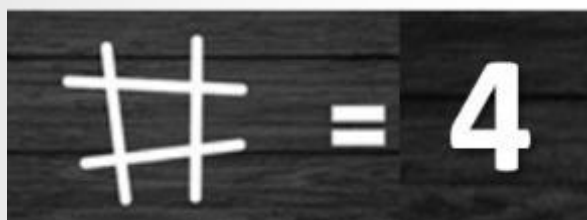
Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's Numeracy puzzle...

Which 3 pins have to be knocked over to score exactly 100 points?



Last week's answer...



Year 11 Computer Science pupils have been developing their programming skills in Python in preparation for their upcoming exams. Pupils who have been making good use of their additional study support sessions have been using their Python skills to write programs for our robotics equipment whilst learning all about iteration.



Mr Bennett
Head of Department



Mrs Gilland
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Phillips
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7

Pupils in Year 7 have made a fantastic start to life in their Lord Derby Academy computer science classes. This term they have been investigating computer systems and learning about how software and hardware components work together in computer systems.



Year 8

Year 8 pupils have spent this first term learning all about the threats to computer systems and how to protect against these. This is in preparation for the upcoming CyberFirst challenge led by the National Cyber Security Centre.

Cyber Security is a rapidly growing industry, and we hope that this will ignite an interest in pupils that can lead to a wonderfully successful career. For more information, visit www.ncsc.gov.uk/cyberfirst/overview

Year 9

Year 9 pupils have been developing their digital animation skills by creating animated game characters that they are now starting to develop into a full retro computer game.

Pupils have loved getting to see their creations come to life and many have been working on this project outside of school using the Code.org/GameLab website

Careers have been a big focus this week with the focus on Green Careers Week. Students have been using time in lessons to investigate what career paths they may wish to follow, and how we can support a more sustainable future.



Lord Derby Academy continues to show significant levels of investment in Computer Science and IT. This week saw upgrades to the computer systems that will undoubtedly benefit all of our wonderfully dedicated pupils when building their knowledge and skills in computer science and programming





Rehearsals; G18, Tuesday Lunchtime

Lord Derby Academy
School Choir

All voices and all abilities welcome
See Miss Munroe for more information

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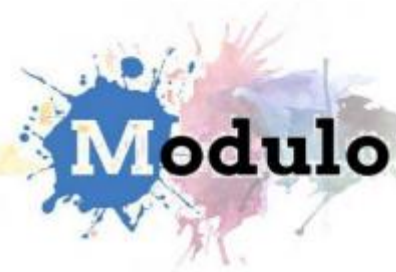
Lord Derby Academy's Chamber Choir

Rehearsals; G18, Thursday Lunchtime

Lord Derby Academy
Vocal Ensemble

By invitation or audition
See Miss Munroe for more information


Music Enrichment



Rehearsals; G18, Friday 3-4pm

Lord Derby Academy
Instrumental Ensemble

All instruments and all abilities welcome
See Miss Munroe for more information

Activity	Year Group	Venue	Staff	Time	Enrichment activity	Cheerleading:
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	<p>Where and when is it? Fridays: 3:15pm – 4pm, G07. PE kit required.</p> <p>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!</p> <p>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.</p>
	- Boys Football	8 – 10	Astro	Mr Dickinson	3pm	
	- Y9 Sport	9	Sports Hall	Mrs Blackmore	3pm	
Thursday	- Girls only Football	7 - 11	Astro	Mr Dickinson	3pm	<p>Who can sign up and who do you contact? Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Miss Taylor.</p>
Friday	- Dodgeball	7	Sports hall	Mr Dickinson	3pm	

After School Sport – Autumn 1

Year 11 Mock Exam Timetable

Useful websites/apps:

bbcbitessize.co.uk

Quizlet.com

Tassomai (all pupils have a
personal log-in)

www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/

28 th November	1 and 2	Spanish – KS4 (session 2)	English Language Paper 1 – Sports hall	Mathematics Paper 2 – Sports hall	Geography – 11X History 11X	Option C – Dance / Health and social care / Biology – single science / PE – Paper 1 / Statistics
	3 and 4				Science – Combined Physics Paper 1 / Chemistry – single science – Sports hall	
	5 and 6	Option D Drama / History / French / Astronomy / Computer science / Business	Spanish – KS4 (session 5) DT – 11Y	Geography – 11X History – 11X Business – 11X	French (session 6)	
5 th December	1 and 2	Drama – Practical exam	English Literature Paper 2 – v band	Maths Paper 3 – v band	Computers Fair	Art – Option C
	3 and 4	Physics – single science	English Literature Paper 2 – s band	Maths – Paper 3 – s band	Computers Fair	Textiles – Option C
	5 and 6	DT – Opt D	Engineering – 11Y			Option C – PE paper 2 / DT
12 th December	1 and 2	Art – Option D				
	3 and 4	Photography – 11X				
	5 and 6	Sports studies – 11D				