



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th January 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed your week.

This week in school we have been focusing on celebrating equality and diversity at LDA. Mr Kemp has been delivering thought-provoking assemblies about Martin Luther King Jnr and the prominent role he played in advancing civil rights in the United States of America in the mid- 1950s until his assassination in 1968. Pupils, staff and governors have adopted the LDA Equality Charter this academic year – which was devised by our Pupil Parliament and which emphasises our core principles of treating each other equitably and fairly and celebrating our differences as well as our similarities.

You will be aware that the NEU Teaching Union has announced a series of strikes – starting on 1st February 2023. I will be in touch by mid next week to inform you of the Dean Trust/LDA plans for this date in the first instance.

Finally, I can thank all the parents/carers and pupils who attended our on- site Year 11 Parents Evening. It was an absolute pleasure to see you and I thank you for your support for our school community. I have read all the evaluation sheets handed in this morning and I thank you for all your views and comments. I hope you found the information from staff to be informative in advance of the Year 11 Dean Trust mock examinations starting next week and in the lead up to the formal GCSE examinations.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's Numeracy puzzle...

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} + \text{Apple} &= 60 \\ \text{Apple} + \text{Orange} + \text{Orange} &= 40 \\ \text{Orange} - \text{Pineapple} &= 4 \\ \text{Pineapple} + \text{Apple} \times \text{Orange} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Last week's answer...

$$18 + 19 = 19$$

Rule: add together all the numbers
in the question

Key Stage 3 Teaching and Learning

Year 7 have been working hard on describing where they live and on giving opinions about activities in their area.

Escuchar **Places in town**

Task 1: Listen to Maria talking about what is in her town. Number the places as you hear them. Which three places are the imposters? Why?

Task 2: Listen to Sofia describing her town. Can you complete the spaces with the missing words?

En mi ciudad _____ umuseo, me _____ el museo porque es grande.
 En mi ciudad hay una _____, no me gusta _____ es antigua.
 En mi ciudad también hay un castillo. En mi _____ el castillo es _____
 divertido / tienda / galleta / parque / hay / opinion

Year 8 are coming to the end of the *Las Fiestas* module, where they have enriched their cultural knowledge about festivals such as *La Tomatina*, *San Fermín* and *La Navidad*!



Mrs Holme
Head of Department



Mr Wynne
Deputy Head of Department



Mrs Ellis
Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Jamieson
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Greaves
Classroom Teacher



Miss Creely
Classroom Teacher

Year 9 are currently working completing speaking assessments about jobs and future ambitions. Year 9 will be starting to look at option choices soon.

A huge congratulations to our LDA Linguists

We would like to congratulate year 11 on completing 25% of their mock GCSE Language exam over the last few weeks. We are very proud of how you have approached the speaking exam and risen to the challenge! We will be providing you with your personalised revision packs and we wish you the very best of luck with the remaining 75% of the mock exam.

HABLO ESPAÑOL Buena suerte ♣ Good Luck ♣ viel Glück ♣ ICH SPRACHE DEUTSCH

The MFL Team



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Lord Derby Academy
Modern Languages Department

Relax, refresh, unwind...

Calming colouring for mindfulness



Mrs Holme and Mrs Jamieson
Every Thursday 12.40 – 1.10pm

F18B

Our pupils have been enjoying a relaxing lunchtime at the Modern Languages Calming Colouring for Mindfulness Club. This takes place on Thursday lunchtimes in F18B (Mrs Jamieson's room) and offers a choice of calming activities in a relaxing, spa like environment complete with aromatherapy lamp!



Tricks of the Trade

Always wanted to know how to be successful in Spanish GCSEs? Here are our top tips on how to get the best possible grade next summer.

- Learn the vocabulary
There are a million different ways to do this and you need to find a way that suits you! You might like to use a language learning app like memrise.com. You can download it to your phone and just 10 minutes a day will have a huge impact on how many words you know. There are other ways, such as using flashcards to remind yourself of the different words or phrases you need to learn. Put the Spanish on one side and the English on the other and test yourself, get someone else to test you and look at them regularly! Mind-maps are extremely useful to create word-families all about a particular topic. There is also your little purple book, use this to practise using the strategy of Read, Cover, Write & Check.
- Use your eyes and ears
In your spare time you should try to watch as much Spanish TV (with subtitles on) and listen to as many Spanish songs as possible. There is a whole list on your Google Classroom of the best things to watch and listen to. This will improve your listening and speaking as well as help you to understand what life is like in Spanish-speaking countries so give it a go!
- Be an active learner!
This means completing tasks in class and at home. But it also means asking questions, making mistakes and learning from them, being inquisitive and bold with your language choices. Try out that complex structure, it might just take you to the next grade!
- Create a Revision Timetable
The sooner the better with this one. Research suggests we need to repeat an action **seven times** before it moves into our long-term memory. This is why you will see DNA activities at the start of lessons recapping and refreshing words we have seen before. The more recapping and refreshing you do the more likely it is that vocabulary will 'stick'. Therefore, a revision timetable now is useful to keep reminding yourself of those key words for each topic so that by next summer they are 'stuck' and you know them off by heart. Use your revision guide to help you with this.
- Do as many past papers as you can.

We are only half-way through the GCSE course (if you are in Year 11) so you still have lots of learn before the exams. But, getting an idea of what each paper looks like, what you need to do for each question and what sort of themes they cover is extremely useful.



Enrichment at LDA



Monday

Girls Fitness, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

French Club, F17, Lunchtime, KS3



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

Wednesday

Time travellers Club, S41, Lunchtime, KS3

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y8-10

Y9 Sport, Sportshall, 3pm, Y9

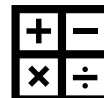
Trampolining, Sportshall, 3pm

Thursday

Girls Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B, Lunchtime.



Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7



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.

Year 11 Dean Trust Mock Examinations

Week 1			
Week commencing Monday 23 rd January 2023			
	Session 1 -2	Session 3-4	Session 5-6
Monday 23 rd January	Biology (Combined) 1hr10mins Edexcel 1SCO/1BF, 1SCO/1BH Biology (Triple) Edexcel 1BIO/1F, 1BIO/1H 1hr 45mins		Mathematics 1 Edexcel 1MA1/1F, 1MA1/1H (External Marking) 1hr 30mins
Tuesday 24 th January	Mathematics 2 Edexcel 1MA1/2F, 1MA1/2H 1hr 30mins		Chemistry (Combined) 1hr 10mins 1SCO/1CF, 1SCO/1CH Chemistry (Triple) 1CHO/1F, 1CHO/1H 1hr 45mins
Wednesday 25 th January	History Edexcel 1HIA B1//1HIA P3 1hr 45mins		Physics (Combined) 1hr 10mins Edexcel 1SCO/1PF, 1SCO/1PH Physics (Triple) Edexcel 1PHO/1F, 1PHO/1H 1hr 45mins
Thursday 26 th January	English Language 1 AQA 8700/1 1hr 45mins		MFL AQA 8698/WF, 8698WH (Spanish) AQA 8658/WF, 8658WH (French) – F = 1hr 5 mins H = 1hr 20 mins
Friday 27 th January	Computer Science Edexcel 1CP2 01_1 hrs 30 mins		Geography AQA 8035/2 1hr 30mins
Week 2			
Week commencing Monday 30 th January 2023			
	Session 1 -2	Session 3-4	Session 5-6
Monday 30 th January	English Language 2 AQA 8700/2 1hr 45mins		Mathematics 3 Edexcel 1MA1/3F, 1MA1/3H 1hr 30mins

Note: The majority of examination papers will be sent off to be externally marked by trained examiners.

Pupils eligible for extra time will have an additional 25% added to the allotted time.

Some examinations will run beyond 3pm.