



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th January 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers

I have thoroughly enjoyed the week in school.

We have welcomed a number of visitors into LDA and they have all commented on the warm welcome they have received and on the calm, purposeful and respectful atmosphere around the building.

On Wednesday evening we were treated to our first Expressive Arts Talent Show since the pandemic. There was a true array of talent on display. Pupils sang, played musical instruments, read poetry, danced and performed cheerleading. It is fair to say that a good time was had by all.

Our Year 11 pupils have continued to sit their Dean Trust mock examinations this week. Yesterday, pupils undertook GCSE English Language and GCSE Spanish and French mocks. I have visited the examination hall on a number of occasions and I have been pleased to see the pupils' exemplary behaviour and their hard work in progress. The feedback from our visiting invigilators about our pupils has been superb.

Finally, you should have received a letter from me via the MCAS APP about the arrangements for the 1st February 2023 when the NEU Teachers' Union will be on strike. There is a copy of the letter on the school website if you have not yet seen it. The letter contains more detail - but the headline is that Year 11s are expected in school at the usual time but that the school will not be open to other year groups on that date.

I wish you a restful weekend,

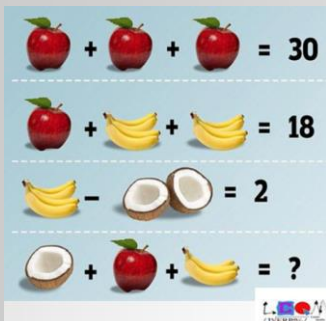
V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's Numeracy puzzle...



Last week's answer...

$3 \text{ pineapples} + 20 \text{ apples} \times 5 = 3 + 100 = 103$



Eco—club is making a return later this month (31st January 2023). Anyone from Years 7 to 9 can join me, Mr Lloyd in S39B during Tuesday lunch break. Our school has got a couple of projects coming up, including the re-design of our garden to create a 'green corridor' that will support local species of both plants and animals! So if you would like to support environmental awareness and caring for our planet then this is the club for YOU! Other projects will be announced in the near future!



Mr Kemp
Head of
Department



Mr Lloyd
Head of
Geography



Mrs Bannon
Head of
Year 8



Mrs Blackmore
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Lindsay
Classroom
Teacher with
Responsibility



Mrs O'Neill
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Owen
Head of
Year 11



Isabelle Williamson
Teacher of
History/PSHE



Jodie
Greenhalgh
Teacher of RE

The dates for the GCSE Geography examination have been announced.

Paper 1: 22nd May 2023

Paper 2: 9th June 2023

Paper 3: 16th June 2023

Over the next week, the geography department are going to be handing out a revision timetable that allow pupils to focus on key content needed for their examination. As part of the resource, there is a QR link that will take pupils to an internet based resource bank with videos.

We also ask pupils to make sure that they have a copy of our own 'pocket revision guide' as well as log in to the google classroom for further resources.

The code is tx7yh2f

Lastly, please remember that our revision sessions are on a Friday from 3:10pm!



Holocaust Remembrance Day

A group of twenty Year 9 pupils recently took part in a workshop organised by Miss Williamson and delivered by a member of the Northern Holocaust Memorial Group.

The speaker delivered a personal story of his father's experience of the Holocaust and the Nazi period, including his time spent in Auschwitz concentration camp. The aim of the presentation was to spark and inspire the pupils to stand up against hatred, discrimination and persecution of any kind. The pupils involved listened intently, asked questions and were deeply moved by the experience. We hope to invite the Northern Holocaust Memorial Group back to deliver further sessions to Year 9.



History Time Traveller's Club

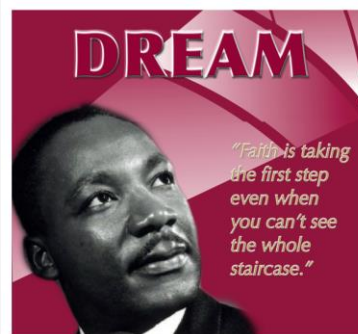
TIME TRAVELLERS

Miss Williamson's KS3 History club is going from strength to strength. Pupils meet during a Wednesday lunchtime in S41 to discuss the latest history developments and take part in extended projects. Pupils recently took part in a debate regarding the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War Two. The next target for the club is to construct a world map showing the key historical events under study in KS3.



Martin Luther King Day

'Martin Luther King Day' is celebrated on 16th January and the department led assemblies for all year group to celebrate the life of this influential historical figure. The assembly was particularly pertinent as MLK is one of our house icons. The House System encourages competitiveness between form groups but also provides strong role models for pupils to look up to and inspirational moments which can help pupils with their own development. Pupils were particularly interested in how MLK fought peacefully against the racist segregation laws that existed in the 'Deep South' of the USA in the 1950s and 60s.



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.

Cronton College visit

On Wednesday 25th January 2023, a group of our Year 10 'High Achievers' visited Cronton College with Miss Ward (Careers Co-Ordinator) to take part in a variety of subject masterclasses. This included Animal Care, Medical Science, Law, History, Geography, Maths, English Literature and many more. This was a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience college life first hand and to hear from existing pupils and staff about opportunities available to them at 6th form and beyond. Our pupils did themselves and the school proud engaging in all activities. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from both pupils and staff at the college.



Well done to all pupils who have worked extremely hard this week. Exams to continue next week.

Week 2

Year 11 Dean Trust Mock Examinations - Week commencing Monday 30th January 2023

Session 1-2

Session 3-4

Session 5-6

Monday
30th 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.