



NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd February 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed your week. It has been an important few days at LDA with the launch of the Year 9 Options process and Year 9 Parents Evening taking place yesterday.

If you follow us on Twitter (@DT_LDA) you will be able to see some of the very informative videos we have made to give Year 9 pupils a deeper understanding of the subjects we have on offer at Key Stage 4. Next Thursday we have the Year 9 Options Evening taking place, which is always one of the busiest evenings of our academic calendar as pupils and parents gain further insight into the options process and can engage in discussion with subject staff.

Our teaching focus at LDA in lessons across school is on checking for our pupils' understanding. Teachers are using a range of strategies in class and via their curriculum planning to ensure they know how well pupils are grasping and retaining the key knowledge they need. Parents can also support us with this area of focus at home by quizzing pupils on their knowledge across subject areas using flash cards, revision guides, websites such as BBC Bitesize and the pupils' exercise books. Please contact via the office account if you need any additional support.

I wish you a peaceful weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

This week's Numeracy puzzle...

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Last week's answer...



$$1 + 10 + 3 = 14$$



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



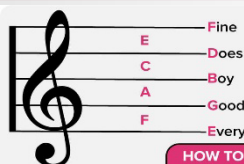
Mr Proctor
Head of Year 7



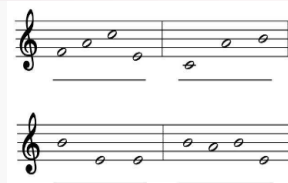
Mr Torode
Technician

KS3 Music Revision

In Music, pupils across KS3 regularly use the treble clef when exploring performance and composition work. Can you work out the words below using the support picture on the left?



HOW TO READ
THE TREBLE CLEF



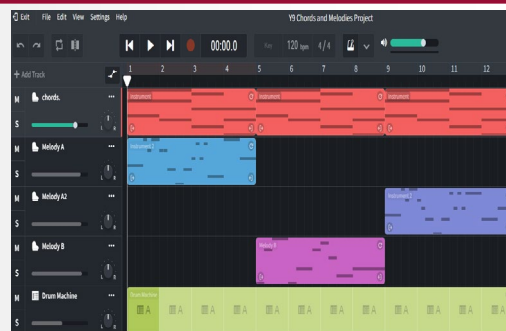
BandLab

Pupils in KS3 have been making use a Digital Audio Workstation called eduBandLab to create and share their composition work in Music.

Pupils have full access to this website from home so that they can continue to develop their compositional ideas outside of the lesson.



The example below shows a Year 9 assessment task where pupils have created a chord sequence and a range of contrasting melodies which they have then placed into a ternary form (ABA) structure.



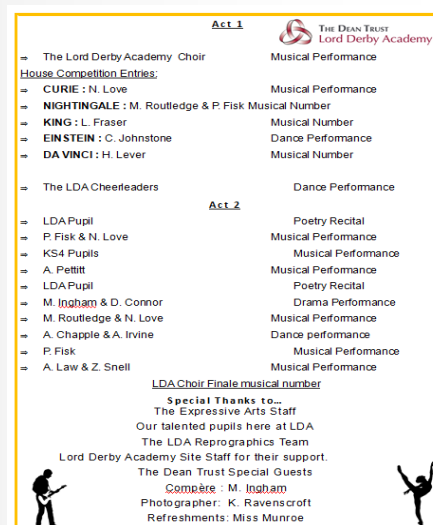
LORD DERBY ACADEMY PRESENTS.....

The New Year Talent Showcase 2023!

On Wednesday 25th January Lord Derby Academy celebrated the talent of its pupils. The spotlights were on, the music was booming and the talent was shining.

A big congratulations to all of the pupils that took part. The night produced many memories for loved ones. From singing to dancing, cheerleading to bands and poem recitals, the show was fabulous to watch. The Art exhibition showcased the fantastic talent of KS4 pupils who study GCSE Art.

The event was extremely well attended and the school would like thank everyone who supported the event. The Expressive Arts department were so impressed by the pupils, not only with their performances on the night but with their commitment to their rehearsals prior to the event. Pupils spent time before and after school and even during lunchtimes rehearsing for the showcase.



56 LDA Pupils Perform In The Local Community.

Some of our Year 10 and 11 pupils have been showcasing their acting and singing talents in our local community, performing in a pantomime to start the year off with a bang! We are very proud as a school and department to have such talented pupils, well done! The KS4 pupils are currently working hard on audition in preparation for their post 16 choices. We have selected 30 outstanding pupils from each year to take part in an acting workshop with two tutors from LIPA on Wednesday 8th February; a very exciting opportunity for those involved! Drama club will be making its return after half term – first session will commence 21/2/23 - Tuesdays 3:20pm – 4:00pm in G06.



This week marks the start of the Year 11 Art, Photography and Textiles pupils starting their exam preparation. They have 3 months in which they need to complete a sketchbook, researching and developing their ideas, working towards a final piece which they will complete in the 10 hour exam. They will be given a booklet very strict and rigorous timetable of tasks which it is essential they stick to. A version of this will also be posted on their Google classroom so Parents and Carers can support their son/daughter in keeping up to date with their work. The exam is worth 40% of the overall grade and if completed successfully can make a difference to the overall grade. The actual dates of the exams for each teaching group is as follows:

24th/25th April – Photography 27th/28th April - Textiles 2nd /3rd May 11D/Ar1 RCG 4th/5th May 11C/Ar1 NTC

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.



Well done everyone who has logged in and quizzed their way to more progress.

Year 11 – George F

Year 10 – Ava C

Year 9 – Sasha T-P

Year 8 – Aidan H

Year 7 – Ruby C

National Apprenticeship Week 2023

Sign up for our **FREE online information sessions!**



This session is aimed at parents / carers/ guardians to increase their understanding of apprenticeships.



This session will help students create a successful CV that stands out from the crowd!

