

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th March 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed your week.

Our Year 11 pupils have been hard at work preparing for their forthcoming formal examinations. I have visited many of their lessons this week and I have been delighted to see them fully focused, listening to their teachers' advice and guidance and collecting resources for their revision at home.



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Many of our Key Stage 4 pupils visited the Empire Theatre in Liverpool on Wednesday evening with our staff to watch a production of J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. I am told our pupils looked immaculate in their school uniform and that their behaviour was exemplary. I am pleased that they enjoyed this cultural experience and I sure that this visit will also stand them in good stead for their GCSE English Literature examination.

We have been celebrating British Science Week in school this week. Ms Fitzsimon has arranged lots of fun activities for pupils to enjoy – including a scientific treasure hunt in school and our very own Bushtucker Trial. It has certainly been a real celebration of the value of scientific study.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



**This week's
Numeracy
puzzle...**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Hexagon} + \text{Hexagon} + \text{Hexagon} &= 45 \\
 \text{Banana} + \text{Banana} + \text{Hexagon} &= 23 \\
 \text{Banana} + \text{Clock} + \text{Clock} &= 10 \\
 \text{Clock} + \text{Banana} + \text{Banana} \times \text{Hexagon} &= ??
 \end{aligned}$$

**Last
week's
answer...**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Watermelon slice} &= 1 \\
 \text{Chicken} &= 5 \\
 \text{Lollipop} &= 25 \\
 \text{Bean} &= 15 \\
 \text{Lollipop} - \text{Bean} &= 25 - 15 \\
 &= 10
 \end{aligned}$$



Miss Ierston
PA to the
Headteacher,
Clerk to
Governors &
Admin Team
Leader



Mrs Blackburn
Finance
Manager



Ms Carter
Reprographics
Technician



Miss Cross
Data Analyst



Miss Evans
Admin Assistant
Student
Services



Mrs Grant
Admin Assistant
Student
Services



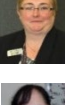
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Group HR
Manager



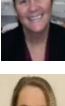
Mrs Mann
Examinations
Officer



Miss Karaca
Reprographics
Technician



Mrs Keaton
Admin SEND



Mrs McCoy
Admin
Attendance
Student
Services



Mrs
Topping
Finance Officer



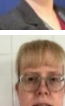
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HR Assistant



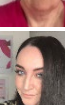
Miss Ward
PA to Academies
Director / LDA
Careers Co-
ordinator



Mrs
Williamson
Finance
Director



Mrs Wilding
Team Leader
Student
Services



Miss Wright
Receptionist



Miss Ashton
Buildings &
Operations

Administration Team

Led by Miss Ierston, the Administration Team is a highly committed and approachable group of staff who play a crucial part in the smooth running and efficiency of the school. Welcoming visitors, answering the telephone and supporting pupils, parents/carers and teaching staff, the Administration Team greatly contributes to the education of pupils at Lord Derby Academy. Miss Ierston is also the PA to LDA Headteacher Miss Gowan and Clerk to Governors for Lord Derby Academy, Blacklow Brow School and Park View Academy which is another very important role that demands excellent organisational skills.

Examinations Officer

Mrs Mann is responsible for the administration of examinations, working closely with the exam boards to ensure accurate entries and results for all pupils. Daily tasks also include timetabling cover and agency staff as required. Assisting the main admin office with general tasks where needed.

PA to the Academies Director

Miss Ward supports Mr Bridden (Academies Director within the Dean Trust) providing a variety of support and project co-ordination across the Trust schools. Miss Ward also assists the Trust schools in setting up effective communication systems and has an adaptable skill set to meet the needs of individual schools (both primary and secondary).

DATA

Miss Cross is responsible for analysing data and presenting it to staff, pupils and parents in a clear and understandable format is an essential part of her role. Data forms an integral part of the administration Team. Miss Cross also assists in many other administrative tasks too.

Reception

Miss Wright is our Receptionist. Answering the telephone and communicating with visitors forms the main part of this very demanding role.



SEND

Mrs Keaton is part of our SEND team supporting pupils, parents/carers and staff with anything SEND related. Mrs Keaton also assists in many other administrative tasks including supporting in the main admin office.

Student Services

are a dedicated and friendly team who provide support and guidance to pupils and parents/carers. Led by Mrs Wilding, the team is made up of 4 Administrators including Miss Evans, Mrs Grant and Mrs McCoy. The team have a wide range of skills that enable them to complete tasks in areas such as attendance, admissions, annual reports, new intake, and Parents' Evenings. They are the first port of call for pupils requiring assistance with school equipment, uniform queries, medication storage etc.



Finance

Mrs Williamson is the Finance Director for the Dean Trust West Hub Schools, Mrs Blackburn is the Finance Manager and Mrs Topping is the Finance Officer.



The Finance Team are responsible for the effective running of all aspects of the Academy's finances. This involves managing and monitoring the budget to ensure that all resources are used effectively for the benefit of teaching and learning and school improvement, purchasing all of the Academy's supplies and services and coordinating payments for school trips and equipment via the Bromcom system.

HR

Mrs Henson is the Group HR Manager based here at Lord Derby Academy however she leads and supports Human Resources activities across all of the Dean Trust schools.



Mrs Riley, our HR assistant is of great support to our staff - looking after many aspects of their working life here at Lord Derby Academy dealing with many diverse HR queries along with aiding with recruitment of new staff.



School Administrator

Miss Ashton works closely with our Senior Leadership Team. This role also involves other various tasks including dealing with parent enquiries, internal & external communications and producing the weekly newsletter. Miss Ashton also deals with buildings and operations, which includes looking after building requirements and issues that arise, liaising with site staff and other agencies to ensure our building is kept safe and running smoothly.

The **Reprographics** Unit is an important part of the school support team. The team is made up of 2 Technicians, Ms Carter and Miss Karaca.

They work tirelessly to print, design and reproduce high quality teaching and learning materials for our teaching staff, in order to support and enhance the teaching that goes on in the classroom. The unit is also key to effective communication between school and our parents/carers, producing mailshots, reports, booklets, certificates etc.



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

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

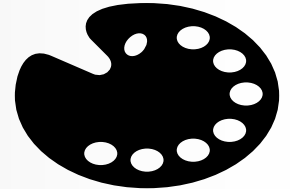
Mathswatch Club, S13,
Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B,
Lunchtime.

Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7



Spring Snacks Competition

Create a seasonal healthy snack for a teenager using 5 ingredients or fewer

Task: Using a maximum of five seasonal ingredients, prepare, cook and serve a healthy snack for a teenager.

Submit a photograph of your creation to our LDA Food & Nutrition Competition Google Classroom:

Google Classroom Code: [czymq3y](#)

All entries will be awarded Enrichment House Points

Deadline: Sunday 26th March 2023 by 3pm

Prize: Our LDA Spring Snacks Champion will win a £20 Voucher.

2 Runners up prizes of a chocolate egg
Good Luck Everyone!

