



THE DEAN TRUST  
Lord Derby Academy

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a good week.

We have continued to focus on the **LDA Equality Charter** and on re-enforcing the positive values and principles it supports. The vast majority of our pupils demonstrate these values every day. I even had a member of the public contact me recently to say that her day always starts so positively because two of our pupils say hello to her each morning and ask her how she is as she is out walking her dog. She said these pupils do our school community proud and she encouraged us to 'keep up the good work'.

Our teachers and wider staff have been focusing on our pupils building up knowledge and skill in lessons and beyond. Teachers have been sharing their good practice with each other and with colleagues across the Dean Trust. We always learn from each other as we work in partnership to ensure our pupils have the best possible experience in the classroom and are able to maximise every opportunity for success.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that next Friday is a school INSET day and therefore pupils will be breaking up for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the usual time of 3pm.**

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher










Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

This week's  
Numeracy  
puzzle...

$$\begin{array}{l} 1+4=05 \\ 2+5=12 \\ 3+6=21 \\ 8+11=?? \end{array}$$

Last  
week's  
answer...

	= 15
	= 4
	= 3
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$= 3 + 4 + 4 \times 15 = 3 + 4 + 60 = 67$	

## KS4 Theatre Trip

We were thrilled to have the opportunity to take a cohort of our Year 10 and 11 pupils to The Empire Theatre in Liverpool to see a fantastic production of J.B. Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls'. The production was an excellent opportunity for pupils to experience a set GCSE text as it was intended to be enjoyed and will provide an excellent boost to their Literature revision. Our pupils were immaculately behaved and were a credit to our school community.



Mrs Fletcher  
Head of  
Department



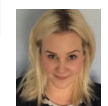
Mrs Venables  
Deputy Head of  
Department



Mrs Phillips  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Sergison  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Barry  
Responsibility in  
English for Year  
7



Miss Morris  
Leader of  
Literacy



Miss Leicester  
Classroom  
Teacher with  
KS3 TLR



Miss Thwaite  
Classroom  
Teacher  
SENDCO



Mrs Grisdale  
Classroom  
Teacher



Miss O'Reilly  
Classroom  
Teacher/ Head of  
Year 10



Miss Mullally  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Lancaster  
Classroom  
Teacher

## English GCSE Key Dates

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May: English Literature Paper 1

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May: English Literature Paper 2

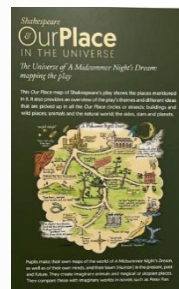
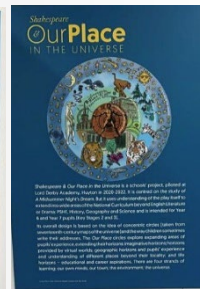
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: English Language Paper 1

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June: English Language Paper 2

**Please make sure that Yr11 pupils are attending study support session on Tuesday afternoons and look out for up coming study support sessions in school holidays and on Saturdays on the lead up to the exams.**

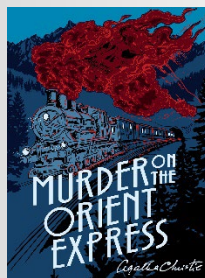
## LDA and Shakespeare North!

Over the last 3 years each of our Year 7 cohorts have engaged with the Shakespeare North Project during their English lesson time. They have explored big ideas such as identity, the environment, climate change and the universe through the lens of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We were very privileged to be able to exhibit our pupils' work at the Shakespeare North theatre in Prescott. We are incredibly proud of our pupils and their hard work and we hope you got a chance to see their pieces in the theatre itself!



## Year 7 'Scratchbook' Club

Every Wednesday Year 7 are invited to a creative 'Scratchbook' Club which takes place in Miss Barry's room. Here, they read and discuss a range of writing and produce a mix of sketchbook and scrapbook pages to detail their impressions of the text. So far the group have read a creepy Christmas story from Neil Gaiman, poems from Wordsworth and Duffy and the Greek myth of Persephone and Demeter. All are welcome!



## World Book Day at LDA!

We celebrated a fantastic World Book Day here at LDA with the entire school getting involved and reading the first 7 chapters of Agatha Christie's 'A Murder on the Orient Express' over the course of the day. As part of their WBD activities the pupils were invited to create their own 'booknook'. We were impressed with the submissions from pupils and the winner will be announced shortly.

## Reading Recommendations

### KS3

#### Nadia Mikail 'The Cats We Meet Along the Way'

Seventeen-year-old Aisha hasn't seen her sister June for two years. And now that a calamity is about to end the world in nine months' time, she and her mother decide that it's time to track her down and mend the hurts of the past. Along with Aisha's boyfriend, Walter and his parents (and Fleabag the stray cat), the group take a roadtrip through Malaysia in a wildly decorated campervan - to put the past to rest, to come to terms with the present, and to hope for the future.



### KS4



#### Erin Morgenstern 'The Night Circus'


The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. The black sign, painted in white letters that hangs upon the gates, reads: Opens at Nightfall, Closes at Dawn. As the sun disappears beyond the horizon, all over the tents small lights begin to flicker, as though the entirety of the circus is covered in particularly bright fireflies. When the tents are all aglow, sparkling against the night sky, the sign appears. Le Cirque des Reves. The Circus of Dreams. Now the circus is open. Now you may enter.

# International Day of Mathematics 2023

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023, pupils in Years 7 & 8 celebrated International Day of Mathematics by taking part in a variety activities.

The theme for this Year was 'Mathematics for everyone'. Pupils had the opportunity to discuss how mathematics is understood around the world and how it connects to different cultures and theories.

During lessons our pupils were given the opportunity to discuss different viewpoints and to attempt some tricky problems such as the one below:

**Solve**  ...

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{mouse} + \text{mouse}) \times (\text{mouse} - \text{mouse}) &= 20 \\ \text{mouse} + \text{mouse} \times \text{mouse} + \text{mouse} &= 63 \\ \text{mouse} \times \text{mouse} - \text{mouse} + \text{mouse} &= 37 \\ \text{mouse} + \text{mouse} - \text{mouse} - \text{mouse} &= ? \end{aligned}$$



Well done to all who took part.



## Maths Feast Winners 2023



### Lord Derby Academy Wins The National Maths Feast Competition 2023

A number of pupils in Year 10 recently took part in a National Mathematics competition at South Wirral High School.

They competed against 13 other schools from across Merseyside and managed to win the whole competition, achieving the highest score and winning 3 of the 4 rounds!

A fantastic achievement and well done to all who took part

