



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and that you have enjoyed your week.

It has been another hard working few days at LDA. Year 11 are now just days away from the start of their formal GCSE examinations. I have been very impressed with their approach and attitude and I truly wish them well for the weeks ahead. There is exam information on the website for pupils and parents, including the examination timetable. Follow the 'curriculum' tab and then go into 'exams and results'. If you are unsure of anything at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

In other LDA news, we have had a number of enrichments trips going out this week to a range of destinations including ten Year 9 pupils visiting Cronton College for an Eco Challenge Day and pupils from Years 7, 8 and 11 enjoying Eurovision. Many thanks to the staff who have organised and led these visits – offering our pupils superb life experiences.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher


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

Can you find the next number ?

89537 ?

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

 = 15

 = 5

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Miss Taylor  
Head of  
Department



Ms Chase  
Subject Lead for  
Art



Miss Boag-Munroe  
Subject Lead for  
Music



Mrs Greenhalgh  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mr Proctor  
Head of  
Year 7



Miss Holland  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mr Torode  
Technician

All pupils have been invited to have a second say about their drama education at Lord Derby Academy.

## Pupil Voice in Drama



Pupil Voice Questionnaire

Miss Taylor has populated a second pupil questionnaire in all of the KS3 and KS4 Drama Google Classrooms.

The questionnaire allows pupils to express their loves and likes for the subject and also, they have the opportunity to explain any areas they feel may need improving.

Pupils are also asked about their confidence levels within the subject so that staff can support in ensuring all pupils are making improvements regarding their confidence levels throughout all of their drama lessons at LDA.

Miss Taylor is looking forward to seeing the results.

## Art

This half term is all about Year 11 completing their Art exams. Almost 80 pupils have sat a ten-hour exam in either Art, Photography or Textiles. Despite it being a long two days, the pupils immersed themselves into the experience and their conduct was impeccable. The results were outstanding, paying testament to the hard work they had put into the preparation period. Unfortunately, we cannot show images at this time, as the work is still 'live'. However, a selection of work will be on display at the forthcoming Open Evening in July. The department would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr Torode, Mrs Bruchez and Mrs Kelly for their support during the exams, but most of all to the pupils who did themselves and us proud, well done Year 11.

**Year 11** observed a performance of Adjoa Andoh's adaptation of Shakespeare's 'Richard III' at Liverpool Playhouse this term. The pupils were exemplary in behaviour and attitude; especially giving up a Friday evening for Shakespeare! We were so proud when a member of the public complimented them on how well they had watched the show – considering it was 3 and half hours long! The pupils enjoyed the evening and are putting their knowledge to use, using the performance for the upcoming exam on Monday. Well done to our Year 11s for representing LDA so perfectly!



## Eurovision 2023

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, four of our musicians were lucky enough to attend the Eurovision Song Contest at the M&S Arena in Liverpool City Centre. Pupils were selected for their outstanding attitude to learning in Music as well as their ongoing contribution to performances around school and in the wider community. The trip started with a visit to the Albert Dock to see some of the art installations in place for the event including the giant hearts, floating globe and Soloveiko bird. The Soloveiko birds are Ukraine's national bird and play music representing different areas of the country that Liverpool is hosting the Song Contest on behalf of.

Following this, pupils moved to the waterfront by the Arena to have their lunch where they met a previous UK Eurovision contestant, Nicki French, who represented us in 2000. After this we moved to the Arena itself where pupils were impressed by the exceptional staging. We were then treated to a two-hour concert with Music from around Europe with some outstanding lighting and graphic effects. Pupils were particularly impressed by the entries from Belgium and Poland.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

What a fantastic achievement for Jessica in our Year 9 cohort, winning the Liverpool City Region Careers Hub Enterprise Challenge competition. Jessica came up with the idea of a 50's style café 'Taking you back'. Her idea was to create a retro style café where everyone would be welcome! The café would be a place where people in the community could be taken back in time while enjoying a burger and listening to 1950's music on little jukeboxes, along with old pictures of Liverpool for sale.

Jessica will be given the chance to meet with a business from this sector over the next couple of weeks to discuss her idea.

**Well done Jessica for this amazing success!**



### Monday

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

## Enrichment at LDA

### 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

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B, Lunchtime.

### Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11

Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7

Cheerleading, G07, 3-4pm, KS3.

## DRAMA CLUB

The drama department currently offer the following club for pupils to attend:

DRAMA CLUB – Tuesday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Holland – G06



## DANCE CLUBS

The dance department currently offer the following clubs for pupils to attend:

CHEERLEADING – Thursday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Taylor – G07

GCSE DANCE – Wednesday's, 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Miss Taylor – G07



## Fantastic opportunity to do something different this Summer!

### LIFE IS FULL OF KEY MOMENTS....

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Working in partnership with The Dean Trust schools, we are excited to be able to share with you this fantastic opportunity to do something different this summer. The Outward Bound Trust is a charity funded organisation that is passionate about providing inclusive opportunities irrespective of ability or financial circumstance. **There is significant funding available from the Outward Bound Trust to allow affordability to all of our families.**

The Outward Bound Trust offers a coach transfer from certain stations & this link advises how best to reach the centres: [Travelling by bus \(outwardbound.org.uk\)](https://outwardbound.org.uk) However, please note that this is not a school trip and therefore responsibility for booking transport to and from the venue must be arranged by yourselves. As a school, we want to encourage our pupils to experience something new and outside of their comfort zone and therefore additional funding could be sought to support families, towards the cost of transport if needed. Please contact Miss Ward (Careers Co-Ordinator) for further details on this.

To find out more about this exciting opportunity, please scan the QR code on the image below or visit: [Summer Adventures \(outwardbound.org.uk\)](https://outwardbound.org.uk)

Year 11 Final Written examinations May- June 2023 (* exam clashes)						
Exams w/c		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	8	9	10	11	12
	PM					
15 <sup>th</sup> May	AM	Hair and beauty Engineering RE – 1 pupil 15	Combined science Biology 1 16	English Literature Paper 1 17	History Paper 1 Crime and Punishment 18	Mathematics – Non calculator 19
	PM	Drama		Sports studies GCSE PE Paper 1	Business	Health and social care Computer science *
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	AM	Combined science Chemistry 1 22	French – reading and listening 23	English Literature Paper 2 24	Combined science Physics 1 25	26
	PM	Geography- Paper 1	DIT RE – 1 pupil		Child Development Computer science	
5 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	English Language Paper 1 5	Spanish – reading and listening Arabic – writing *	Mathematics – calculator 7	GCSE PE Paper 2 8	Geography Paper 2 9
	PM	French - writing	RE – 1 pupil	History Paper 2 American West / Normans	CONTINGENCY AFTERNOON	Combined science Biology 2
12 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	English Language Paper 2 12	Combined science Chemistry 2 13	Mathematics - calculator 14	History Paper 3 The USA 15	Combined science Physics 2 16
	PM	Statistics Business *	Spanish writing	Music Astronomy Polish – reading and listening Portuguese – reading and listening	CONTINGENCY AFTERNOON	Geography Paper 3
19 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Design and Technology 19	Dance Food Prep. and Nutrition 20	Astronomy Portuguese Polish *	21	22
	PM	Statistics				23
26 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	26	27	CONTINGENCY DAY 28		
	PM					