



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th May 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of Half Term 5 already. The past few weeks have certainly flown by and we are fast approaching the final few months of the academic year.

Our Year 11 pupils have continued with their exemplary approach to their examinations. We have additional study sessions running across the half term break next week. You can see the schedule below and it is also on the school Twitter account (@DT__LDA).

Our pupils have been involved in a series of enrichment activities this week – including outdoor pursuits with the Merseyside Youth Association and a GCSE Science residential to London. Many thanks to the staff for their organisation and their time to lead these events.

We can now look forward to Half Term 6 – which will include assessments for Years 7-10, our Festival of Sport and the annual Dean Trust Active Challenge.

I wish you a restful half term holiday, hopefully with plenty of sunshine.

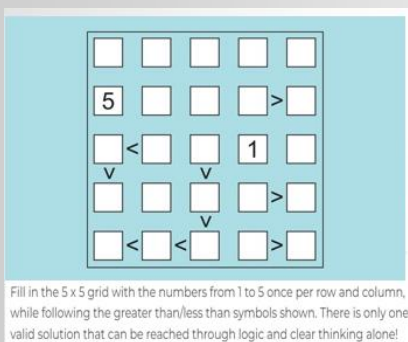
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Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

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



**Last
week's
answer**

**When I am 23, my
father is 46 so is then
double my age.**

Key Stage 3 pupils have had a very positive start to the summer term and PE staff are happy with the progress that has been made.

During next half term, classes across KS3 will be enjoying swimming, orienteering, athletics and tennis. We are also offering after school football, tennis, netball and dodgeball as well as basketball every morning before school (7.45am). See PE staff for more details.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 22nd June – Dean Trust Active Challenge. 100 LDA pupils will be part of a fun run taking place at the Knowsley Hall Estate which involves every primary and secondary school within the Dean Trust.

Tuesday 11th July – Festival of Sport. LDA's sports day which involves a whole day of sport for all of our pupils and staff.



Year 10 GCSE PE

Year 10 pupils are currently working hard in the build up to their end of Year 10 GCSE PE exam. They have recently been studying the Sport Psychology part of the theory course. In addition, our Year 10 GCSE pupils have to complete a significant coursework project and most of the group are half way through this task. They will be given the resources to complete this coursework project before we begin Year 11 in September.

A number of Year 10s took part in the Year 11 GCSE PE practical moderation at the end of March and this will have given them good experience ahead of their own practical exams in the next academic year. A number of GCSE PE pupils will be visiting Awesome Walls climbing centre in June in order to be assessed in rock climbing and all of our Year 10 GCSE pupils will be assessed in athletics during the final summer half term. If any pupils require additional resources ahead of their end of year exam then they should see Mr Parr.

Year 10 pupils have made a good start to their course. They are currently studying the Performance and Sports Leadership module and are making progress within this unit. They have been learning how to plan their own sports session, where pupils are expected to create a detailed session and risk assessment. We are now in the process of delivering their session plans. All pupils have been notified when their session will take place. It is important that pupils attend and are fully prepared. As part of this unit pupils are also assessed in two sporting activities. Pupils need to ensure that they are updating their practical performance logs (for both sports). This should happen on a weekly basis.

If your son or daughter misses a lesson due to illness etc then they can catch via Google classroom. On Google Classroom they will find PowerPoint presentations and additional resources. Pupils can also request extra help/guidance by messaging their Sports Studies teacher.

Year 11 GCSE PE

Year 11 pupils been working incredibly hard in the build up to their GCSE Exams. Our practical moderation took place at the end of March with all pupils involved performing to their full potential. In particular our table tennis and football players worked excellently, really demonstrating the skills and tactics they are capable of.

Over the course of our two years pupils have studied anatomy and physiology, movement analysis, physical training, sports psychology, health and well being and socio economic factors. All Year 11 GCSE pupils have been provided with suitable revision materials as well as knowledge organisers for all units of work. If any pupils require additional resources please see Mrs Mills. GCSE PE Paper 2 is on Thursday 8th June at 9.00am and is focused on sports psychology, health and well-being and socio economic factors. Please manage your time carefully and ensure you are revising in your own time as there are very few GCSE PE lessons between now and the exam. The PE department wishes all GCSE PE pupils good luck in their next exam.



Mr Parr
Head of
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Mrs Mills
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Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Morrison
Assistant
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Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 11



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Year 8 Careers Connect “Choice and Goals” Workshop

On Wednesday 24th May, Miss Ward (Careers Co-Ordinator) took a group of Year 8 pupils to attend a Careers Connect Workshop on **Choices and Goals**. Pupils enjoyed an interactive session talking about the huge amount of Careers Options out there, how the Options process works in Year 9, where to find support (both in and out of school), and how these curriculum subjects lead to a variety of College/University options and potential careers.

The session involved working in small groups to discuss why it is important to choose subjects you enjoy studying and what to do if you are not enjoying your chosen subject. It also encouraged pupils to aim high and to follow their aspirations. Pupils were encouraged to think of a short-, medium- and long-term goal for themselves which they then shared with the wider group. It was great to see so many of our young people already thinking about their futures and how to get there. Keep this up Year 8! Feedback from the Careers Connect Team was extremely positive and they were very impressed by the politeness and maturity of these young people.

The final task was a lot of fun when we split them into two teams to make a tin foil animal. Group A were the winners with their bumble bee!



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



Maths Ambassador Celebrations



Exemplary pupils in KS3 and KS4 have been selected to be our new **Maths Ambassadors**.

These pupils have been chosen for their fantastic **work ethic** and **outstanding contributions** to their maths lessons.

To congratulate and celebrate these wonderful mathematicians they have been gifted with a bespoke maths set.

We look forward to being part of the new school initiatives they will lead in the coming months.



Around The World In 60 Minutes Maths Challenge



A number of pupils across Key Stage 3 recently participated in a live maths event which involved 25 other schools from across the UK.

Pupils used maths to explore the places and people of the World around us, this included working with flight paths and population data.

They were given the opportunity to find the maths hidden in the fabric of islands and were involved in a live vote where they discovered a magic trick.

Well done to everyone who took part.



Year 11 May Half Term Study Support

Date	Time	Subject	Notes:
Saturday 27 th May	10-12pm	Mathematics	In school
Tuesday 30 th May	9.30-11.30am	History Geography	In school
Wednesday 31 st May	9.30-11.30	Chemistry Ms Lancelott	In school
Thursday 1 st June	4-5pm	Spanish Foundation Tier	Remote via Google classroom
Thursday 1 st June	5-6pm	Spanish Higher Tier	Remote via Google classroom
Friday 2 nd June	10-12pm	English Ms Thwaite	In school
Saturday 3 rd June	10-12pm	English Language	In school
Saturday 3 rd June	10-12pm	Mathematics Higher Tier (Mr Starkey)	In school

Pupils do not need to wear school uniform but sensible attire is expected.

Pupils should arrive **on time** for the sessions and adhere to our usual standards and expectations.

**Revision is temporary, results are forever.
There are less than 3 weeks to go.
Make the days count!**