



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been embedding our high standards and expectations at LDA this week. Our pupils, as always, have risen to the challenge. I have been delighted to see our key Dean Trust strategy of 'Ready to Learn/Ready to Leave' being implemented across the school by staff and to see our pupils responding so well to this consistent approach.

Our pupils are now settling into the new academic year. Information has been shared with pupils in assemblies about the range of enrichment opportunities on offer. Mr Panther has been the guest assembly speaker, celebrating the value of Democracy in light of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 being recognised as International Democracy Day.

As you are aware, the school day has been extended by ten minutes this academic year. I would like to thank you for supporting this change. The additional ten minutes have been added to form time each morning, which is giving us the opportunity to check on pupils' welfare at the start of the session and to then spend time on our Personal Development Curriculum and on our whole school Reading strategy -with a real focus during form time on reading for pleasure. Our Head of Literacy Mrs Venables will provide you with further information on this key school development.

Finally, it was a pleasure to welcome Year 11 families into school yesterday evening. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure our Year 11 pupils have every opportunity to succeed in their final year at school and beyond.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

## Pupil Parliament

This week pupils have been receiving assemblies on International Day of Democracy delivered by Mr Panther. Pupils have been receiving key information in how democracy and politics is relevant in our day to day lives.



International Day  
of Democracy

THE DEAN TRUST  
Lord Derby Academy

## BSL CLUB

BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE  
LUNCHTIME CLUB

Every Wednesday  
lunchtime in F15 with  
Miss Creely

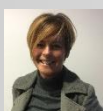
YEAR 7 & YEAR 8



Miss Taylor  
Head of  
Expressive Arts



Mrs Mills  
Temporary Head of  
Expressive Arts



Ms Chase  
Leader Teacher  
of Art



Miss Boag-Munroe  
Lead Teacher  
of Music



Mr Proctor  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Greenhalgh  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Sunderland  
Classroom  
Teacher



Miss Holland  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mr Torode  
Technician

## GCSE Music

Year 11 pupils have made an excellent start to their GCSE course this week. Pupils have been exploring the exam board composition briefs which will form 15% of their final grade and are an integral part of their coursework. During Year 10, pupils explored many different composition styles and developed their skills in creating, developing and expanding melodic ideas and accompaniments. They will now be challenged to apply these to specific styles or genres while developing their final coursework. All Year 11 pupils have access to online composition software as well as online revision tools that will support them with their research and preparation for the coursework as well as their final exam which takes place in June. If any pupils require additional support please see Miss Munroe. Pupils should manage their time carefully ensuring that they are preparing fully for the upcoming performance examinations which will start in November as well as their coursework and general revision.

## Y7-9 Instrumental Lessons

There are spaces for instrumental lessons this term which are available on a first come, first served basis. Lessons take place during the school day, on a half termly rotation to avoid impact on curriculum subjects. The cost to parents/carers is £20 per term which is payable through MCAS. If you would like your child to take part in these lessons please send a message to Miss Munroe to confirm which instrument they would like to study. If a space is available the charge will be added on MCAS and the pupil informed of the day/time for their lesson. Spaces are currently available across most instruments which includes;

- Piano
- Voice
- Drums
- Saxophone/Clarinet/Flute (very limited availability)
- Trumpet/Trombone (very limited availability)
- Violin (very limited availability)
- Guitar/Ukulele/Bass (very limited availability)

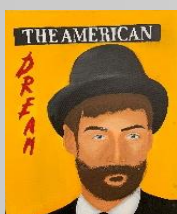
## Dance

Year 11 pupils are working incredibly hard in preparation for the year ahead. This term they are researching choreography and will be taking responsibility for their own dance piece in relation to a given stimulus. Pupils will continue to rehearse and practise their solo and trio dances as well as studying in depth a new professional piece of work 'Infra' and 'Shadows'. Within GCSE dance, pupils will study six different set works and learn two set studies. If pupils require any additional resources/help please see Mrs Sunderland.

## Art

In ART this half term, we would like to celebrate the achievements of the Year 11 Leavers and their success in their arts exams. As you can see from just a few pictures from the exhibition, the work is outstanding and thoroughly deserving of the grades achieved. Can you guess which of our very own staff 'modelled' for the 'American Dream' painting?

Similarly, the current Year 11 have produced weird and wonderful 3D outcomes for their 'Twisted Fairy Tale' coursework project. You can see from the images that, not only are they fantastic, but the pupils took real enjoyment in making them. Year 10 are just starting this project and are really inspired and keen to design and make their own fairy tale characters. Watch this space for their creations later in the year.



## Drama

We've had a very exciting week in the drama department welcoming our new Year 7. Next week we will be auditioning for a 6-week project that will be performed at LIPA. This project is aimed at Year 7, 8 and 9 and will have a festival theme. This is a very exciting opportunity for our pupils!