THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all the kind comments we have received from our families following the outcome of the recent LDA Ofsted inspection. It has been a really proud moment for our whole school community.

Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

It was a pleasure to welcome so many prospective parents and pupils from Years 5 and 6 into the school yesterday for our Open Evening. The same event is repeated at our Open Morning tomorrow (Saturday 30th September 2023, 10am-12pm). We are also currently welcoming Year 6 pupils into school during the school day from our named partner primary schools. Pupils are taking part in a range of subjects including Spanish and science and getting to experience life at LDA.

We are continuing to embed our new Dean Trust 'Ready to learn, Ready to leave' strategy across the school and I have enjoyed visiting a range of lessons this week including Year 9 mathematics and Year 7 English. Our Year 11 pupils have been receiving information about all the opportunities available to them Post-16, including presentations from Carmel College and Cronton College.

Finally, we have received some lovely feedback from the staff at the Shakespeare North Playhouse theatre about the impeccable behaviour of our Year 11 pupils when they went to watch Macbeth last Wednesday.
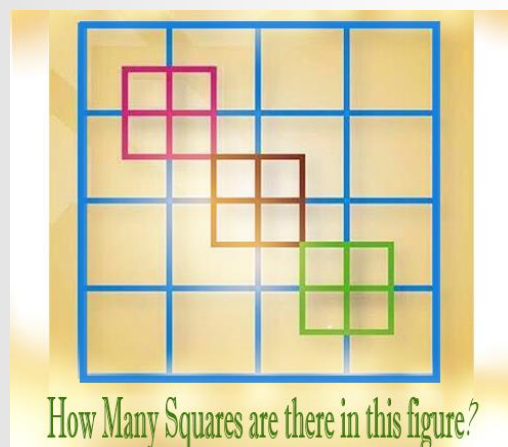
With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

Numeracy Puzzle

How Many Squares are there in this figure?

KS4 News
All KS3 pupils will have logged onto Bromcom and Unifrog this half term, meaning that parents can also access this at home. By getting your child to login to Bromcom, you can see all positive and negative points they receive, whilst also checking homework and attendance information. With Unifrog your child can help research what education they would like to pursue after leaving Lord Derby Academy and gain the right help and support to make their applications.

Mr Power
Head of
Department

Year 10 Computer Science
Year 10 pupils have been learning all about Algorithms this half term. They have practised creating flowcharts and pseudocode, which are industry standard methods of presenting algorithms. Pupils have enjoyed problem solving in lessons as we continue to build our skills as programmers. All pupils should be using the online resources through Google Classroom to practice their coding 2-3 times a week for 20-30 minutes a time. Any independent practice at programming will really set the pupils up for their GCSE exam on python next year. A great free Python coding course can be found at the following link:

https://www.codecademy.com/catalog/language/python

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Mrs Gilland
Classroom
Teacher

Year 11 Computer Science
Year 11 pupils have been learning all about Networks this half term. They have covered a lot of content about how data travels across the world wide web and how networks are set up based on their geographical scale. All pupils should be using the online resources through Google Classroom to practice their coding 2-3 times a week for 20-30 minutes a time. They have also been given a number of Seneca homework activities to cover any gaps in their understanding from Year 10. Any independent practice at programming will really set the pupils up for their GCSE exam on python next year. A great free Python coding course can be found at the following link:

https://www.codecademy.com/catalog/language/python

Mrs Phillips
Assistant
Headteacher

Year 10 Digital Information Technology
Year 10 pupils have been learning about device Interfaces this half term. They have analysed what makes a good interface before starting to research and plan the creation of their own interface as part of their coursework.

Year 11 Business Studies Year 11 have been learning about product lifecycle and methods used by businesses to extend the life of products. We have used the example of Crocs, who, following a dip in sales in 2008 were able to tap into new markets and the 'ugly fashion' trend to extend the life of their product. Homework tasks for year 11 have included a creative task on extending product life cycle and a revision task to support recall of Unique Selling Points used to promote products and services.
Pupils can scan the QR code on the right which will take them to the course content for revision.

Year 10 Business Studies Pupils have been learning about the dynamic nature of businesses and looking how new businesses arise. They have also been learning about the role of the entrepreneur and how risks can be reduced. An entrepreneur speaker attended Year 10 pupils studying GCSE Business Studies and gave a talk about the risks involved setting up a new business. He also discussed how entrepreneurial and market research skills are important to have especially when you have a business idea. Pupils were then given a chance to ask questions.

Year 9 Computer Science
Pupils in year 9 have been discovering the potential threats of using the Internet and how cyber security can be dangerous. They have discovered different techniques that hackers may use to gather their information, from social engineering to malware. They will soon be completing an assessment to check how confident they are on keeping themselves safe online.

Year 8 Computer Science
Computer Science pupils in Year 8 have been learning all about how websites are structured using HTML. Creating their very own basic websites on topics that they are interested in! Pupils have practised adding text, images and hyperlinks on websites. The next step for their creations is to style them using CSS to do so.

Year 7 Computer Science
Pupils in Year 7 computer science lessons have been learning all how to become computer literate, being able to use skills such as google classroom and google slides. Soon they will be creating posters on E-Safety to raise awareness of how to be safe online, when using digital devices.

Open events will commence in September. Prospectuses will be available in school. See our Careers Board for more information.

PROVIDER	EVENT DETAILS
Riverside College	Tuesday 7th November 2023 5-7pm Tuesday 12th March 2024 5-7pm Tuesday 11th June 2024 5-7pm
Cronton College	Saturday 30th September 2023 10am – 2pm Thursday 5th October 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Wednesday 11th October 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Tuesday 14th November 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Tuesday 20th February 2024 5.30 – 7.30pm
Carmel College	Wednesday 11th October 2023 5 – 7.30pm Thursday 9th November 2023 5 – 7.30pm Tuesday 12th March 2024 5 – 7.30pm
Hugh Baird College	Thursday 5th October 2023 5-7pm
Myerscough College	Saturday 7th October 2023 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 18th November 2023 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 3rd February 2024 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 16th March 2024 10am – 12.30pm
St Helens College	Wednesday 11th October 2023 – 5-7pm Wednesday 22nd November 2023 – 5-7pm Wednesday 31st January 2024 – 5-7pm Wednesday 13th March 2024 – 5-7pm
Knowsley Community College	Monday 9th October 2023 – 5-7pm Monday 20th November 2023 – 5-7pm Monday 29th January 2024 – 5-7pm Monday 11th March 2024 – 5-7pm
City of Liverpool College	Thursday 28th September 2023, 4pm
LIPA	Saturday 14th October 2023, 10am – 2pm Saturday 18th November 2023, 10am – 2pm Saturday 20th January 2024, 10am – 2pm

You determine your destination

Miss Ward is our school careers contact. Miss Morrison is our SLT Lead on Careers.

Post-16 Provider	Number/Contact	Website
Cronton College	0151 424 1515	www.cronton.ac.uk
Riverside College	0151 257 2800	www.riversidecollege.ac.uk
Carmel College	01744 452200	www.carmel.ac.uk
City of Liverpool College	0151 252 3853	www.liv-coll.ac.uk
Knowsley Community College	0151 477 5850	www.knowsleycollege.ac.uk
St Helens College	01744 733766	www.sthelens.ac.uk
Myerscough College	0151 228 7162	www.myerscough.ac.uk
LIPA	0151 330 3000	www.lipa.ac.uk
Be More (Apprenticeships)	https://lcrbemore.co.uk/contact-us/	https://lcrbemore.co.uk/
Amazing Apprenticeships	https://amazingapprenticeships.com/contact-us/	https://amazingapprenticeships.com/
Apprenticeship Hub	0151 511 6980	https://apprenticeship-hub.co.uk/
Knowsley Apprenticeship Team	0151 443 2261	Jobs	Knowsley Council
Knowsley's Targeted Advice and Guidance Team	07810053723	tracking@knowsley.gov.uk
LLSOnline	0151 294 3229	https://llsonline.uk/
Steven Gerrard Foundation	0151 724 4983	www.stevengerrardacademy.com
Ministry of Defence Recruitment	0151 236 1566	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence/about/recruitment
STEM	0151 909 4812	www.allaboutstem.co.uk
Everton Football College	0151 319 4120	https://www.evertonfootballcollege.com/
T-LEVELS	N/A	https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/

Musical Mondays
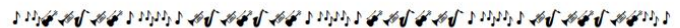
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy,

Cumber Lane, Whiston, L35 2XG

Free to attend instrumental groups with free loan of instrument to take home!

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For beginners aged 8 and over on any instrument

Mondays 4:00pm – 5:00pm during school term time

Forte

For Orchestral Instruments Grade 1 standard and above

Mondays 5:30pm – 7:00pm during school term time

To register your interest or for more information, please contact Phil Nicholas by email phil.nicholas@knowsley.gov.uk or telephone 07815 722291