



NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th October 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

I have thoroughly enjoyed this week and I hope you have too.

We have been focusing on mental well-being this week in recognition of World Mental Health Day on Tuesday. Mrs Johnson and our Re-engage team have been delivering assemblies to our pupils, offering guidance as to how they can look after their own mental health and also signposting them to the support on offer.

Our staff have been focusing on school development and their own professional development this week. On Thursday we had an after-school training session where our subject leaders met with their fellow leads in the other six secondary schools across the Dean Trust to further enhance our Trust-wide curriculum work and the wider LDA staff benefitted from further training on our 'Ready to Read' strategy.

Finally, we are starting to deliver key messages to our pupils in terms of health and safety in the lead up to Halloween and Bonfire Night. I am keen to work in partnership with families to help to ensure our own school community and residents in our local community can enjoy these celebrations with feeling afraid or having their own safety put at risk.

With best wishes for the weekend,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

Last
week's
answer

Answer – 40
Method – add
the two
numbers
together then
multiply by
the first number
 $(5 + 3) \times 5 = 40$

This
week's
numeracy
puzzle

Solve the logic puzzle?

$$\text{Red Circle} + \text{Green Triangle} = 8$$

$$\text{Blue Star} - \text{Black Square} = \text{Black Square}$$

$$\text{Red Circle} - \text{Green Triangle} = 4$$

$$\text{Black Square} + \text{Blue Star} = 12$$

$$\text{Green Triangle} + \text{Red Circle} - \text{Blue Star} + \text{Black Square} = ?$$



Mrs Ferns
Head of
Department



Mr Blake
Deputy
Leader of
Technology



Mrs Hampson
Assistant
Headteacher
Pastoral KS3



Miss Brown
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of
Year 10



Mr Fearon
Technician



Mr Smith
Design
Technology
Teacher

Year 7 pupils have made an excellent start to their food journey at LDA. They have been looking at food safety and kitchen hazards so they will be fully prepared for their first practical lesson, fruit fusion.

Year 8 pupils are looking at food from other cultures, they have been researching suitable bread recipes and even got to taste some focaccia bread.

Year 9 have looked at food standards in the UK and considering the factors that ensure food is of the necessary quality. Pupils are now investigating how these standards apply to chilled ready meals.

Design & Technology Year 7 pupils have started developing their design skills and are learning about technical drawing. Look out for homework to practise their isometric and crating drawing skills!
Homework will be on the MCAS app.



In Design & Technology Year 8 pupils have been developing their analysis and evaluation skills by disassembling products to identify the inner components and discover how they work. They have then been introduced programming using Crumble kits. Learning about inputs, processes and outputs.

In Food & Nutrition Year 10, Mrs Hampson and Miss Brown would like to congratulate pupils on their encouraging start to GCSE food, preparation and nutrition. Pupils are currently studying fruit & vegetables and food spoilage. Pupils will explore how fruit and vegetables are used within sweet and savoury dishes to create flavour, texture and colour. Food spoilage is a key topic this term to enable pupils to gain understanding of how pathogenic bacteria affects food and why prevention is key when storing, preparing and cooking food.

Practical outcomes have been outstanding and pupils are demonstrating a thirst for knowledge. We have many aspiring chefs within the cohort. Keep up the hard work Year 10.



Enrichment

2023-24 Autumn Term: Extra-curricular enrichment timetable



Club	Member of Staff	Time	Venue	Year Group				
Monday				7	8	9	10	11
Time Travellers Club	ISW	12:50	S41					
Textiles Club	RAG	12:50	Art					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Year 7 Boys Football	RP	15:10	Astroturf					
Tuesday				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Badminton	RP	15:10	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Table Tennis	RP	15:10	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Year 8 Boys Football	SEP	15:10	Astroturf					
Year 11 Maths	GRW	15:10	S25					
Drama Club	TAH	15:15	G10					
Wednesday				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	<u>Sportshall</u>					
BSL club	OLC	12:50	F15					
Chamber Choir	ALM	12:50	Music					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Interhouse Football	RP	15:10	Astroturf					
Trampolineing	RP	15:10	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Year 10 Maths	NIS/ABK/GRW	15:10	HB1					
Well-being Group	OLF	15:10	F17					
Science and Engineering Club	RAF/DAA	15:10	G44D					
Thursday				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Maths Ambassadors Club	KAA	12:50	S12					
<u>Mathswatch Club</u>	GIC	12:50	S13/S21					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Chess Club	DAL	12:50	S46					
Non-com Football	ISW	15:10	Astroturf					
Girls Football	ISW	15:10	Astroturf					
Friday				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Dodgeball	LID	15:10	<u>Sportshall</u>					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Year 11 Pupil/Staff football	JAS	16:00	Astroturf					