



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Although it has been a wet and windy week, we have enjoyed a very positive few days at LDA. We have been focusing on standards and expectations around the building and in lessons. The vast majority of our pupils have been polite, respectful and always 'Ready to Learn'. It has been a pleasure for the Senior Team to visit classrooms across a range of subject areas to experience the focused learning environment.

Our Year 11 pupils are excellent role models to the younger year groups. Over recent weeks, many of the cohort have been engaging in their Spanish speaking mock examinations and the feedback has been very reassuring. The school have been providing free revision guides to pupils and there are additional study sessions on offer most evenings. I would like to thank Year 11 parents for working in partnership with us in encouraging their children to participate in all the extra support classes available.

We carried out our first statutory test fire drill of the year last Thursday and our pupils responded very well. We always aim to put health and safety first at LDA.



I am looking forward to the final week of the half term next week. We will be continuing to deliver our messages about looking after our school and local community during the Halloween/Bonfire Night period and I would like to thank our Safer Schools Police Officer for delivering key information to our pupils on this important matter during assemblies this week.

With best wishes for a restful weekend,

*V. Gowan*

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

Last  
week's  
answer

Answer = 4

This  
week's  
numeracy  
puzzle

Which is the **ONLY** way of making 16 when adding together 5 unique digits from 1-9?



$$16 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6$$



Mrs Fletcher  
Head of Department



Mrs Herridge  
Deputy Leader of English



Miss Barry  
Responsibility in English for Year 7



Mrs Phillips  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Sergison  
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Venables  
Head of Whole School Literacy



Miss Thwaite  
SENCO



Miss O'Reilly  
Head of Year 11



Mrs Grisdale  
Teacher



Miss Morris  
Teacher



Miss Mullally  
Teacher



Mrs Lancaster  
Teacher



Mrs Ashcroft  
Teacher



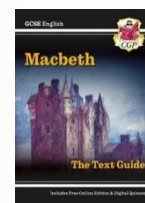
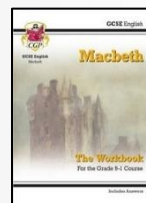
Miss Kelley  
Teacher

## Year 11

Year 11 have made a fantastic start to their final year of English at LDA. We kicked off the year with a visit to Shakespeare North to see one of their GCSE set texts, Macbeth, and the pupils' behaviour at the theatre was impeccable. We were very proud of them.

All Year 11 pupils have been gifted a study guide and workbook for Macbeth to complete weekly homework tasks. Please support us by encouraging homework to be returned to the class teacher by the set deadline.

We have been running study support sessions to targeted groups on Tuesdays after school and want to congratulate those who have attended all four sessions. The focus has been on creative writing and we have been really impressed with the discussion and ideas that have been generated. Please encourage attendance so pupils benefit from the expert support of teachers.



## LDA Vocabulary Challenge

In the table you can see the seven words of the week that all pupils have learned this term.

The challenge is to create a 50-word piece of writing in which as many of these words as possible are used correctly. Stories (or poems, or songs) need to be submitted to English teachers by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

### Here is what we are looking for:

- It is most important that each word is used correctly — according to its definition
- As many words of the week should be used as possible. Do not simply list the words; we are looking for entries that demonstrate understanding of the vocabulary.
- Writing should be creative, original and make sense. Entries can be fact or fiction, silly or serious; the most important thing is that new vocabulary is learned and fun is had.
- Writing must be **50 words or fewer**.
- Words of the week should be written in **ALL CAPS**
- It is acceptable to use a word in a different tense or to use the plural of a word that is listed in the singular.

### LDA Vocabulary Challenge

1. administrate	2. infrastructure
3. co-operate	4. diverse
5. legislate	6. sustain
7. modify	



## Spooky Autumn Reading Recommendations

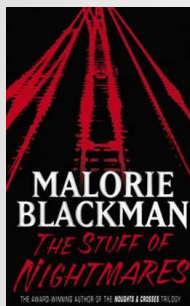
### KS3

#### The Devil Walks by Anne Fine

Daniel has spent his childhood in bed, believing himself to be an invalid, but when his mother is taken away, and he goes to live with the Marlow family he discovers that he is well, but others in his family are deeply mentally unstable. Taken then to live with his uncle, he discovers the family's dreadful past, what keeps the evil alive, and the undying loyalty which can help him defeat it all...



### KS4



#### The Stuff of Nightmares by Malorie Blackman

Kyle and his mates are looking forward to a good day out on a school trip when their train is involved in an horrific crash and ends up dangling over a precipice.

Kyle seems to be the only one conscious in the twisted and mangled wreckage, but how long can he survive when death is stalking the carriages looking for him?

As he finds himself drawn into the nightmares of those around him, Kyle becomes aware that he is not the only one who knows about fear and terror, but will this give him the strength to face his demons or will he be consumed forever by the nightmares of his past?

# Enrichment

2023-24 Autumn Term: Extra-curricular enrichment timetable



Club	Member of Staff	Time	Venue	Year Group				
				7	8	9	10	11
<b>Monday</b>				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					
<b>Tuesday</b>				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	Sportshall					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Badminton	RP	15:10	Sportshall					
Table Tennis	RP	15:10	Sportshall					
Year 8 Boys Football	SEP	15:10	Astroturf					
Year 11 Maths	GRW	15:10	S25					
Drama Club	TAH	15:15	G10					
<b>Wednesday</b>				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	Sportshall					
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					
Trampolining	RP	15:10	Sportshall					
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					
<b>Thursday</b>				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	Sportshall					
Maths Ambassadors Club	KAA	12:50	S12					
Mathswatch Club	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					
<b>Friday</b>				7	8	9	10	11
Basketball	RP	07:45	Sportshall					
Dodgeball	LID	15:10	Sportshall					
Art Club (Invite only)	NAC	12:50	Art					
Year 11 Pupil/Staff football	JAS	16:00	Astroturf					

# FSM Vouchers

For those families who are entitled to Free School Meal Vouchers for the October half term closure (£15 per child) these vouchers will be sent out on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October** via SMS and email.

Can you please ensure that the details we hold for you are up to date.

If you think that you could be entitled to Free School Meals but you are not currently signed up to receive them, please apply by

visiting

<https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

## CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

### Local College Open Days 2023- 2024

PROVIDER	EVENT DETAILS
Riverside College	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 5-7pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 5-7pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 5-7pm
Cronton College	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 10am – 2pm Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 5.30 – 7.30pm Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 5.30 – 7.30pm
Carmel College	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 5 – 7.30pm Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 5 – 7.30pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 5 – 7.30pm
Hugh Baird College	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 5-7pm
Myerscough College	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024 10am – 12.30pm Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 10am – 12.30pm
St Helens College	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 5-7pm Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 – 5-7pm Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 – 5-7pm Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5-7pm
Knowsley Community College	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 5-7pm Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 5-7pm Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 – 5-7pm Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5-7pm
City of Liverpool College	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023, 4pm
LIPA	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10am – 2pm Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, 10am – 2pm Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10am – 2pm
Robbie Fowler Academy	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, 7-9pm Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023, 6-8pm



\*Please note this is not an exhaustive list, other options are available.

For further information, please see college website or see Miss Ward, Careers Co-Ordinator in school

## LDA DANCE CLUB!

Tuesdays 3:15pm-4pm  
G07

PE kit required

Dance club covering a range of styles each term/ Pupils will work on their technical dance skills. Stretching exercise in the sessions will support in developing flexibility and increase the pupils range of movement. Dance club will have a chance to perform in the school talent shows, building confidence. Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Mrs Sunderland.

