



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th January 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a busy and yet very rewarding week at LDA.

The Year 11 cohort start their formal Dean Trust examinations next week. I have continued to visit Year 11 lessons over the past few days. I have been pleased to see how well- prepared pupils are for their examinations thanks to staff delivery in the classroom (and in the additional study support sessions) and also how well pupils are responding to staff instruction and advice. I wish Year 11 every success with their mock exams.

There have been so many events, trips and visits this week that I can't mention them all, but I really enjoyed the session led by Shaping Futures with our Year 9 cohort on Wednesday. The themes discussed were very timely given our Assistant Headteacher Mr Young had launched the Options offer to our Year 9 pupils that same day.

I look forward to welcoming our Year 9 parents into school next Thursday evening for Parents Evening (1st February 2024) and again the following Thursday (8th February 2024) for Options Evening.

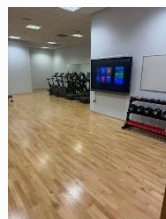
Finally, I am delighted to tell you that we are now ready to launch the opening of our school gym, which we had to close a few years ago to cater for our significant increase in pupil numbers at LDA. Thanks to the new classrooms having been built in the summer of 2022 – the gym is now back and Mr Parr and the P.E. team are looking forward to pupils and staff being able to make full use of it in the very near future.

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



This week's numeracy puzzle

The pictures add to the totals given in each row and column.

Can you find the value of each picture and the ? Shown.



					40
					68
					85
					80
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68	?	57	75	63	

Last week's answer

You need to count the vowels and multiply them by 20 cents:

apple = 20 cents x 2 = 40 cents
banana = 20 cents x 3 = 60 cents
grapefruit = 20 cents x 4 = 80 cents
pear = 20 cents x 2 = 40 cents

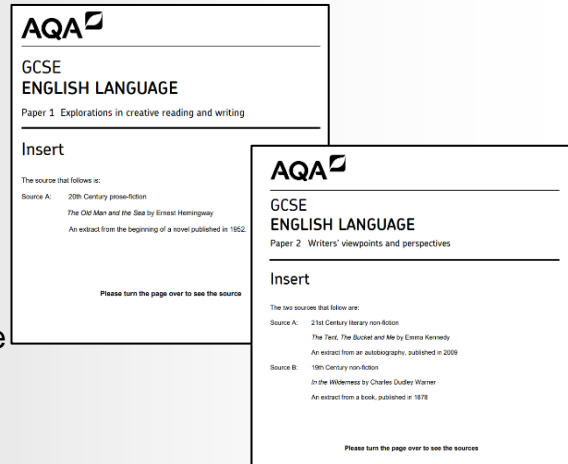
Year 11 Dean Trust Mock Exams

Our Dean Trust mock exams begin next week and we are extremely proud of our hard working Year 11 cohort. Pupils have been making the most of after school revision as well as form time intervention to help them prepare.

On Wednesday, the entirety of our Year 11 cohort had the opportunity to experience a 'Walk and Talk' mock led by our Head of Literacy, and senior AQA examiner, Mrs Venables.

Pupils were engaged and focused throughout and made the most of Mrs Venables' examination tips and tricks.

Year 11, make sure you apply the skills you have learned independently and seek feedback from your class teacher to help you improve.



Mrs Fletcher
Head of
Department



Miss Barry
Temporary
Second in
Department



Mrs Phillips
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Sergison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Venables
Head of Whole
School Literacy



Miss Thwaite
SENDCO



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

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Every Wednesday after school Mrs Ashcroft runs a Dungeons and Dragons club in F41B.

The club is well attended by a loyal group of KS3 pupils who enjoy an exciting adventure each week.

The club is open to everyone, whether you are familiar with Dungeons and Dragons or not.



Year 10 London Residential Trip

We are delighted to be able to offer 40 of our Year 10 pupils the opportunity to go on a residential trip to London. During this trip we will be visiting the Globe theatre, the Charles Dickens museum, watch a west end show, spend the afternoon in Covent Garden and finish up with a trip to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour: The Making of Harry Potter.

Deposits need to be paid by Friday 2nd March



Reading Recommendations

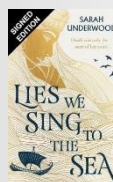
KS3 'Ink' – Alice Broadway

The first book in a dazzlingly inventive new trilogy, *INK* is a powerful story of identity, belonging, community and the relationship between our skin and who we are underneath.

Imagine a world where your every action, your every deed is marked on your skin for all to see. And Leora has something to hide.



KS4



'Lies We Sing to The Sea' – Sarah Underwood

A fantasy romance, by dazzling new talent Sarah Underwood, inspired by Greek mythology and the tale of Penelope's twelve hanged maids.

In the cursed kingdom of Ithaca, each summer brings the hanging of twelve maidens, a gift to the vengeful Poseidon. But when Leto awakens from her death on the shore of a long-forgotten island, its enigmatic keeper Melantho tells her that there's only one way the curse can be broken. Leto must kill the last prince of Ithaca.

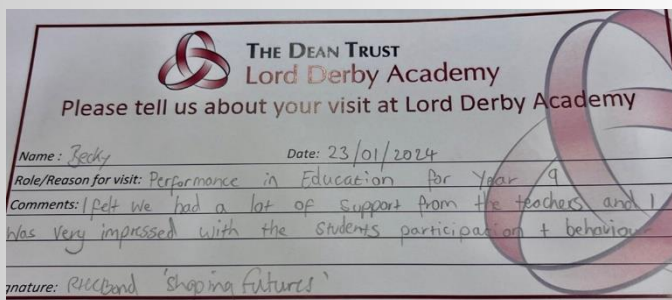
Year 9 Careers Programme

Year 9 – ‘Working Wonders’ Presentation and Workshop

On Tuesday 25th January, in preparation for Options Evening on 8th February 2024, our Year 9 cohort spent the afternoon with the fantastic team from ‘Working Wonders’ organised through Shaping Futures, as part of our Careers Programme.

The Team came in to school to deliver a performance centred presentation around the importance of building resilience and widening participation/options Post-16. This was followed by a series of interactive workshops covering topics such as transferrable skills, the importance of planning ahead, interview skills and looking at why it is important to have a ‘back up plan’ etc

Pupil engagement and feedback was fantastic and it was great to see so many hands up asking questions! The Team also left us a lovely Compliment Slip commenting on what a great group they were!



Lego Club

Pictures from this week's lego club.



Year 11 are fast approaching the Dean Trust Mock Examinations. Revision is underway and we have been pleased with the engagement at Study Support.

Dean Trust Y11 Mock Assurance Timetable - Week 1

Date	AM - Period 1/2	PM - Period 5/6
Monday 29th January	English Language 1	Mathematics 1
Tuesday 30th January	Biology (Combined) Biology (Triple)	History
Wednesday 31st January	English Language 2	Chemistry (Combined) Chemistry (Triple)
Thursday 1st February	Mathematics 2	Spanish French
Friday 2nd February	Physics (Combined) Physics (Triple)	Computer Science

Dean Trust Y11 Mock Assurance Timetable - Week 2

Date	AM - Period 1/2	PM - Period 5/6
Monday 5th February	Mathematics 3 (Internally Marked)	Geography