

THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you enjoyed the Half Term break.

We have certainly returned for Half Term 4 'Ready to Learn'. It has been a pleasure to talk to pupils about their experiences at school and their future ambitions. I have also been delivering some lessons with a number of our Year 11 pupils who are preparing for their GCSE French examinations in the coming weeks. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching my own subject specialism to our excellent learners.

Pupils across the school have benefited from hearing talks on anti-racism by the Anthony Walker Foundation this week and we have received some lovely feedback from the Foundation's staff.

Finally, can I thank you for your support with Thursday's 'lockdown/invacuation' practice. Pupils and staff handled this exercise with respect and care.

With best wishes for the weekend,

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

Anthony Walker Foundation

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Please tell us about your visit at Lord Derby Academy

Name: Catherine Quinn Date: 22/2/24

Role/Reason for visit: AWF Talks on Anti-racism

Comments: A really positive experience of both staff and pupils. Great level of respect & engagement throughout

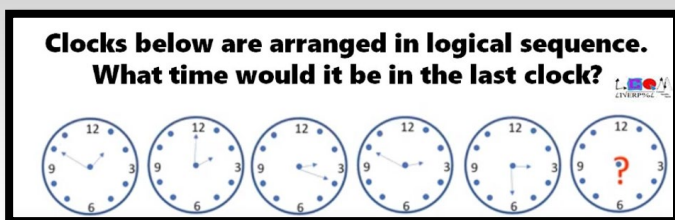
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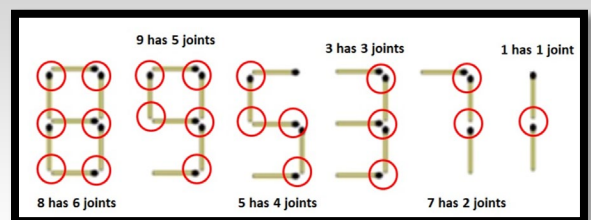
Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



This week's numeracy puzzle



Last week's answer



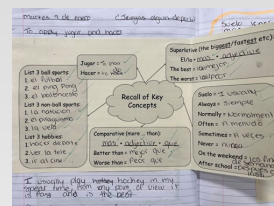
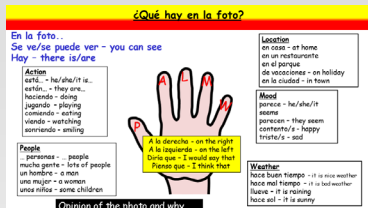
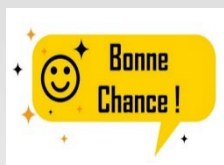
Year 11: Top Tips for success in the GCSE Speaking Exam

Speaking is the first examination you will sit, so now is the time to plan your revision. Remember you have an element of choice and control with this exam so make sure you take full advantage by following our Top Tips!

Start revising your Theme 1 (Identity and Culture) Speaking Booklet now – this is the booklet we used for your mock speaking exam. Most of you learned these really thoroughly, so you should find your answers soon begin to come back to you.

Some ideas on how to learn your responses:

1. Write out one sentence at a time on a mini whiteboard/paper and SAY the sentence out loud. Repeat it several times until you feel you know it. Rub or cross out one word in the sentence and say your sentence again. Continue to repeat the sentence and rub out more words until you can say the full sentence without any words on your whiteboard/paper.
2. Record yourself (or ask your teacher to do this!) saying your answers on your phone. Play back the recording whilst you read and say your answers out loud. Although this may seem a bit embarrassing, it does mean you are reading, listening and speaking all at the same time and can be a really effective way to learn.



3. Use post-it notes or revision cards to write the question on one side and the answer on the other. Practice, practice, practice saying the question and answer out loud. Ask family and friends to say the question to you and then check if you have answered it correctly!

Photo card

1. Use your sheet with the PALM technique to practise describing as many photos as you can. Read out your description to (Spanish speaking!) friends/family and ask them to draw what you say then compare their drawing to the photo!
2. Use the AQA GCSE Spanish website and look for 'assessment resources' – the Speaking Exam is Paper 2. There are lots of practice

Material and guidance on there to support

Remember, all teachers in the Modern Languages Department are here to help and support you, so please ask if you need any additional support or revision resources. Study support is held weekly in small groups to help to maximise your progress.

We are all really proud of what you have achieved so far and would like to wish you all Buena Suerte!



A group of pupils across Year 7 and Year 8 have officially completed their 6-week British Sign Language enrichment program, and have been given their official certificate of completion! Award-winning Deaf entrepreneur, Esmail Patel delivered the final session at Lord Derby Academy on Wednesday, in which our pupils got to experience what it is like to have a full conversation using British Sign Language. Esmail was thrilled with the engagement and enthusiasm shown by our pupils.

Miss Creely is very proud of those pupils who have been a part of every session of the last 6 weeks, and encourages more pupils to join BSL club every Wednesday lunch time in F15.



You can read about Esmail's story here:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znjd382?scrlbyrkr=9a73266b>



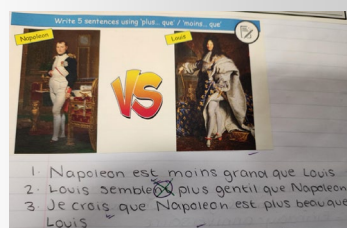
LDA Modern Languages Department Subject Badges

How can I earn a badge in Modern Languages?

- ☐ Have 95%+ Attendance
- ☐ Acquired 20 + positive BfP points in MFL.
- ☐ Complete homework on time and to a high standard.
- ☐ Achieve 70% or over in the Verb Memory Challenge.
- ☐ Ask your Modern Languages teacher for more information!

KS4 French Teaching & Learning

Year 10: Once again, pupils are making rapid and impressive progress – they are successfully transferring their knowledge of the Spanish language to apply more complex structures such as comparatives in their work. They particularly enjoyed comparing Napoleon to Louis as you can see from Amy's example below!



Mr Wynne
Head of
Department



Mrs Jamieson
Deputy
Head of
Department



Mrs Ellis
Senior Deputy
Headteacher



Mrs Greaves
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Creely
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Dolan
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Sunderland
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Grisdale
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Coyle
Classroom
Teacher

Enrichment

Lego Club takes place every
Wednesday at 3.10pm to
4.10pm,
In Mr Starkey's room



Thank you for the enthusiasm and excitement towards Lego Club.

Attendance has been incredible so far, but don't worry, we still have a few more spaces available.

Pupils will collaborate in their creativity to build an imaginative model that fits the theme.

Knowsley Parent Power

Join Knowsley Parent Power at The City of Liverpool College for our bespoke Open Evening!

Date: Monday 4th March

Time: Coach departs 4:45pm, event 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Point: Southdene

Community Centre (L32 6QG)

Destination: The City of Liverpool College, Learning Exchange

Come along to the City of Liverpool College with Knowsley Parent Power.

This will be a great opportunity to explore a further education College and learn about your options beyond school.

Travel from Southdene Community Centre (L32 6QG) is provided free of charge. Booking required.

To register your interest and find more information, contact:

Jane Harrison via 07429 404 687 or
parentpowerknowsley@thebrilliantclub.org



Knowsley Council

National Careers Week 4th – 9th March 2024



National Careers Week is fast approaching with lots of exciting activities taking place in school. To download the free resources and Parents Guide to NCW 2024, please visit:
www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/free-resources

