



NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you are well.

Year 11 are now a matter of weeks away from their formal GCSE examinations. Pupils have received the results from the Dean Trust mock examinations and are addressing any gaps in their knowledge and understanding. There is a lot of care and guidance available for Year 11 pupils at this key time and I thank you for all the support you are giving your children at home as well.



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

Senior Leaders and Governors have been meeting for the Spring governors cycle. As always, the LDA local governing committee members are providing immense support and constructive challenge to the Senior Team to help us continue to drive school development in all key areas.

Our Year 9 cohort have submitted their option choices and Mr Young and the Year 9 team are now starting to analyse the information and strive to ensure each child can undertake pathways match to their abilities, interests and ambitions at Key Stage 4.

Finally, can I thank all Year 7 families who attended the Year 7 Parents Evening last night. I hope you found the evening to be productive and I look forward to reading your evaluation forms.

Enjoy your weekend,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

This week's numeracy puzzle

Find the value of the ?

$$\text{Orange} + \text{Watermelon} + \text{Orange} = 21$$
$$10 = \text{Strawberry} + 4 + \text{Strawberry}$$
$$\text{Strawberry} + \text{Orange} = 8$$
$$14 = \text{Orange} + \text{Orange}$$
$$\text{Strawberry} + \text{Orange} + \text{Watermelon} + \text{Orange} = ?$$

Last week's answer

$$A = 57$$

$$B = 19$$

Faculty of the Week

Expressive Arts



Miss Taylor
Head of
Expressive Arts



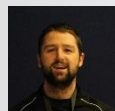
Mrs Mills
Temporary Head of
Expressive Arts



Ms Chase
Leader Teacher
of Art



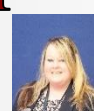
Miss Boag-Munroe
Lead Teacher
of Music



Mr Proctor
Head of
Year 8



Mrs Greenhalgh
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Sunderland
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Holland
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

LDA DANCE CLUB!

Enrichment activity	Dance:
Where and when is it?	Tuesdays: 3:15pm – 4pm, G07. PE kit required.
What is it?	Dance club covering a range of styles each term. Dance for LDA pupils is a great option, as it allows pupils to try a new style of dance, encouraging regular exercise and even a new hobby!
Why choose to take part in this enrichment activity?	Pupils will work on their technical dance skills. Stretching exercises in the sessions will support in developing flexibility and increase the pupil's range of movement. Dance is not only disciplined, but also helps improve pupil's confidence and team-working skills. Dance club will have a chance to perform in the school talents shows, building confidence.
Who can sign up and who do you contact?	Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Mrs Sunderland .



Yr10 Dancers

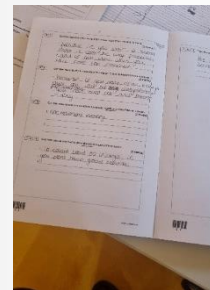
Year 10 Dancers this term have been working on their Trio pieces and in addition have also learnt the 2 set study pieces 'Breathe' and 'Shift' ready for Year 11. The pupils have worked so well this year and are making good progress within dance. – Keep it up 😊



Yr11 GCSE Dancers

This term the pupils have been working on their choreographies and been focussing on the written paper concentrating on set works 'Shadows' and 'Within her Eyes'. The Year 11s are due to perform their practical dances on 18th April for the GCSE Exam.

Mrs Sunderland will keep the dance studio available for Year 11s extra study after school if pupils still want to use the studio and an Easter session will run over the holidays.



This term the art department is celebrating the commitment and dedication of the Year 11 pupils as they prepare for their forthcoming exams. They have responded well to the externally set questions and are enjoying the freedom to respond to a theme of their choosing. Many are taking to opportunity to explore ideas that have a personal meaning to them. To support the pupils in their efforts to maximise their full potential, the department is hosting late night sessions to offer workshops enabling them to undertake tasks they might not have the opportunity to do in lesson.

One particular activity they have thoroughly enjoyed, is the very current and popular practice of 'Gelli' printing. This is a very exciting and immediate form of printing which yields really interesting results. The art department would like to extend a massive thank you to Mr Wallace for approving a bid allowing us to buy the resources to be able to offer this fantastic opportunity.

