



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th March 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Just a short message from me this week to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

We have enjoyed a productive if shortened week at LDA before pupils broke up for their holidays yesterday.

I was proud that LDA hosted a joint event on Wednesday afternoon, led in partnership by the LFC Foundation and the Manchester United Foundation. The event was held to address the issue of 'tragedy chanting' which we have sadly seen occurring at sporting fixtures across the country over recent years. Our young people from both LDA and Dean Trust Ardwick truly did us proud in how they handled this emotional topic and I hope you were able to see some of media coverage on various news outlets including the BBC, SKY Sports and ITV yesterday evening.

Can I thank the LDA staff who will be working over the Easter holidays, including our Safeguarding team, our administration team and our teachers delivering additional lessons to support our Year 11 pupils in the lead up to their examinations. I am also delighted that staff will be leading a group of pupils on their Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition over the middle weekend of the holiday.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

V. Gowan

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



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Headteacher



Can you beat the teacher?

In 1972, American composer Steve Reich composed a piece of music called Clapping Music which is performed by two people clapping...sounds simple? Not so. The piece uses something called phase shifting where one of the players patterns constantly shifts until the two players fall back in time with each other at the end. London Sinfonietta have created an app for iPhone/iPad to help performers learn the shifting part when rehearsing for live performance and you can download it for free.



Can you beat Miss Munroe's current high score of **8797** on the Steve Reich Clapping Music app?
Upload a screenshot of your high score on Google Classroom if you can beat the teacher!

It has been a busy and exciting time in Physical Education at LDA this last half term. KS3 PE lesson activities have included football, table tennis, orienteering and basketball. There has also recently been an increase in after school sports opportunities for our pupils including: badminton; non-competitive football, dodgeball and fitness. The fitness sessions are taking place in our new fitness studio which has proved to be very popular with our pupils. KS4 core PE has involved all of our Year 10 pupils learning about careers in sport and we continue to arrange for a number of external visitors to come into our PE lessons to deliver exercise sessions. Year 11 GCSE PE and Sports Studies pupils continue to work hard on their exam preparation, coursework and practical skills. Mr Proctor's Y11 Sports Studies class recently spent a day canoeing as part of their course and an enjoyable and successful day was had by all. Extra PE lessons for all our Year 11 pupils continue to take place every Friday at 3.10pm. As the weather hopefully improves, our pupils have several events to look forward to during the summer term. These include: Y7 girls swimming lessons; Y8 boys swimming lessons; LDA cross country competitions; Dean Trust Active Challenge; Dean Trust Games; Festival of Sport. Further details about all of these opportunities will follow in the near future.



Mr Parr
Head of
Department



Mrs Mills
Deputy Head of
Department



Mr Proctor
Head of
Year 8



Miss Morrison
Assistant
Headteacher



Mrs Blackmore
Head of Year 10



Mrs Molyneux
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician

Y10 Boxing taster sessions

As part of the year 10 healthy living unit of work the year 10 boys have been lucky enough to take part in a boxing taster session. All year 10 boys classes will access this session as an introduction to boxing. So far the sessions have gone really well and have been thoroughly enjoyed by staff and pupils.



Y10 and Y11 GCSE Athletics assessment

The Y11 and Y10 GCSE PE girls have recently attended Wavertree Athletics track to complete their Athletics assessment. All four girls performed in the 100m and 200m completing a variety of skills before competing in the final races. A big well done from the PE department for their hard work and commitment in completing this assessment.



STANDARD OF THE WEEK

15th April 2024

BLACK PENS

- Standard of the Week beginning Monday 15th April 2024
- All pupils must have at least two black pens to be ready to learn
- LDA will provide all pupils with one black pen at the green line (pupil entrance) or during form time during the week beginning Monday 15th April
- Pupils without a black pen will be given a sanction from the week beginning Monday 22nd April if they are not ready to learn
- Equipment checks will occur regularly to enable pupils to be supported in being *ready to learn*

Music

Our Yr11 music pupils have been focusing their rehearsals over the past few months in preparation for their final, examined, performances. Over the past week pupils have performed a range of music from Canon by Pachelbel to Uptown Funk by Bruno Mars and everything in between on instruments including the Piano, Drums, Guitar, Bass and Vocals. The GCSE course allows pupils to select their performance focus and pupils receive weekly lessons which focus on technique development in order to support them in making progress on this strand of the GCSE.



Spring Term Music Homework Challenge

Over the Spring Term, pupils in KS3 and KS4 Music classes were given the challenge of revisiting previous homework tasks to see if they could achieve 100% on all tasks set so far this year. Many of the pupils stepped up to the challenge with competition in the Yr11 group being particularly strong. Six pupils completed the challenge and have received giant Easter Eggs as a reward. Well done to the following pupils;

Y7 – W. Jones and E. Lewis

Y8 – I. Carrol and L McFall

Y9 – P. Boden

Y11 – M. Routledge



National Maths Feast competition 2024

National Mathematics competition at North Liverpool Academy.

LDA took two teams to compete against ten other schools from across Merseyside and managed to win two of the four rounds against some tough competition.

All of the pupils involved behaved impeccably throughout and tried their best on each of the challenges.

A fantastic achievement and well done to all who took part.



Inclusivity

Inclusivity is a truly important part of the culture here at Lord Derby Academy. In a collaborative effort with the literacy team, we have provided an inclusive reading spine for each form across KS3 and KS4. The books provided are all age-appropriate for that form, and highlight voices and perspectives from all over the world and from many diverse backgrounds (LGBTQIA+/Black, Hispanic and Asian authors/Neurodiverse and disabled people)

We're encouraging everyone to read some of these books (Teachers, and pupils) included. If you do, make sure you write a review for it and pass it in to Mr. Lindsay in S46. There are review sheets available in his room too.

Remember – everyone is welcome at LDA

This was a review made by our very own Miss Williamson who loved reading *Hani and Ishu's guide to Fake Dating* by Adiba Jaigirdar. **We'd love to hear about what pupils think of the books they choose to read as well!**

READING FOR INCLUSIVITY: Book review

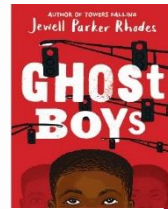
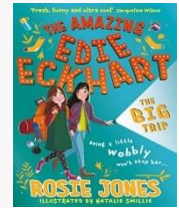
NAME: Miss Williamson YEAR:

BOOK: Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating

What is this book about?
Two girls in Ireland that pretend to be in a relationship to prove a point one wants popularity and one is desperate to have her bisexuality taken seriously!

What did you think? Why?
I really enjoyed this book because not only is it quite heartwarming it gives you an insight into what it's like and their reactions to the LGBTQ+ community very much a recommendation from me!

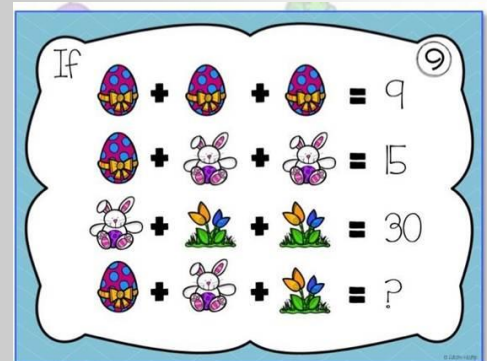
All are welcome here, hatred is not



Pupil Parliament

This week, Pupil Parliament met to discuss inclusivity at Lord Derby Academy, focussing particularly on LGBTQIA+. Members fed back that they feel that pupils at LDA are very inclusive and accepting of pupils that identify as LGBT+. Pupils felt that through the curriculum they are exposed to a broad range of information about how rights with inclusivity of all protected characteristics have developed as well as key figures in history. Pupil parliament are keen to further develop LGBTQIA+ inclusivity through events, clubs and more feedback from the wider pupil body. They are currently working on some displays for specific areas of the school to promote inclusivity.

This week's numeracy puzzle



Year 11 Easter School Study Support Timetable April 2024

	Monday 1 st April	Tuesday 2 nd April	Wednesday 3 rd April	Thursday 4 th April	Friday 5 th April
9.30am-12pm		Dance	Spanish Speaking exams	Spanish Speaking exams	Spanish speaking exams
		Chemistry (higher tier)	Design Technology Engineering		Drama
12.30pm-2.30pm		Dance	Spanish Speaking exams	Spanish Speaking exams	Spanish Speaking exams
		Computer science	Design Technology Engineering		Drama
	Monday 8 th April	Tuesday 9 th April	Wednesday 10 th April	Thursday 11 th April	Friday 12 th April
9.30am-12pm	Mathematics	English			History Geography
12.30pm-2.30pm					

Please note: Music appointments will be arranged on an individual basis by Miss Boag-Munroe

Speaking exams will be by appointment. Staff will inform individual pupils.



Apprenticeship Open Evening
Wednesday 24th April 2024
5.00PM - 7.00PM

Are you interested in an apprenticeship in Electrical, Mechanical, Multi Skilled or Manufacturing Engineering?

Come along to our open evening to hear from industry professionals, speak to current apprentices and find out how to fire up your career with an apprenticeship!

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