



NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th April 2023

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have enjoyed a positive week. We have certainly had an excellent few days here at Lord Derby Academy.

One of the highlights of the week for me was the opportunity to visit classrooms across the school to see learning in action. It was truly heartening to see our pupils focused and eager to participate in their own education.

I am pleased to report that our Standard of the Week initiative regarding the importance of bringing basic equipment to school, including a black pen is being met. Almost all of our pupils have embraced this initiative, demonstrating their readiness to engage fully in their academic activities. This level of responsibility and adherence to school guidelines is commendable and it sets a positive example for our entire school community.

Additionally, I remain immensely proud of our Year 11 pupils who have been diligently preparing for their upcoming examinations. Many of them have been attending extra lessons after school, displaying a sound work ethic and a determination to succeed. Their dedication to their studies is truly inspiring, and I have no doubt that their hard work will yield excellent results. Formal examinations have already been taking place this week in a range of subjects including Modern Languages, P.E., Expressive Arts and Technology.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our shared mission of providing a quality education for all.

Kind regards,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher

**This
week's
numeracy
puzzle**

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

$\text{Pineapple} + \text{Grapes} = 9$
 $\text{Grapes} + \text{Apple} = 19$
 $\text{Apple} + \text{Pineapple} = 7$
 $\text{Apple} + \text{Grapes} + \text{Pineapple} = ?$

**Last
week's
answer**

Grapes = 250
Watermelon = 0
2 Bananas = 250
1 Banana = 125

Therefore, $250 + 125 - 250 \times 0 = 375$.

Year 11 Examination Countdown



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 Mullally
Teacher



Mrs Lancaster
Teacher



Mrs Ashcroft
Teacher



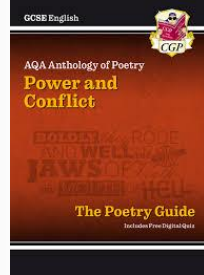
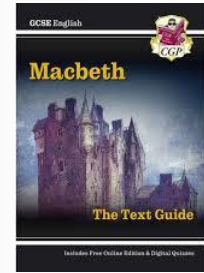
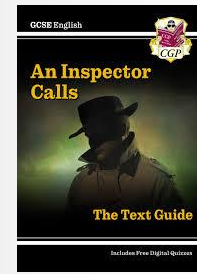
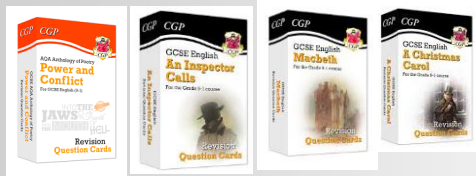
Miss Kelley
Teacher

Written exams are fast approaching for our Year 11 cohort and the English department are working hard to help our pupils prepare.

LDA English staff are continuing to provide many opportunities for Year 11 pupils to revise and seek support in preparation for their exams. English revision takes place every Tuesday after school and we encourage pupils to use the resources provided by their teachers to help them with independent revision at home.

Please see below for a list of resources your child can access to help support their revision. They can also speak to any member of the English department for additional practice papers or feedback on their writing.

- BBC Bitesize
- Seneca Learning
- Sparknotes
- Lit Charts
- YouTube – Mr Bruff
- Google Classroom



KS3 Curriculum

KS3 have begun their final term of learning for this academic year and have shown their enthusiasm and engagement over the first fortnight back.

Year 7 are currently studying Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Year 8 are studying the Gothic genre by reading a range of extracts and Year 9 are enjoying 'The Giver', a dystopian novel.

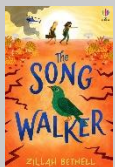


Reading Recommendations

KS3

'The Song Walker' by Zillah Bethell

When a young girl wakes up in the middle of the desert, she has no idea who she is. She's wearing one shoe, a silky black dress, and she's carrying a strange, heavy case. She meets Tarni, who is on a mysterious quest of her own. Together, the two girls trek across the vast and ever-changing Australian Outback in search of answers. Except both are also hiding secrets...



KS4

'Powerless' by Lauren Roberts

Only the extraordinary belong in the kingdom of Ilya...The Elites have possessed powers for decades, gifted to them by the Plague, while those born Ordinary are just that, banished from the kingdom and shunned from society.

No one knows this better than Paedyn Gray, an Ordinary posing as a Psychic to blend in with the Elites. When she unsuspectingly saves one of Ilya's princes, Kai Azer, she's thrown into the Purging Trials, a brutal competition showcasing the Elites' powers.



Examinations

Well done to our Year 11 pupils who have been working hard in their Speaking examinations and their practical examinations.

All Year 11 should be revising at home in preparation for the final written examinations which start on the 7th May. Please see the timetable below for the examinations that are taking place next week.

Languages speaking exams - ongoing

Mon 29th April/Tues 30th April: 11D art exam

Thurs 2nd May/Fri 3rd May: 11C art exam

Friday 3rd May: Drama practical exam / moderation day

Year 11 extra study

Year 11 extra study sessions for Technology subjects take place on Wednesday after school. All Food & Nutrition, Design & Technology, Child Development, Engineering, Hair & Beauty, and Health & Social Care pupils are encouraged to attend.

A huge congratulations to our LDA Linguists

We would like to congratulate Year 11 on completing 25% of their GCSE Language exam over the last few weeks. We are very proud of how you have approached the speaking exam and risen to the challenge!

We hope that you enjoy your personalised revision packs and we wish you the very best of luck with the remaining 75% of the exam.

Buena suerte ♣ Good Luck ♣ Bonne Chance

The Modern Languages Team



Cash for Kids

Cash for Kids – ‘1 Million Steps’ Fundraising Challenge

Lord Derby Academy has signed up to support Sam Thompson’s Cash for Kids Campaign ‘1 million steps challenge!’

The charity at Hits Radio, Cash for Kids, helps disadvantaged children all year round but the ‘1 Million Steps Campaign’ is a fundraising challenge directly aimed at raising money that will ensure that all children don’t go hungry in the school holidays by providing a hot meal and summer school activities.

The great thing about this challenge is that it’s really simple, it gets us all outside and active whilst making a difference to our local community too. What’s not to love?!

Pupils will take part in activities during PDC and PSHE next week but it would be amazing if you could support this fantastic, community initiative.

Any donation, no matter how small, will make a massive difference. Our school target is to raise **£250 by Friday 12th July 2024.**

If you would like to support this fantastic charity, please visit:

[Add a Donation - Cash for Kids \(cashforkidsgive.co.uk\)](https://cashforkidsgive.co.uk) or scan the QR code opposite.

All pupils who complete the challenge will be rewarded with an additional 15 reward points that can be spent in the school reward shop.



Where the money goes

Children from struggling families have free school meals during term-time, so they have at least one hot meal a day during the week.

But during the holidays they're going hungry or could be eating unhealthy, processed foods. Initiatives driven by community groups, schools, sports clubs and small local charities try to fill the gap by providing food and activities - and it's these that Cash for Kids Day funds will support.

£5.50 could provide drinks, snacks and a hot meal at a holiday club for one child a day

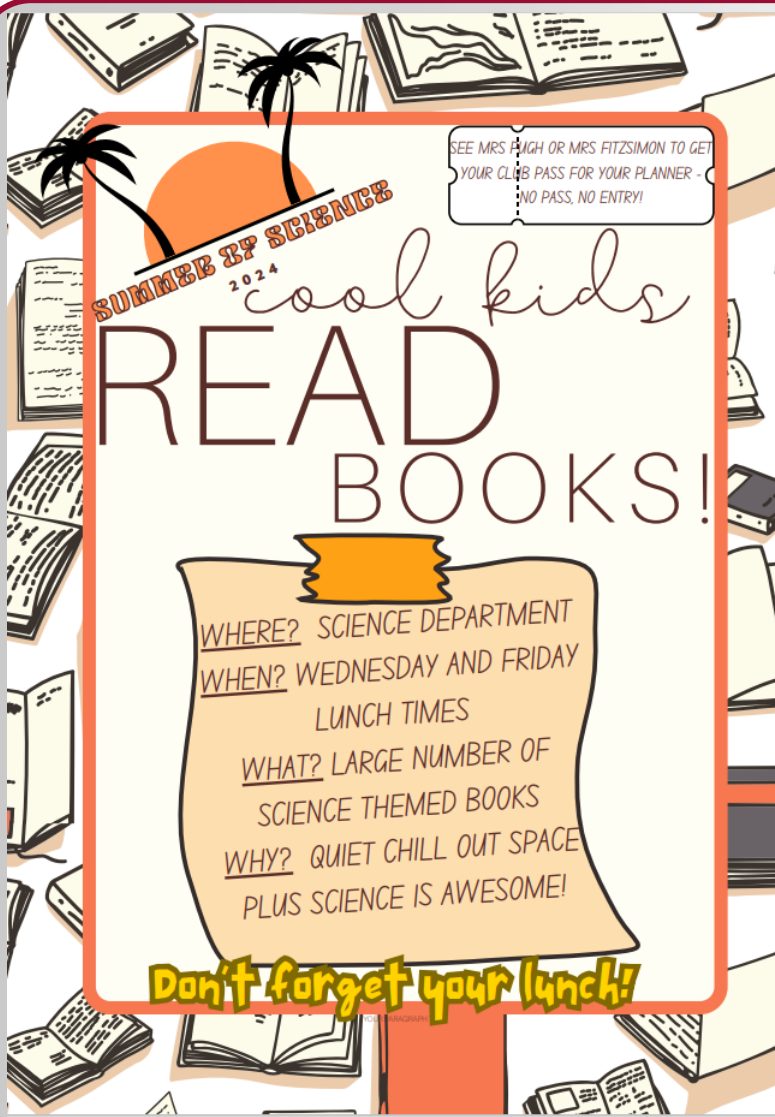
£11.04 could provide a day's experience and a hot meal for a child

£51.00 could provide a place at a five-day sports club with breakfast and lunch



Pupil Parliament

Last week, the Pupil Parliament met with a focus on developing a Google Form to gather pupil feedback on support for well-being and LGBTQIA+. Pupils worked in groups to create a selection of questions aimed to gather feedback on the current provision in school and to suggest ways we could improve. Pupils have been filling out the questionnaire with their form tutors during form time. Once all responses are collated, the pupil parliament will review them in their next meeting and create a plan to present to the appropriate senior leadership, determining what is feasible moving forward.



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The Year 7 Robot Project!



As part of their "All About Me" topic, Year 7 will be creating their own robots and presenting them in Spanish to the class! Working individually or in groups, their Homework is to complete and learn their Robot Booklet and create their own robot using materials of their choice. Prizes will be awarded for the best overall robot AND presentation in Year 7 and there are also class prizes. The Modern Languages Department is looking forward to seeing these fabulous creations and hearing our fabulous Year 7 pupils presenting their robots!

