



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy yet rewarding week here at LDA, filled with exciting events and important milestones for our pupils.

We have been taking part in the 'Cash for Kids' charity event this week. Pupils have been increasing their step count around the school site to raise money. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the families and friends of the school who were able to contribute to this excellent cause. It was fantastic to see our pupils actively participating and learning about the importance of giving back.

As we look ahead, I would like to remind everyone that the Year 11 formal GCSE examinations will commence next week. This is undoubtedly a crucial time for our pupils and we have ensured there is dedicated support and guidance available to them so that they can feel confident and prepared. Our teachers and support staff are here to provide assistance every step of the way, so please do not hesitate to contact us if your child needs any additional help.

Thank you for your continued cooperation as we navigate through these important times together.

I hope everyone enjoys the Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to welcoming pupils and staff back to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Yours sincerely,

*V. Gowan*

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

## Get to know your Calculator



### 5 Essential GCSE Maths Calculator Skills You Need To Know!

1. Using the FACT function for prime factorisation
2. Using the fraction function to find HCF and LCM
3. How to input and display a mixed number
4. Using your calculator to convert time
5. Using the % function

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VSsBBB2ISXY>

## Year 11 Exam Countdown

Key dates:

Paper 1 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Paper 2 – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Paper 3 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Useful websites

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

<https://www.onmaths.com/>

<https://www.1stclassmaths.com/>

## Lego Club

We are celebrating the Lego architects who completed this week's Lego Challenge.

The challenge was to build a bridge that was at least 20cm tall and could hold a weight of 20kg.

The successful groups managed to hold more than expected.



**New challenge next week!**

## Job of the week

### Game Designer

Game designers create the characters, objectives, obstacles, levels and settings, and narratives of video games. Video game design careers have exploded in popularity.

**Average Salary**  
£31,471

**Examples of Some Topics needed:**

Linear algebra  
Geometry  
Statistics

## Year 10's Shining Stars

Well done to all Year 10 in completing their

Mock Paper 3 Exam this week.

The pupils below have attended extra revision and have gone the extra mile, showing maturity and great work ethos. We are very proud of you!

Jayden F, Hannah G, Sophie G, Jessica McC, Imogen C, Zayne T, Jake L-C, Alfie D, Ahmad S, Morning W, Adam H, Liam M, Adam L, Leah M, Lexie M, Pria Mc, Abby P, Rubi L, Dillon R, Ava G, Kylie N, Jasmine O, Lily H, Bethany R, Lillie C, Ava B, Ella C, Alex C



Mrs Speer  
Head of Department



Mr Starkey  
Deputy Head of Department



Miss Pope  
Assistant Headteacher



Miss Arends  
Leader of Numeracy



Mr Panther  
Classroom Teacher with Responsibility



Mr Whitby  
Classroom Teacher With Responsibility



Mrs Capewell  
Classroom Teacher



Miss Fowler  
Classroom Teacher



Miss Kenworthy  
Classroom Teacher



Mrs Thomas  
Transition Tutor



Miss Coyle  
Classroom Teacher

# Good luck to our Year 11 pupils!

Year 11 Final Written examinations May - June 2024 (* exam clashes)						
Exams w/c		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		6th May	7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May
6th May	AM		(Health & Social Care)	VTCT Hair & Beauty	Engineering	Combined science Biology
	PM				Italian Drama	
		13th May	14th May	15th May	16th May	17th May
13th May	AM	English Literature - Paper 1	French	History	Mathematics - non calculator	Combined Science Chemistry
	PM	Sports Studies Turkish	Business	Computer science		Geography
		20th May	21st May	22nd May	23rd May	24th May
20th May	AM	English Literature - Paper 2		Combined science Physics 1	English Language - Paper 1	French
	PM	Turkish Italian	Child Development Computer Science	Physical Education		
		3rd June	4th June	5th June	6th June	7th June
3rd June	AM	Mathematics - calculator	Spanish Listening & Reading	Geography	English Language - Paper 2	
	PM	Physical Education	History	Statistics (x4 clash) Business Studies (x4 clash)	CONTINGENCY AFTERNOON	Combined science Biology
		10th June	11th June	12th June	13th June	14th June
10th June	AM	Mathematics - calculator	Combined science Chemistry 2	Dance		Geography
	PM	Spanish	History	Astronomy	CONTINGENCY AFTERNOON	Combined Science Physics
		17th June	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June
17th June	AM		Design Technology	Food Prep. and Nutrition		
	PM	Music Statistics	Astronomy			
		24th June	25th June	26th June		
24th June	AM			CONTINGENCY DAY		
	PM					

## Cash for Kids

Lord Derby Academy  
School 169

Target £250.00  
£168.00 raised so far

66% of their £250.00 target  
27 Donations  
78 Days to go

Hi there, welcome to our schools fundraising page. Make yourself at home!

We're taking part in Sam Thompson's 1 Million Steps Schools Challenge to help Cash for Kids bring food and fun activities to disadvantaged children. The only hot meal they'll eat each day is their school dinner so, when the holidays come round, they're at real risk of going hungry.

Here you can see updates about our fundraising, how everything is going and hopefully some messages from other sponsors too.

Any amount you can give is very much appreciated! Please leave a message after you sponsor us too.

Help me reach my fundraising goal

£5 £10 £25 £50 Other

Sponsor us



### Cash for Kids – 1 Million Steps Campaign

This week at LDA, our pupils have been taking part in the Sam Thompson (Hits Radio Charity) 'Cash for Kids, 1 Million Steps Campaign'. It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces enjoying being outside with their peers and supporting this worthy cause! So far our amazing pupils have completed a phenomenal **331,388 steps** and we are still counting! We are heartened to see that we are also already up to 66% of our school target to raise **£250**. Thank you so much to all those who have contributed to this. The link will remain open until July so there is plenty of time to still get involved, should you wish to do so.



## Polite notice

Please note our reception opening times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8am – 4:30pm and Thursday 8am-5:30pm.

SEE MRS PAUGH OR MRS FITZSIMON TO GET YOUR CLUB PASS FOR YOUR PLANNER - NO PASS, NO ENTRY!

**SUMMER BY SCIENCE**  
2024

cool kids  
**READ BOOKS!**

WHERE? SCIENCE DEPARTMENT  
WHEN? WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY LUNCH TIMES  
WHAT? LARGE NUMBER OF SCIENCE THEMED BOOKS  
WHY? QUIET CHILL OUT SPACE PLUS SCIENCE IS AWESOME!

**Don't forget your lunch!**