



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the first LDA newsletter of the new academic year. I hope that you and your families enjoyed the summer break and that you are feeling optimistic about the autumn term ahead.

Staff enjoyed their summer holidays and it was our pleasure to see the Year 11 Class of 2024 on the 22nd August for GCSE Results Day. This was a delightful year group and it was rewarding for all involved to see the vast majority of pupils achieve the grades they deserved and to hear about their Post-16 plans. We celebrated a range of pupil successes, including the top attaining pupil who achieved six Grade 9s, two Grade 8s, one Grade 7. Results increased on all the headline measures at LDA and we look forward to guiding and supporting our new Year 11 cohort as they start the hard work towards their examinations.

Our new Year 7 cohort had a fabulous time at the LDA Summer School and this helped them to feel ready for their transition into secondary school on Tuesday. They have made an excellent start and they are an absolute credit to you and to their primary schools.

All LDA year groups have started well this week. Pupils have received a warm welcome from staff and it was my pleasure to welcome them back formally during their Return to School assemblies. Learning in the classroom is already purposeful and the vast majority of pupils are already demonstrating that they are keen to thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you in advance for all your support as we move through our next academic year in partnership.

With kind regards,

Miss Gowan
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan
Headteacher



This week's numeracy puzzle

Peter says that the day before yesterday he was 10 years old, and next year he will be 13. How is that possible?





Miss Ierston
PA to
Headteacher
Clerk to the
Governors

Lord Derby Academy has one of the largest admin teams within the Trust. They are a highly committed and experienced group of staff who play a crucial part in the efficiency and smooth running of the school. The team hugely contributes to supporting staff, pupils and parents/carers.



Mrs Blackburn
Finance
Manager

Administration Team Leader

Mrs Wilding is our Admin Team Leader; she is one of our longest serving admin members and has undertaken a number of admin roles during her time. She has plenty of experience and knowledge dealing with our pupils, parents and carers. She is responsible for supervising, managing and motivating the admin team on a daily basis. Mrs Wilding is also responsible for the administration for appeals, in year transfers, new intake, whole school parental events and upkeep of the school's data systems.

Executive Assistant to the Academies Director/Careers Co-Ordinator and Enrichment Lead

Miss Ward is the Executive Assistant to the Academies Director, working with Mr Bridden to provide business support to schools across the Trust. She is also Careers Co-Ordinator at Lord Derby Academy, working with Miss Morrison (Careers Lead) and advisers from Careers Connect to provide comprehensive Careers, Information and Education Guidance to our young people as they plan for their future, post-16. Most recently Miss Ward has taken on the additional role of Enrichment Lead for the school where she organises a range of opportunities and experiences for our pupils, outside of the normal curriculum.



Mrs Harland
Finance
Officer

Buildings & Operations/School Administrator

Miss Ashton deals with buildings and operations, which includes looking after building requirements and issues that arise, liaising with site staff and other agencies to ensure our building is kept safe and running smoothly. She facilitates all aspects of Health and Safety including the co-ordination of whole school fire drills. Miss Ashton works closely with our Senior Leadership Team; this element of her role involves the production of the weekly newsletter, dealing with internal and external communications and updating our school's BROMCOM system.

The Pupil Services Team

Based in Pupil Services are Miss Evans, Mrs McCoy and Mrs Grant between them they have over 55 years' experience working in education. They provide a high level of support to staff, pupils and parents/carers. The work of Pupil Services encompasses a wide range of duties including home/school communication, attendance, admissions, pupil medications and pastoral care. The office is always a hub of activity as it is the first port of call for pupils and staff requiring assistance.



Miss Cross
Data Analyst



Miss Evans
Admin Assistant
Student
Services



Mrs Grant
Admin Assistant
Student
Services



Mrs Henson
Group HR
Manager

Reception

Miss Wright is Lord Derby Academy's receptionist and is a fundamental member of the admin team. Miss Wright undertakes a number of admin duties, however answering the switchboard and dealing with visitors forms the main part of this very demanding role. She is usually the first person you will encounter when telephoning or visiting Lord Derby Academy.



Mrs Mann
Exams
Officer



Mrs Keaton
Admin SEND

Finance

Mrs Longe is the Finance Director for the Dean Trust West Hub Schools; Mrs Blackburn is the Finance Manager and Mrs Harland is the Finance Officer. The Finance Team are responsible for the effective running of all aspects of the Academy's finances. This involves managing and monitoring the budget to ensure that all resources are used effectively for the benefit of teaching and learning and school improvement, purchasing all of the Academy's supplies and services and coordinating payments for school trips and equipment via the Bromcom system.



Mrs McCoy
Admin
Attendance

SEND

Mrs Keaton plays an integral part in assisting our busy SEND team, supporting pupils and parents/carers with anything SEND related. She works closely with our SENCO to assist with the management and communications of SEND information to all staff. Mrs Keaton also supports the wider admin team undertaking other administrative tasks and supporting reception.



Mrs Riley
School
Administrator

HR

HR Mrs Henson is the Trust Group HR Director, based here at Lord Derby Academy where she leads and supports Human Resources activities across all of the Dean Trust schools. Mrs Brady, our HR assistant is of great support to our staff - looking after many aspects of their working life here at Lord Derby Academy dealing with various HR queries along with aiding and supporting with recruitment of new staff.



Miss Ward
Exec Assistant /
Careers /
Enrichment

Examinations Officer

Mrs Mann is the school's Examinations Officer. This role is regarded as one of the most demanding roles within the admin team. Mrs Mann is responsible for the administration and organisation of all examinations. She provides assistance and guidance to the Senior Leadership Team and staff in relation to examinations. Mrs Mann also takes on the daily task of timetabling cover.



Mrs Wilding
Team Leader
Student
Services



Miss Wright
Receptionist

DATA

Miss Cross is the Data Analyst and Timetabler for Lord Derby Academy. She is responsible for managing, analysing and reporting academic data, ensuring it is in a clear and understandable format for staff, pupils and parents/carers. Miss Cross is also responsible for the production and maintenance of the school's timetable, creating timetables that meet the needs of the schools curriculum model, staff and pupils. Miss Cross also works closely with our Senior Leadership Team including the administration of options, target setting and other academic tasks throughout the year.



Miss Ashton
Buildings &
Operations



Mrs Brady
HR

PA to Headteacher

Miss Ierston is the PA to Headteacher Miss Gowan and Clerk to Governors for Lord Derby Academy, Blacklow Brow and Park View Academy. Both roles are very important and demand excellent organisational skills. Miss Ierston has been a member of the Admin Team since 2016 and has gained a vast knowledge of the school during this time enabling her to provide a wide range of support to her colleagues, parents/carers and pupils.

School Administrator / Reprographics

Mrs Riley provides administrative support to the Senior Leadership Team as required and is also currently looking after reprographics whilst Miss Carter has taken on a temporary secondment



Careers

Calendar of Local College and University Open Day Events - Autumn Term 2024

College/University	Date	Time
SIXTH FORM COLLEGES		
Cronton College	Saturday 5th October 2024, Thursday 10th October 2024, Wednesday 16th October 2024, Tuesday 12th November 2024,	10am – 1pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Riverside College	Tuesday 22nd October 2024, Tuesday 26th November 2024,	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
Knowsley Community College	Wednesday 16 th October 2024 Wednesday 27 th November 2024 Wednesday 5 th February 2025 Wednesday 19 th March 2025	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
St Helens College	Wednesday 9 th October 2024 Wednesday 13 th November 2024 Wednesday 29 th January 2025 Wednesday 12 th March 2025	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
Carmel College	Wednesday 9 th October 2024 Thursday 7 th November 2024 Tuesday 11 th March 2025	5pm – 7.30pm 5pm – 7.30pm 5pm – 7.30pm
Myerscough College	Saturday 5th October Saturday 16th November Saturday 8th February 2025 Saturday 29th March 2025	10am – 12.30pm 10am – 12.30pm 10am – 12.30pm 10am – 12.30pm
Sefton Sixth Form College	Thursday 17 th October 2024 Thursday 30 th January 2025	5pm – 7pm 5pm – 7pm
The City of Liverpool College	No dates available on line at this time	Check back for updates
Southport College	Monday 7 th October 2024 Thursday 21 st November 2024	4.30pm – 7pm 4.30pm – 7pm
Winstanley 6th Form	Thursday 3rd October 2024 Wednesday 16th October 2024 Thursday 7th November 2024	5pm - 8pm 5pm - 8pm 5pm - 8pm
University Open Events (Undergraduate)		
Liverpool University	Saturday 21 September 2024 Saturday 12 October 2024	See website to register: https://www.liverpool.ac.uk/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits/register-for-open-day/
Liverpool John Moore University	Saturday 12 October 2024 (9:00 - 3:30pm) Friday 8 November 2024 (9:00 - 3:30pm) Saturday 16 November 2024 (9:00 - 3:30pm)	See website to register: https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-students/visit-us/undergraduate-open-days
Edge Hill University	Saturday 12 th October (10am – 3pm) Saturday 2 nd November 2024 (10am – 3pm) Saturday 23 rd November 2024 (10am – 3pm)	See website to register: https://www.edgehill.ac.uk/study/visit-us/open-days/
Manchester Metropolitan University	Saturday 12 th October 2024 Saturday 19 th October 2024 Saturday 23 rd November 2024	See website to register: https://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/open-days/undergraduate

**Please note this is not a definitive list*

For further information on college or University Open Days visit: www.opendays.com Or speak to Miss Ward, Careers Co-Ordinator.