



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th March 2019

Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

Can I start by thanking the Year 11 parents who attended the Year 11 Revision Launch Evening yesterday. Parents were offered advice and guidance on how to best support their child in the lead up to the exams, while pupils engaged in memory technique and Mindfulness sessions and also received information on how to build up their resilience at this crucial time. It is heartening to see pupils, staff and parents working in partnership as the GCSE examinations approach.

As Ms O'Reilly mentions in the drama section overleaf, I was delighted to receive a message from a member of the public last weekend commenting on the superb behaviour of our Year 11 Drama GCSE group during a recent theatre trip. Please have a read of this lovely message:

Dear Ms Gowan,

I was at Liverpool Playhouse Theatre this afternoon to see a performance of 'Stones in his Pockets'. Soon after I arrived at my seat I noticed a school party arriving and several students sat down in the row behind the one I was seated in. My heart sank as I have previously sat near to school students during performances and have often had my afternoon ruined by disruptive behaviour.

Today, however, the experience was very different. The students were respectful, quiet and well behaved throughout the performance and during the interval. I overheard them chatting to each other showing respect and friendliness to each other. They turned their phones off as soon as the performance started, as they had been requested by a member of staff.

I ascertained that the students were from Lord Derby Academy from a member of staff at the end of the performance and commented on their excellent behaviour but felt that an email to yourself was appropriate as young people so frequently receive negative comments from others. I hope the students enjoyed the performance; taking them to the theatre and fostering a love of live performances is such a vital contribution that schools can make the future of the arts.

It is always so rewarding when people take the time out of their busy schedule to praise our fantastic pupils and to recognise our high standards.

Best wishes for the weekend.

Yours sincerely

V. Gowan V Gowan, Headteacher



Miss Gowan
Headteacher

WINNERS 18th March – 22nd March 2019

Attendance – King & Knightingale, Behaviour – King, House points – King, Punctuality – Einstein



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PUPILS CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Please ensure that bicycles are secured with a lock when they are inside the shelter. The cycle shelter is open in the morning and locked at 9am. It is re-opened at 3pm. Before 9am and after 3pm the bike shelter will be open for pupil access. The school advises that all bikes are secured with a lock as an additional layer of security. For pupil safety, school advises that protective headgear and pads are worn, especially if your child uses the roads. Pupils must not ride their bikes on the school yard.

BBC PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

This term, 15 pupils from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have come together to form a Modulo group which is part of the National Orchestras for All programme. The group rehearse once a week and will go on to perform with other pupils from around the country in established venues in Manchester and London. On March 22nd they were visited by two professional musicians from the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra. Pupils undertook a rehearsal learning to play The Anvil Chorus by Verdi, this piece includes many challenges especially for some of the younger performers who are complete beginners on their instruments. Both of the visiting musicians commented on the impeccable behaviour and focus from the pupils as well as the excellent progress they made during the session.





Miss Taylor
Head of
Department



Ms Chase
Classroom
Teacher with
Responsibility



Miss Boag-
Munroe Lead
Teacher of Music



Mr Proctor
Classroom
Teacher



Mrs Greenhalgh
Classroom
Teacher



Miss Pickering
Classroom
Teacher



Mr Torode
Technician



Mrs
MacDiarmid
Technician

DANCE- The dance department currently offers the following clubs for pupils to attend:

Street Dance Tuesday's, 3-4pm – Miss Taylor – G07

Cheerleading Thursday's, 3-4pm LIPA Teacher – G07

GCSE Dance Wednesday's, 3-4pm– Miss Taylor – G07

HIGHER ACHIEVERS

High achievers in Music have been challenging themselves by using the 'Help Yourself' boards in the teaching spaces. The boards include more complicated versions of the music being studied in lessons and allow pupils to make choices about the standard of repertoire they are working on. This has allowed many of our high achievers to work on Music pieces at GCSE level while still accessing the same topics as their peers. Many of the pupils have used the 'Help Yourself' boards to access music that they are able to take home and rehearse independently which has also helped them make excellent progress in performance.

Help Yourself



DRAMA

Pupils have been studying Willy Russell's *Blood Brothers* this half term at KS3.

The GCSE drama pupils are working extremely hard to complete their work for a practical exam. In addition, they visited The Playhouse in Liverpool last week to watch the performance of 'Stones In His Pockets', which complements the work for their written exam. The pupils where a credit to the school and the Headteacher was delighted to receive a very complimentary email from a member of the public regarding their outstanding conduct during the performance.

The extra-curricular drama club is growing in numbers each week and pupils are in the beginning stages of devising in preparation for the Expressive Arts week and the Lord Derby Academy Showcase. Everyone is welcome and if you would like to get involved please come to G06 one Wednesday from 3:15 until 4pm.

The *Breakthrough* competitions will be launched the week beginning 22nd April. Pupils will have the opportunity to enter into one or more of the following competitions; scriptwriter of the year, composer of the year, choreographer of the year and artist of the year.

ART

This half term in Art the main focus is on Year 11. The pupils are well underway with their exam preparation for their final ten hour exam. They are working on a variety of questions including 'Messages in art', 'Abstract Architecture', 'Habitats', 'Texture' and 'The Elements'. The sketchbooks are already looking fabulous and we are very much looking forward to seeing the final outcomes in the Summer Exhibition.

Year 10's, having successfully completed their first coursework project are just starting the second project entitled 'Flower Power'. They will be exploring influence of the Psychedelic genre on the arts and music, but also the political and social significance of the movement. They are thoroughly enjoying listening to music of the era in their lessons, and looking at the fashions of the day as well as recreating the popular imagery in their sketchbooks.

Year 9 have recently completed a mini 'Careers in the Arts' unit in preparation for their Options. We hope we have convinced a fair few that with the continuing growth technology, and the expansion of the internet, there has been an explosion of OPPORTUNITY for digital designers and multimedia artists meaning, creative thinkers are more in demand in than ever in the job market. Similarly, with opening of 'Amazon Go' and headlines like 'Will robots bring about the end of work?' appearing, pupils need to think carefully about the sort of jobs robots cannot do.

And this week in the Art world, A Dutch art detective has said he has recovered a valuable painting by [Pablo Picasso](#) 20 years after it was stolen from a wealthy Saudi Arabian's yacht in France. Arthur Brand told the Associated Press that he took possession of the 1938 painting *Buste de Femme* two weeks ago after trailing it for years in Amsterdam. Brand, whose previous finds include a pair of bronze horses sculpted for Adolf Hitler, has since handed over the painting, which he estimates to be worth around €25m (£21.3m), to an insurance company. It was not immediately clear what would happen to the painting.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS STARS

	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
ART	Poppy F	Gina F	Natalie D	Ellie W	Ellie Mc
DRAMA	Amelia H	Ashleigh Mc	Callum K	N/A	Eryn B
MUSIC	Alexander P Phoebe D	Lucy W	Isabelle B	Chloe O'N	Natalia N
DANCE	N/A	N/A	N/A	Holly D	Lucy M
FILM STUDIES	N/A	N/A	N/A	Joshua C	N/A