



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As this is my first Newsletter of the Spring Term, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. I really hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and that you are able to look forward to a healthy and happy 2023.

I have been so proud of the way our pupils have started the new term. The vast majority have been polite, respectful and fully engaged in their learning. I have visited Year 9 and Year 10 assemblies this week to announce that Mrs Scott will be taking on a temporary Deputy Head of Year 9 role and Mrs Finn will be taking on a temporary Deputy Head of Year 10 role for the coming weeks. I wish both staff well in these roles and I am delighted that pupils and staff are already making them feel welcomed as part of their respective Year groups.

Can I please remind you that Parent Pay will no longer exist from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. Please ensure you have downloaded the **My Child At School App**. If you are having any difficulties with this, please email the school office account and our admin team will provide you with advice and guidance.

Finally, please be advised that there has been a change to the Lord Derby Academy term dates for 2023-2024. This change is to bring the school in line with other Knowsley schools. The change affects the October 2023 Half Term break as we will now be on holiday from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**. You can find all the LDA dates for 2023-2024 on the school website.

I wish you a restful weekend,

Miss V. Gowan  
Headteacher



Victoria Gowan  
Headteacher

This week's  
Numeracy  
puzzle...

What rule is being followed  
for these questions?

$$12 + 13 = 7$$

$$14 + 15 = 11$$

$$16 + 17 = 15$$

$$18 + 19 = ?$$



# Faculty of the Week Science

Well the first Tassomai check-in of 2023 surprised us all – some students even logged in on Christmas Day and the bank holidays to make sure they didn't lose their daily goal streak discounts! Well done to you. Here are the winners for this week...

Year 11 – James S and Jacob D

Year 10 – Ella M

Year 9 – Owen S

Year 8 – Mia S

Year 7 – Leila A



## A little science fun

This molecule keeps the LDA Science Department running smoothly. Do you know what it is?



Mr Hambleton  
Head of  
Department



Miss Hardman  
Deputy Head of  
Department



Mr Young  
Assistant  
Headteacher



Mrs Fitzsimon  
Classroom  
Teacher with  
Responsibility



Mrs Lancelott-  
Morris  
Classroom  
Teacher with  
Responsibility



Miss Smart  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mr Chapman  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Pugh  
Classroom  
Teacher



Bethany  
Sorenson  
Classroom  
Teacher

## Year 9 Pupils excel at Farm Urban Competition

Recently Miss Fitzsimon and Mr Hoslett took a group of four Year 9 girls to Reaseheath College in Nantwich to participate in the Final of the Farm Urban Competition. The girls had been working hard almost every night after school for weeks to design and build a prototype for a 'Produce Pod' to grow salad leaves using only fish poo for fertiliser! Our group did a Christmas Themed Produce Pod and it was fantastic.

We were the only all-female group and the judges were extremely impressed with Eleanor C, Libby C-M, Bethany R and Mischa M and they won the prize for the **Best Growth Mindset** and the **Best Creative Directors**. Well done girls and we hope to see you working in STEM careers in the future!



## Science in the News



The Orion space capsule from Artemis I has come full circle, having launched from the Kennedy Space Centre, travelled 1.4 million miles in space and around the moon, splashed back down to Earth in the Pacific Ocean, and now journeyed 2,500 miles over land for its return to Florida. After Orion was recovered at sea on Dec. 11, it made its way to Naval Base San Diego before heading by truck to arrive at KSC on Dec. 30. It now sits at NASA's Multi Payload Processing Facility, still sealed tight from its celestial journey.

The passengers have been waiting patiently to get out of the capsule. Since they're just mannequins, though, they can wait a little longer. ([phys.org/news](https://phys.org/news))

Artemis is NASA's latest exploration project comprised of a series of missions to ultimately create a long-term human presence on the Moon. Mrs Lancelott-Morris visited the Kennedy Space Centre in the summer and was amazed to see scientists from all over the world, with different STEM backgrounds, working together on the project. To find out more and follow the missions' progress, visit the NASA website.

### Did you manage to see all the planets?

Last Thursday, all of our solar system's planets were visible in the night sky! This is a rare and delightful opportunity for budding astronomers and any other skyward observers. Just after sunset in the South and in Europe, all the planets were visible in a vertical line up into the sky. Even the naked eye could easily see the warm red colour of Mars and the very bright Saturn and Jupiter. In fact, a basic telescope could make even Jupiter's moons appear clear! If you would like some tips on making the most of night sky observations, ask Mr Hambleton or Mr Chapman, they would love to share their wisdom.

## Year 10 Trip to London is now OPEN!



Some of you may already be aware that Miss. Fitzsimon runs an annual Science trip to London for Year 10 pupils. Well, she's been busy planning the next one in May and the pupils will look forward to visiting the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum. They will also participate in a L'Oréal Young Scientist workshop and go on the London Eye and a Thames River Cruise.

Not all pupils can be offered a place, so if your child receives a letter, please fill the expression of interest in and return it to Miss Fitzsimon by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January.



# Lord Derby Academy Presents..... The January Talent Showcase!



LDA are offering a fantastic opportunity for pupils to show off their talents in the Talent Showcase.

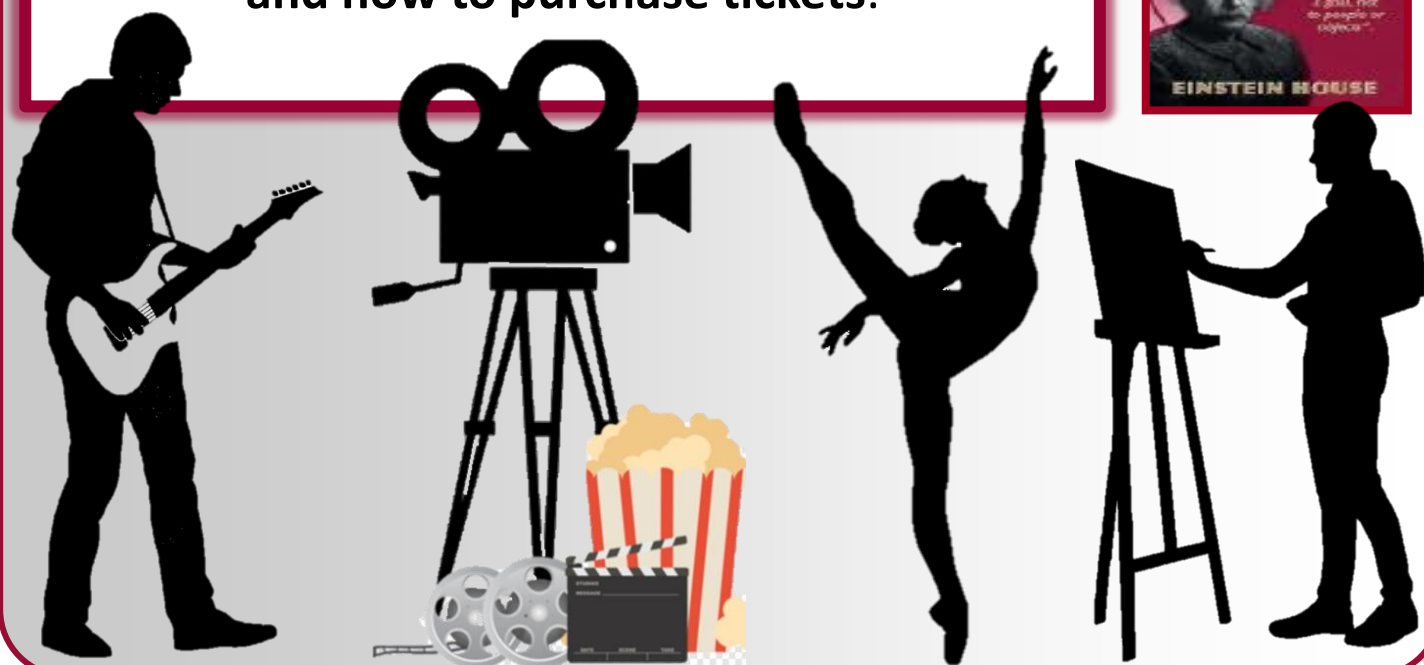
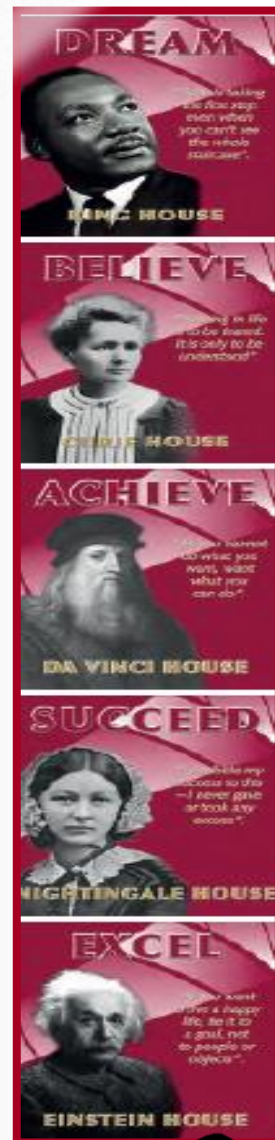
The show will take place on:  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.  
At Lord Derby Academy.

Tickets will be available:

Adult = £4

Children = £2

All participants will soon receive a letter to inform their parents/carers about the event and how to purchase tickets.



# Enrichment at LDA



## Monday

Girls Fitness, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

French Club, F17, Lunchtime, KS3



## Tuesday

Stem Club, G44D, 3-4pm, KS3.

Netball, Muga, 3pm, Y7-10

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7

Table Tennis, Atrium, 3pm, Y8-10

Eco Club, HB2, Lunchtime, KS3

## Wednesday

Time travellers Club, S41, Lunchtime, KS3

Boys Football, Astro, 3pm, Y8-10

Y9 Sport, Sportshall, 3pm, Y9

Trampolining, Sportshall, 3pm

## Thursday

Girls Football, Astro, 3pm, Y7-11

Mathswatch Club, S13, Lunchtime, KS3

Mindfulness Colouring, F18B, Lunchtime.



## Friday

Y11 Staff football, 4-5pm, Y11


Dodgeball, Sportshall, 3pm, Y7

## GIRLS ONLY SPORT (Years 7 – 11)

Fitness – Every Monday @ 3PM

Football - Every Thursday @ 3PM



Enrichment activity	Cheerleading:	
Where and when is it?	Fridays: 3:15pm – 4pm, G07. PE kit required.	
What is it?	Cheerleading is the fastest growing sport in the UK, and is being taught at schools across the country. Cheerleading for LDA pupils is a great option, as it allows pupils to try a brand-new sport, encouraging regular exercise and even a new hobby!	
Why choose to take part in this enrichment activity?	Pupils will work on their physical endurance as Cheerleading is a great cardio workout. Stretching exercises in the sessions will support in developing flexibility and increase the pupil's range of movement. Cheer not only teaches athletic discipline, but also helps improve pupil's confidence and team-working skills. Cheerleading club will always have a chance to perform in the school talents shows, building confidence.	
Who can sign up and who do you contact?	Pupils in KS3 can express an interest with Miss Taylor.	

## Pupil Parliament

Pupil Parliament meetings for this term have now begun.

Members of Key stage 3 and 4 will be meeting on Friday this week to decide what the focus for this term will be.

Interviews for Head pupils will also be taking place this week appointments to be finalised by Friday. Good luck to all of the pupils involved.

