



Lady Manners School

Headteacher's Newsletter

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This has been a positive half-term and I would like to begin by congratulating students and staff on the many successes achieved during this initial part of the academic year.

Extra-curricular

Our extra-curricular programme continues to offer a vibrant and varied range of activities for our students. Included in this programme are many lunchtime clubs where students can participate in anything from Abb Lab, Science Support, Pride club and Bake Off to Lego League, Debating club and JAM club, to name but a few. Students can view the programme of events for each year group on Moodle.

Sports teams continue to perform to a high standard across a range of activities. It has been enjoyable to watch so many competitive inter-school fixtures this term, including sports such as netball, rugby and football. House events have also been taking place this term and we have been impressed with how students from across all year groups have worked together to acquire points for their respective houses.

We are always delighted to hear about sporting successes that have taken place outside of school, and we are extremely proud of the achievements of our students, many of whom have competed at regional level or have even represented Great Britain in their respective sports. We wish all our students continued success as they compete at the very highest level.

We also wish our Music teacher, Mr Haworth, the very best of luck as he competes for Great Britain in the 2022 World Mountain Running Championships. This event takes place between the 3-6 November in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

School Production

Preparations for our November Production, Chicago, are going well. I have observed a number of re-hearsals recently and I can say with confidence that we are in for a real treat! The talent of our students never fails to amaze me and we look forward to our scheduled shows over three days on 17, 18 and 19 November.

Rewards Trip

Our recent rewards trip to Alton Towers was a huge success. The students clearly had a great time and it was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces following a very challenging couple of years. Needless to say, our students demonstrated impeccable behaviour throughout the day and were a credit to our school.

The students who chose to remain in school also had an enjoyable day, completing a range of activities from sport and art, to creating online games and writing books.

We are currently reviewing our rewards structure and will be introducing a new system in the near future. Further details to follow.

School Officers

We have recently appointed our Year 13 School Officer team following a robust interview process. Due to the high quality of the candidates, we have extended our team this year to include nine officers, with each individual to be assigned a specific whole-school role. Particular congratulations go to our two Senior School Officers, Clementine Wright and Sam Fletcher.

New Faculty Structure

As you will be aware, we introduced a new faculty model in September and this will deliver benefits in terms of innovation, efficiency and enhanced communication. We now have seven faculty areas, each led by a Director of Learning who is supported by three Curriculum Leaders.

Faculty	Director of Learning
Business and Mathematics	Mr Byrne
Computing and Technology	Miss Bontoft
Creative Arts	Mr Doody
English and Social Studies	Mrs Lansley
Global Studies	Mrs Scott
Personal and Physical Development	Mr Mason
Science	Mr Edge

Alongside this revised curriculum structure, we have also introduced a new Inclusion Faculty which brings together the work of our pastoral, learning support and early help teams. This faculty is led by Mrs Ridley (Deputy Headteacher) and will further strengthen all aspects of our inclusion services. As part of this new structure, we now have two non-teaching Heads of Year (Year 7 and Year 10). Heads of Year from other groups are supported by a Pastoral Support Assistant (PSA).

Attendance

I am pleased to see that so many of our students have attended every day this term and rewards for this will be forthcoming. Attendance is a key priority for us, as I am sure it is for you, following the impact of the pandemic. As a school, we encourage parents and carers to ensure that their child achieves maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent this are brought to our attention at the earliest opportunity so that our pastoral team can support your child.

Of course, there will be times when your child is too unwell to attend school. When this is the case, please let us know before 9.00 am each day via the ClassCharts attendance tab, or by emailing the pastoral team for your child's year group at the following email addresses:

Year Group Email	Head of Year/PSA
Year7@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mrs Hallam
Year8@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mr Martin/Miss Howarth
Year9@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mr Palmer/Mrs Bagnall
Year10@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mrs Hobday
Year11@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mr Mulholland/Mrs Sandover
sixthform@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk	Mr Wallace/Mr Foyle/Miss Burn/Mrs Sweet

We look forward to a busy half-term after the break.

A reminder that Monday 31 October is a staff training day and we welcome all students back to school on **Tuesday 01 November**.

In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable half-term.

Mr Peat
Headteacher
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