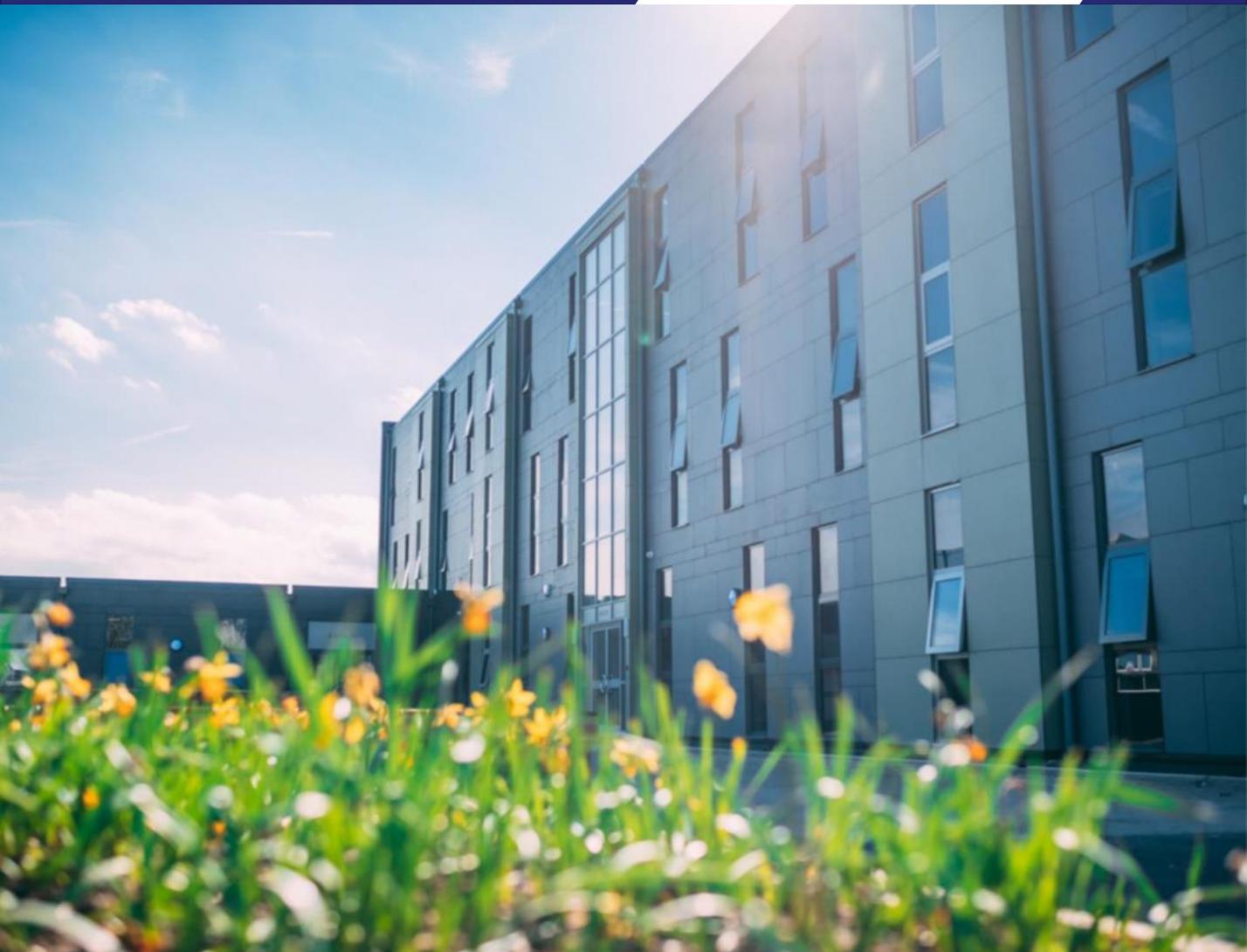


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# Parent Newsletter

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## Welcome back

We hope you have all had the most amazing summer and are ready for an exciting year here at De Lacy Academy! We would like to welcome all our new year 7 students, parents and carers to our community, and we hope you are just as excited as us about getting stuck into an amazing year!

Our newsletter this year will feature a subject spotlight each half term where you can find out more about the team and what your child will be experiencing this year, here at De Lacy Academy.

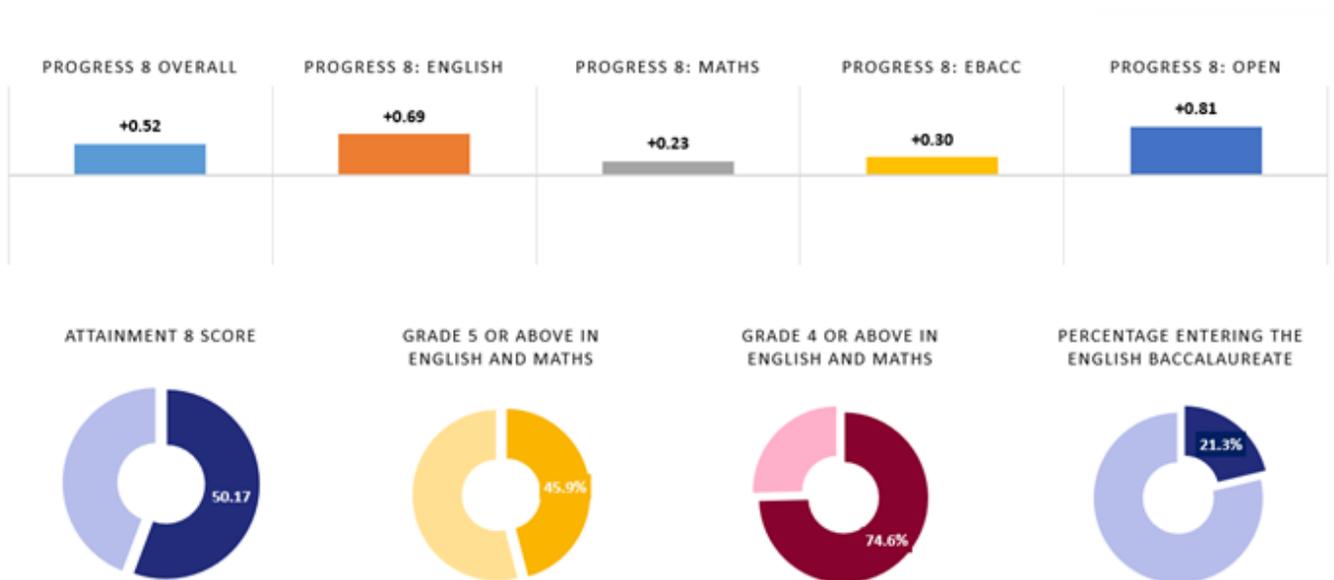
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# Sharing Success

## Exam Results 2021

We are so proud of our students this year as we know it has been a rocky year however, they have achieved some fantastic results. We are positive in all areas, and we could not be any prouder of our staff and students for all their efforts.



## What does this mean for your child?

Put simply, it means we are changing lives!

- ✓ We are above national average in Attainment, Progress and examination results.
- ✓ We have a 100% success rate at securing Post 16 provision for our students.
- ✓ We have amazing staff.
- ✓ We are a 'good' school.
- ✓ We care about our community.

There are no limits to your child's abilities and aspirations and we are here to help them achieve them!

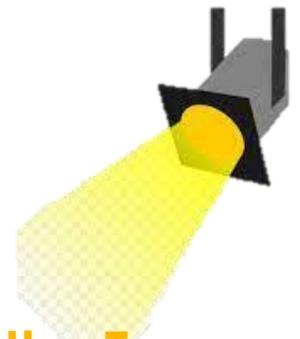
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# English



- ❑ Mr Waite leads KS3 English as well as teaching across all year groups. In his spare time, he enjoys taking trips to the coast and the Lake District with his wife, kids and little dog Murphy!
- ❑ Mr Pritchard is our Vice Principal. He has spent nearly his entire teaching career helping De Lacy pupils and the wider community. His expert curriculum knowledge makes lessons fun, engaging and informative.
- ❑ Ms Robson has worked at De Lacy for 19 years and is currently reading a book called 'The Evening and the Morning' by Ken Follett.
- ❑ Mrs Austin has been teaching at De Lacy since 2014. She is the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator in school and tries to make sure that all students can access the same opportunities. When she's not at De Lacy, Mrs Austin enjoys helping students work towards shows at Stagecoach Performing Arts and likes spending time with her family and pets.
- ❑ Miss Harrison has been teaching at De Lacy Academy for two years. She has a great love of reading and enjoys sharing this with pupils. In her spare time, she loves spending time visiting and exploring different places with her family, two children and their dog, Potter.
- ❑ Miss Wilcock's been teaching at De Lacy Academy for ten years. Her favourite texts that we study at De Lacy are: Of Mice and Men, An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the countryside, horse riding and travelling.
- ❑ Miss Upright has been working at De Lacy Academy for three years and loves all things reading! You'll often find her in the library helping our pupils with their literacy and reading.
- ❑ Mr Howell dedicates his time to helping the English Department as well as taking responsibility for the Teaching and Learning strategies at De Lacy. His creativity and pedagogical knowledge inspire both teachers and pupils alike.



## Meet the Team

My name is Mrs Young and I am the Head of English at De Lacy Academy. I have worked here for eight years and I am really proud of the amazing team. English is a fantastic subject full of fun and exciting fiction texts, non-fiction texts, poems and so much more. Our brilliant English students at De Lacy can be transported to different times and places, past, present and future and take with them new skills and techniques throughout their academic careers.

Year-on-year we have achieved consistently high results. Pupils have worked incredibly hard and have been rewarded with fantastic outcomes. In 2019, 98% of our pupils attained either a grade 4 or above for both English Language and Literature. Each student added nearly a full grade (+0.89 progress eight score) to their potential outcomes. Brilliant!

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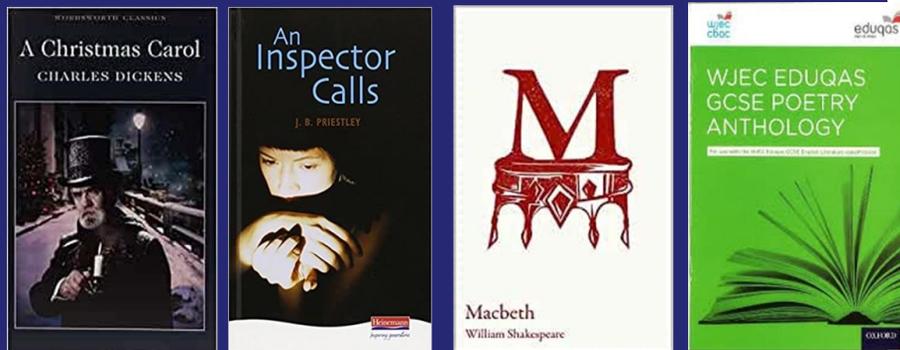
# English

## KS3 Texts

- Year 7 – 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo, 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and 'Much Ado About Nothing' by William Shakespeare.
- Year 8 – 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell, 'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai and 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time' play by Mark Haddon.
- Year 9 – 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck, 'The 57 Bus' by Dashka Slater and 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare.



## KS4 Texts



KS4 – An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley, A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens and Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Our current Year 10 students will also study our Poetry Anthology which contains 18 poems which span from 1789 to the present day.

- Ensure attendance. English Enrichment is on a Monday from 2.30-3.15pm
- Create space for home learning/revision (Year 11 students have a short recall homework each week in their booklets)
- Test on Literature content e.g. plot, key quotations, the characters (their actions, feelings, motivations, dilemmas and how they change), themes and writer's messages
- Supervised timed practice
- Test spelling

## How to Help Year 11 Students:



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## MFL

Here at De Lacy, we aim to kindle our students' curiosity in learning a foreign language.

In lessons, both Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Ellis strive to engage and include all pupils with real exposure to the Foreign Language in an authentic and interactive way.

They like to think (know) that they are the best department in the school and that they are clearly the coolest teachers in the school... apparently!

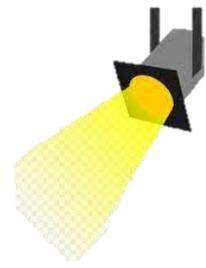
Mr. Ellis is a big Leeds United fan but according to Mr. Whittaker he should support Huddersfield Town, just like him.

## Languagenut Legends



As you may be aware, all French homework at De Lacy is set via an online learning portal, called Languagenut. Students are set around 25-30 minutes of activities each week.

Since its inception in 2019, our pupils have actively engaged and found this website to be great fun and extremely beneficial in helping them make progress in learning the French Language.



## Meet the Team



**Mr. Whittaker**



**Mr. Ellis**

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# What to expect this year.

After the huge success of our This Is Culture event with year 7 during July, we will be repeating this with our new year 7s which again will culminate with a chance to win £100 of Amazon vouchers.



# Reading

We are passionate about reading and our DEAR initiative is an example of this. At specified times during the week students will stop, Drop Everything And Read (DEAR. This is about creating a culture of reading and both staff and students will be involved with this.

# Culture Calendar

You should have already received our Culture Calendar.

Our continual aim is to broaden horizons. This can be achieved through curriculum content, learning opportunities and experiences.

Our aim this year is to maximize the opportunities we have on offer.

**September 2021**

*Did you know?...*  
 - Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Education Act 1918  
 - Healthy Schools  
 - Subject Specific events  
 - Special Birthdays  
 - Food events in the canteen  
 - Other  
 - Learning Opportunity

Special events this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4	5
				The Great Fire of London started in 1666		4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rosh Hashana - Jewish New Year World Mental Health Day The TV week created in 1927	International Literacy Day				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	28	29	30				
27	28	29	30				

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**Culture Calendar 2021-22**

**October 2021**

*Did you Know?...*  
 - Bookings are now open  
 - International Day of the Girl  
 - Healthy Schools  
 - Subject Specific events  
 - Special Birthdays  
 - Food events in the canteen  
 - Other  
 - Learning Opportunity

October is also -  
 ✓ The Big Draw Month  
 ✓ Black History Month  
 ✓ Walk to School Month

Special events this week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2	3
					World Smile Day World Vegetarian Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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**Culture Calendar 2021-22**

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# KS3 Curriculum

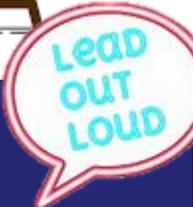
After some feedback from parents, we have decided to share our weekly curriculum with you.

This means that each week you will receive an overview of what your child will be studying in Yrs. 7, 8 and 9.

We hope that you find this useful.

# Home Learning

Home learning is an integral part to our education philosophy. To support this our library is open at breaktime and after school for all students to access, to support their learning. They have access to computers and printers to complete work.



Year 8

13<sup>th</sup> September

**Change** - Students consider change - from controlled, small personal choice change to cataclysmic change beyond control. How and why does change happen and how can we react?

**What are we learning and how does it link to our key theme?**  
 English links to the theme of change through the study of Animal Farm this half term, Orwell's modern classic looks at change on Manor Farm as the animals plan rebellion - linked to the real changes of the Russian Revolution. Maths will look at change in percentages and science will look at (ex)change in gases! Geography will look at the change in weather - extreme weather - and history - linking nicely to English will look at the English Civil War. Drama looks at changes in the body to create character and music looks at the dramatic change in genre caused by the slave trade in helping blues and jazz emerge. Finally, computing will look at the change in technology over time as we have come from carrier pigeons to modern day networks - though I'm sure the humble pigeon at times, is faster than many a network!

**Assembly** - Key Themes - Mr Balk

**Celebration Days** - Sexual Health Week  
National Coding Week  
13<sup>th</sup> Sept - Roald Dahl's Birthday

**Events** - Mass Testing for Covid-19

Form Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	WOW - Characteristic	Careers - The Police	Raising the Bar - Why we use seating plans.	Assembly - Key Themes	Sexual Health

Curriculum Weekly Overview

## Welcome to our new staff members

We are excited to announce we have new staff members starting with us this year.

Miss Speck – Technology

Miss Schofield – History

Miss Newmarch – History

Mr. Taylor – Maths

Miss Hoban - Maths

Mr. Corbett - PE

Ms Harper, Ms McIlmoyle, Ms Carver – Teaching Assistants

Mr Dashi – Cover Supervisor

Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking students to apply to become members of Lead out Loud (De Lacy's student council). The group will meet weekly to discuss their opinions and ideas regarding their school experience and will be able to voice and facilitate changes by communicating and working with the school staff. This is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills as members will collate the ideas of their peers and represent them in conversations with school leaders.

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# Enrichment



## Get Involved!

We have so much on offer this year and we hope to see lots of students joining our enrichment activities. We have so much on offer. Make sure your child checks out their notice board in form to see what is happening!

#GetInvolved

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Get your Red badge!

Enrichment Activities

#TEAMDLA

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Science Club Mrs Robinson and Mr Robinson A18	Diversity Club Library	Culture Club Mr Ellis B15	Netball Club Mrs Oates Sportshall	Japanese Club Miss Schofield B3
History Club Miss Newmarsh B2		Austin Powers Club (invitation only) Mrs Austin A5	Creative Writing Club Mr Robinson B23	Homework Club Library
Art Club Mr Hayward A7		Girls Rugby Miss Anfield 3G	CodeLab Mr Crookes A8	
Girls ONLY Fitness Miss Anfield Fitness Suite		Homework Club Library	Fitness Club Mr Windley and Mr Belk Fitness Suite	
Mind Club Miss Bibby Drama Room		Boys Rugby Mr Windley 3G	Dance Club Mrs Toberman Gym	
Signing Club (invitation only) Music Room LUNCHTIME			Homework Club Library	
Homework Club Library			Cooking Club Miss Spere A5	
Physical Theatre Miss Bibby LUNCHTIME			Steele Pans Mr Williamson Music Room	
			Sustainability club A6	

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## Year 7

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## Year 8

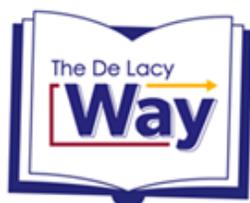


# The De Lacy Way

Year 7 started the year with a bang as they all took part in a conference style session to discover how learning is done at De Lacy. Working alongside their teachers they discovered about the 'De Lacy Way'. They worked collaboratively and practiced some of the techniques that teachers will use in their lessons such as Buzz and Go, Move and Synergise and Peer PIN. We explored what makes a great learner and how we make sure we present ourselves and our work well. We also discover that we can learn an awful lot from geese when it comes to leadership, working together, and supporting each other.

It was a fun filled afternoon with super teamwork skills displayed. A year 7 boy was caught saying, "Wow that lesson was buzzing! I feel like I've been on a roller coaster!"

Years 8 and 9 also got to participate in similar sessions to press a 'reset' button as we return to collaborative learning following the relaxing of Covid restrictions. It was fantastic to see students sat in groups and working together to make progress.



# Raising the Bar

To ensure that we are equipping all our students with the study skills to work successfully and independently, all year groups are following a weekly "Raising the Bar" programme during their form time. Bespoke to the year group and the stage in their academic journey, we are covering topics such as presentation, organisation, mastering memory, looking after our well being and dealing with stress - as well as exam preparation.



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# Dates for your Diaries

## **8<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 7 and 8 GL assessments in English and Maths

## **13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Sexual Health week during form time

## **21<sup>st</sup> September**

School Photographs

## **22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Year 8 HPV Injections

## **21<sup>st</sup> October**

Year 11 Virtual Parents' evening

## **22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Academy Closes for half term

## **1<sup>st</sup> November**

Academy Opens

## **20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Recycling Week

## **24<sup>th</sup> September**

MacMillan Coffee Morning