



Da Vinci Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Parent Bulletin

March 2024



Welcome back

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to 2024 and are extremely proud of the vast majority of our students who are arriving punctually and ready to learn each morning. We value the on-going support of parents/carers and fully appreciate that working in partnership is the key to your child's success.

I cannot believe my first half term as Headteacher is completed. I would like to thank all parents/carers for making me feel very welcome and I look forward to strengthening the academy community further with regular communication to ensure everyone is kept fully up to date regarding future improvements. I feel the academy has huge potential and over the remaining of this academic year and I will be making minor changes and improvements to build upon the excellent practice already in place and I look forward to sharing news of these in the near future.

Jayne Scattergood

Dates for your diary.

Monday 18th March:

INSET day

Thursday 28th March:

Break up for Easter

Monday 15th April:

Return to school

Tuesday 7th May - Wednesday 26th June:

Y11 GCSE exams

Thursday 16th May:

Y8 Parents Evening

Thursday 13th June:

Y7 Parents Evening

Friday 28th June:

INSET day

Thursday 4th July:

Y10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 23rd July:

Break up for Summer



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Parental Questionnaire

As part of our on-going evaluation into the viewpoints of parents/carers, LEAD Academy Trust is undertaking a parental questionnaire using Microsoft Forms which can be accessed by the link below. Please could I kindly ask that you complete this questionnaire, which only takes a few minutes, as this will be extremely helpful to both the Trust and myself to help determine improvement priorities within the school. Questionnaire link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zRjD612DXy>.

Free School Meal Vouchers:

All FSM vouchers for February Half Term have been issued, please check your emails to redeem the code.



Derby City Council

Free School Meals

We are encouraging parents/carers to check to see if your child(ren) are eligible to receive free school meals, please click on the link below and we will be able to check on your behalf and support with the application. Please use the following link

<https://forms.office.com/e/P28JJNXgFj>

Headteacher's Clinic

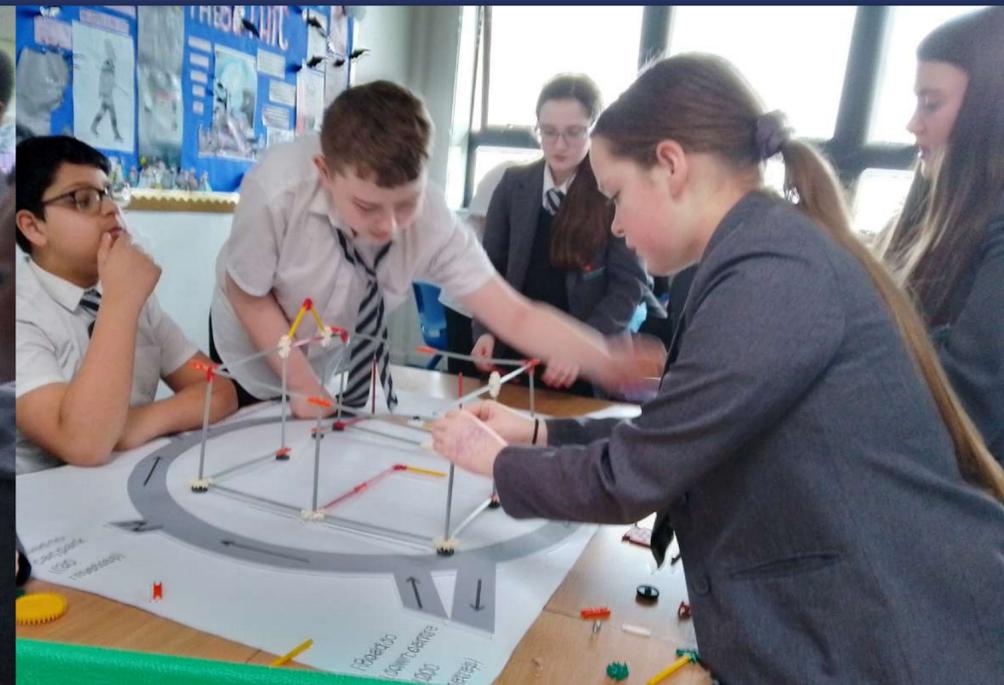
Miss Scattergood runs a weekly Headteacher's Clinic on Thursday's from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Please email emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk to book an appointment.



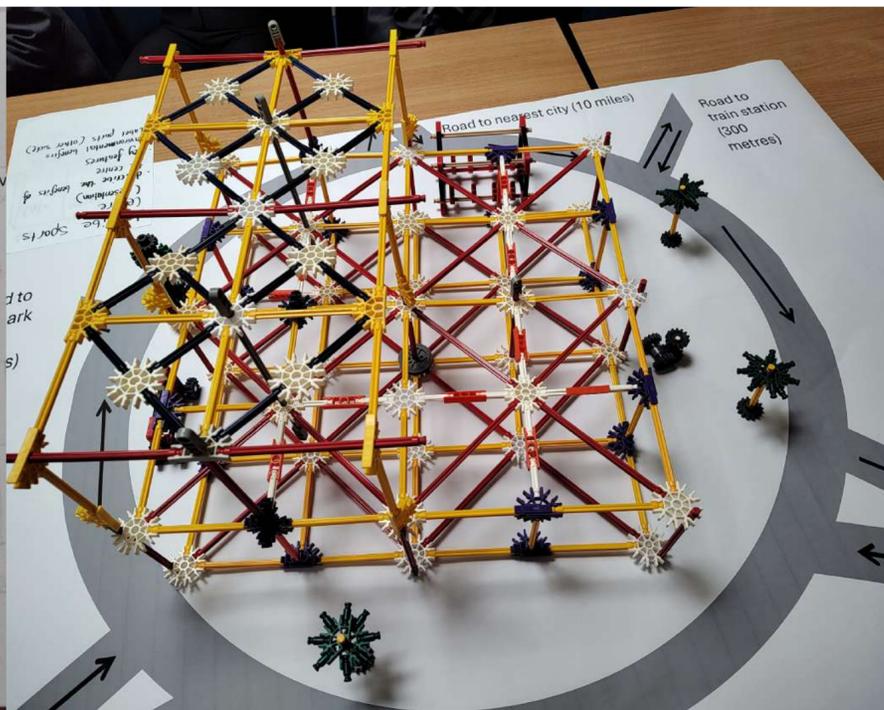
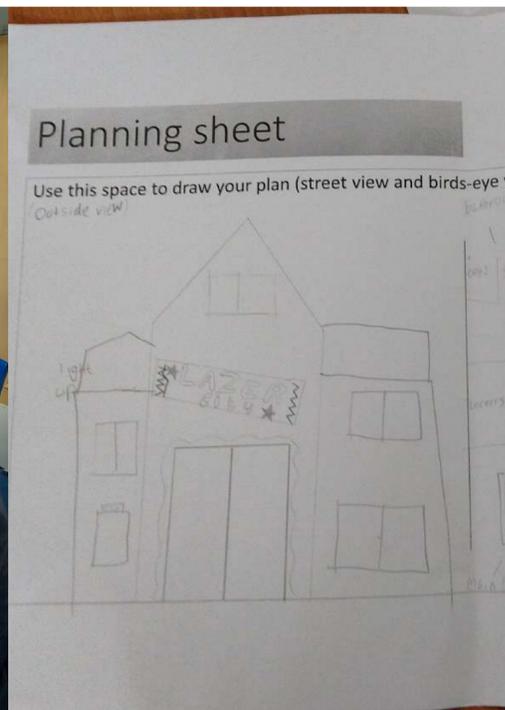


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Inspiration Day - Y8



Year 8 students were inspired by Derby Education Business Partnership after taking part in a business challenge which tested their problem solving and team building skills. Their task was to design a public building and then make the structure using K'nex.



Inspiration Day - Y9

Year 9's day focused on Science and English. In Science, the students carried out in depth investigations and experiments. In English, the students worked on developing their oracy skills to help and support them with future GCSE requirements and public speaking.



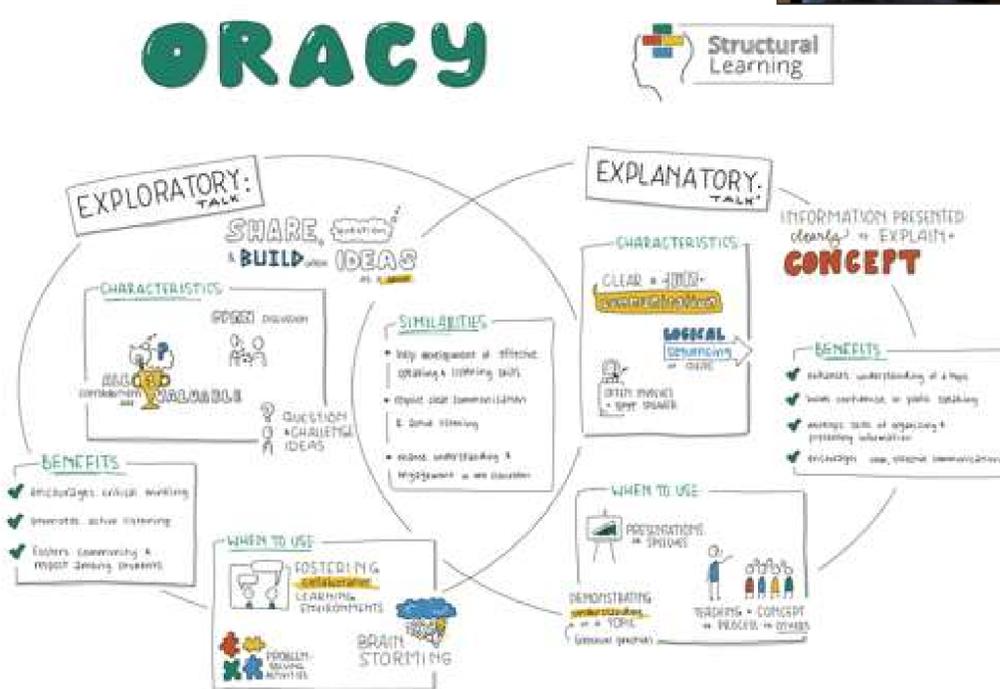
Oh Mr Dziombak, what's with that face?

It's this squash, it's burning my mouth and my throat, I think I'm going to die.

I'm not surprised, it's 4 times more concentrated than normal squash, so you need to add 4 times as much water or it will taste far too strong.

I don't understand what you mean.

Mr Dziombak's mass is 72kg and comes from the planet Uranus where the Gravitational Field Strength is 9N/kg. Calculate Mr Dziombak's weight.



Method marking

- Get some magnesium and put it in concentrated hydrochloric acid. Measure the time taken for the magnesium to finish reacting.
- Get some more magnesium and put that in less concentrated acid and measure how long that takes to finish reacting.

Tier 2 (3 marks). Method has most steps but no controls

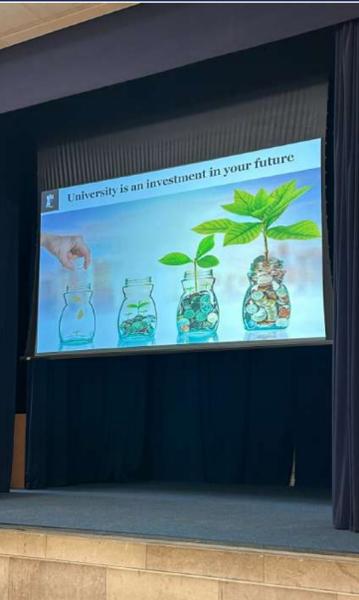
- When discussing whether the concentration affects rate of reaction you will need to make sure that you control the temperature and the surface area of the magnesium. This is because they will affect the number of collisions between the reactants. When you have collected the results you need to repeat the experiment, check for anomalies and calculate a mean average.

0 marks. No one knows what Mr Thompson is changing or measuring.

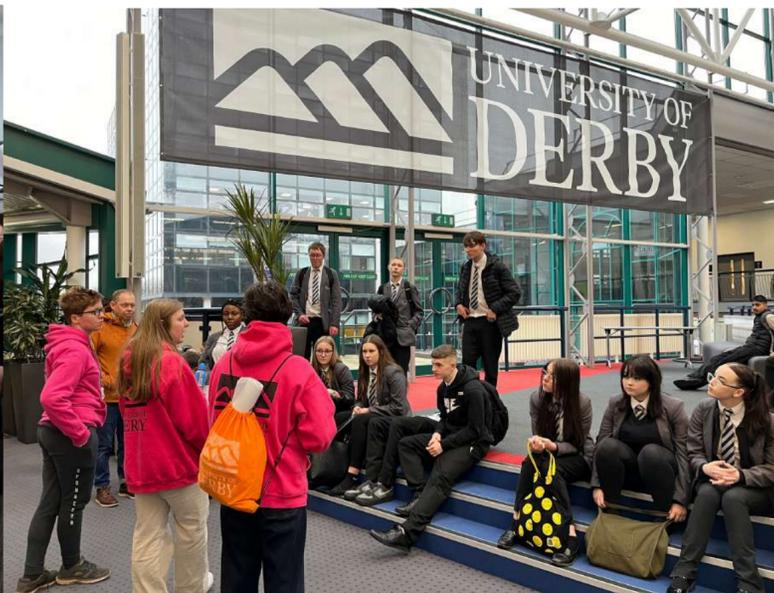


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Inspiration Day - Y10



Our Year 10 students visited either Derby University, or the University of Nottingham, where they gained an insight into the academic courses available to them in the future, and more importantly the further education opportunities on our doorstep, they got to see both the academic and social side of university life.

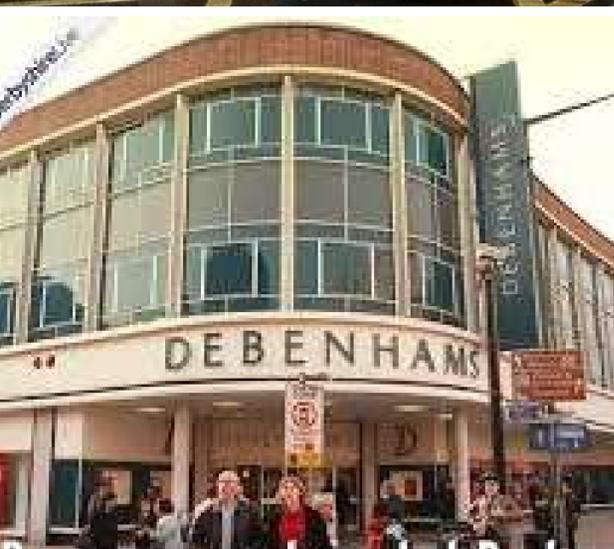
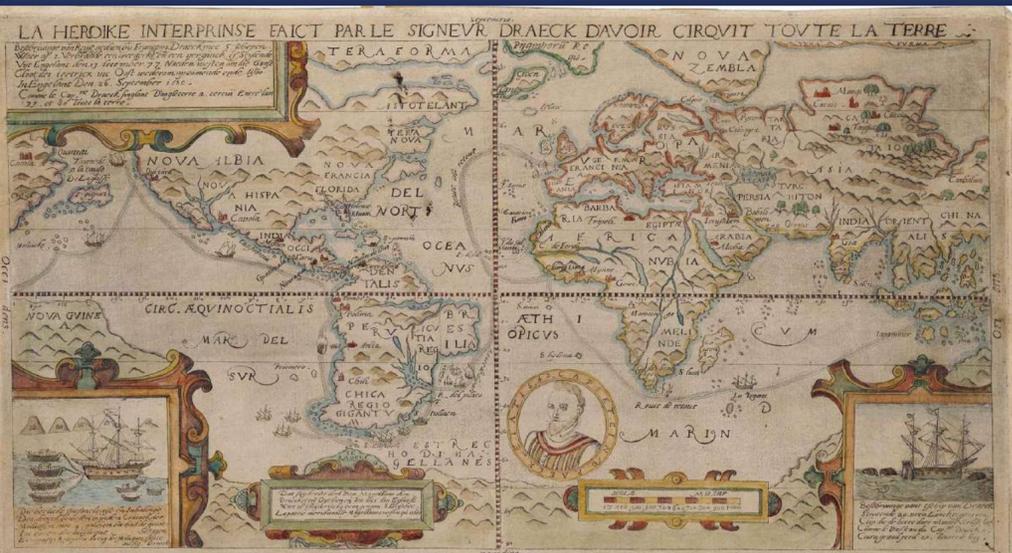




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Inspiration Day - Y11

GCSE Geographers went to Derby City Centre to look at the changes in the city over the past 30 years. GCSE Historians completed an investigation into Drake and his circumnavigation of the world. The work completed during this day is in support of future examinations.





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The Learning Hub



KS3 Learning Hub students created their own bird boxes and made some cakes. KS4 Learning Hub students had the opportunity to look around the Derby College Sites regarding Post 16 opportunities.



World Book Day 2024





