



# Da Vinci Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope that you have had a great half term break. I am writing to you in relation to events coming up in the PE Department that you need to be aware of.

With our year 11 mock examination in full swing for the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> November 2024** with our sports hall and gym being occupied, we intend to organise '**Cross Country**' lessons to keep our pupils active and engaged in practical sports. All pupils need to come prepared to take part. We recommend that your child has trainers, shorts (although tracksuit bottom or leggings can be worn) their PE top and either base layer and/or plain sports midlayer to take part. Bringing a plastic bag to put wet clothing and trainers in is strongly advised. If your child wears leather look trainers for school, please ensure a pair of additional trainers and socks are provided as they are likely to be wet and muddy.

We hope that this will be a fun week where all pupils can challenge themselves to beat their personal targets. The best performers will be selected to represent the academy at the Derby City Cross Country Championships.

It is also worth pointing out that outside lessons continue to take place throughout the winter. The purchase of additional items to help keep your child warm. Plain black or navy blue sports jackets may also be worn. Please could you check that your child has all the necessary PE kit to continue to take part. Our PE kit is supplied by:

Uniform Direct: <https://www.uniform-direct.com>.

Please note that we continue to expect **every pupil to get changed for PE lessons** unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. We aim to keep pupil engagement high through peer assessment and pupils helping out with setting up drills. As always please write us a brief note to let us know that your child is not fully fit for active participation in PE.

Thank you for your support as always. Please contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely,

The Da Vinci PE Department

