



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the spring term draws to a close it has been wonderful to welcome the lighter nights this week as well as being blessed by the sunshine. Achievement Leaders have led rewards assemblies this week to celebrate those students exceeding daily expectations in all aspects of school life. We place a huge emphasis on positive praise and catching students 'getting it right'. I was lucky to host the Headteachers Reward breakfast on Wednesday morning with three handpicked students from each year being rewarded with a McDonalds breakfast of their choice for their sustained contributions to school life.

We also say goodbye to some members of staff today as they move to new schools and into new careers. Miss Baker leaves us to return to her home city of Chester to continue teaching English and Mr Kawczynski begins a change of career working for the local council. Mrs Mansell has not yet decided what her next steps will be and Miss Seaman, teaching assistant will be greatly missed by the students she has been supporting in The Bridge. We thank them for their contributions to DVA and wish them every success in their new roles moving forward.

### **Year 8 Parents evening**

Thank you to all our Year 8 parents/carers that attended the annual parents evening last night. The attendance at the evening was 67% which was lower than we had hoped for, but I do appreciate everyone who took the time to attend. Face to face meetings with subject teachers are crucial to understand the progress your child has made and more importantly their next steps. Teachers are also able to inform parents and carers on how best to support their child outside of school to continue their learning using our online homework system Class Charts.

### **Barcelona Trip**

26 students and four members of staff will begin their four day trip to Barcelona at 4.30am tomorrow morning. Mr Schmidt has been planning the trip for many months and the students have an exciting and jam-packed itinerary ahead of them. We hope they will have a truly enjoyable trip and will make memories to last them a lifetime. We hope to share some photos and updates with you in the very near future.



### **Free School Meals (FSM) Holiday Food vouchers**

We can confirm that the DWP has extended the Household Support Fund (HSF) grant from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. We are to inform parents that the food voucher codes will continue over the next 12 months.

For children eligible for means tested FSM the vouchers awarded will be:

Holiday period	Voucher value
Easter holidays	£25
May half-term	£12.50
Summer holidays	£75
Oct half-term	£12.50
Xmas holiday	£25
Feb HT	£12.50

### **Maths Masterclasses**

Over the past five weeks 30 Year 11 students have been attending Maths revision masterclasses held on a Sunday between 10am and 1pm. These dedicated students have spent 90 minutes working with an external Maths teacher who has extensive experience to recap and revise topics where they are not yet secure. Student feedback has been very positive and attending on a Sunday has shown their determination to achieve the highest grades in their forthcoming GCSEs. The next session takes place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Year 11 students can attend Easter revision sessions during the holiday for all subject areas in the meantime.

### **Parent/Carer Stakeholder Survey – last chance**

Today is the final day for parents/carers to complete the annual survey using the link below. Your opinions and feedback matter a great deal to me so, therefore, please could I kindly appeal to all parents and carers to complete the online survey using the following link by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April if you haven't done so



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already. The link will take you directly to a Microsoft Forms survey page where there are 14 questions to answer.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zRjD612DXy>

### Headteachers Clinic

Should anyone parent or carer wish to raise a concern or speak with me regarding any matters relating to the education and welfare of their child then please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am available to meet with parents/carers on a Thursday evening at 4.30pm should you wish to book an appointment to see me. Mrs Graham holds my diary so please contact her on [emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk](mailto:emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk) to make a booking.

Thank you for your on-going support in the education of your child(ren).

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood

Headteacher

### Key Dates

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Students break up for the Easter holiday 3.05pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 11 Revision Easter classes (10am-2pm)
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>School opens at 8.05am for the summer term</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 11 GCSE Art practical exam (10 hours)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 11 GCSE French speaking exams
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 10 Parents Evening (4-7pm)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Official start day of GCSE examinations
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 7 Parents Evening (4-7pm)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break up for half term

