



To the Parents and Carers of Students in Years 7–10

As part of our commitment to supporting the personal development of our students, we use the final week of each half term to deliver tailored lessons that reflect key issues and themes which may have emerged during the term.

During the week beginning **Monday 19th May**, students in Years 7–10 will take part in three Personal Development lessons focused on topics relevant to their well-being and growth:

- **Summer and Water Safety**

All students will receive guidance on how to stay safe during the summer, with particular emphasis on water safety. This follows the tragic drowning of a former Da Vinci student in Nottingham at the beginning of May. As we approach the warmer months, it is essential that our students understand the potential risks associated with being near water and how to keep themselves and others safe.

- **Resilience and Personal Growth**

Students will engage in a lesson focused on building resilience. This session will help them develop strategies to stay positive and embrace challenges—both during their time at the Academy and in their wider lives.

Additionally:

- **Inter-Tutor Science Competition**

All four year groups will participate in our termly inter-tutor competition, with this term's focus on Science. These competitions are always closely contested and provide a great opportunity for collaboration and friendly rivalry between tutor groups.

- **Future Skills Questionnaire**

Year 7 students will complete the National Future Skills Questionnaire, a tool that measures career readiness. Students in Years 9 and 11 will also complete the survey, helping us to track their progression in career awareness and aspirations throughout their time at the Academy.

- **Healthy Relationships**

Students in Years 8, 9, and 10 will explore the characteristics of healthy relationships. The lesson will include how to recognise unhealthy behaviours and where to seek support if needed.

We believe these lessons and activities will contribute meaningfully to our students' personal development and readiness for the future.

If you have any questions or concerns about the content of these sessions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wiles at the Academy via email at **nat.wiles@davinciacademy.co.uk**.

Kind regards,

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