



24th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we draw this academic year to a close, we reflect upon the wealth of hard work both staff and students have put in and the range of events and opportunities our young people have enjoyed this year. This year has seen the introduction of Diversity week, a wide range of extra-curricular trips and visits including the overseas Barcelona trip, the Big Ask Student Voice 2.0 and subsequent Big Answer and the continued work of the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. We have certainly had a busy year!

This week has been a fantastic celebration of our students' achievements throughout the year, with over 500 A Point certificates issued in recognition of excellent effort, attitude, and progress. So many students have consistently demonstrated our 3Rs – Ready, Respectful, and Responsible – which underpins everything we do. We also enjoyed our Summer Rewards Party with free food and ice cream, celebrating those with zero B points and high attendance. Looking ahead to next year, we're excited to introduce a Rewards Catalogue, where students will be able to 'buy' their own rewards using their A Points—giving them even more ownership and motivation. A special well done to Amelia and Elliott in Year 7, who have each earned their Platinum A Point Certificate for achieving over 1,000 A Points this year—an outstanding accomplishment!

Last week, 91 Year 10 student participated in a weeklong work experience. Students worked across a wide range of industries including, engineering, education, graphic design and many more. An additional 6 students spent three days with the Army completing their Work Experience programme at the Army Reserve base in Derby. We have received positive feedback from companies who have stated the positive attitude of our students as a strength. One of our placement providers has said:

'Archie and Ryan were both great kids and fantastic ambassadors for your school. They arrived early every morning with a smile on their faces and took onboard any task they were given, they were a pleasure to have onsite'.

Tom, who has recently left us at the end of year 11 this year, has now begun his Apprenticeship at the company where he attended his work experience last year. The company was so impressed by him that they offered him a role with them to begin as soon as he left school.



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As the school year comes to a close, we wish four members of staff a fond farewell as they move onto pastures new. These staff are;

Mrs Culverwell (Deputy Headteacher) who is moving to a new career outside of teaching.

Mr Morrow (Cover Manager) who is a long standing member of staff that has been with the academy for 25 years moves to join St Benedict's Academy as a Design Technology teacher.

Mr Bennett (Construction Teacher) has secured a promoted post at the West Park school where he will become the Second in Design Technology.

Mr Mooney (Computing Lead) who moves to a school much closer to where he lives in Staffordshire.

We wish all these members of staff the very best for the future and thank them for their valuable contributions to DVA and the legacy they live behind them.

Many of you will already be thinking about purchasing new uniform items over the summer break so please find a full list of uniform expectations via the following link; [Uniform - Da Vinci Academy](#) . Please can I remind parents/carers that at the bottom of this page there is a clear list of items that are and are not allowed as part of our uniform policy including in relation to jewellery, piercings etc. We place high expectations on student uniform as we know that getting the small things right in the school setting leads to greater success and preparation for the world of work and would ask that parents/carers fully support us by ensuring students arrive on the first day in full uniform.

I would like to take a moment to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to each of you for your continued support, involvement, and partnership throughout the year.

Finally, I wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful summer break and I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Monday 8th September at 8.25am.

Yours faithfully,

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Key Dates

Thursday 4th September

Friday 5th September

Monday 8th September

Thursday 25th September

Thursday 9th October

Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October

INSET day – school closed to students

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All students return to school 8.30am

Open evening 4-7pm (**school finishes at 2.10pm**)

Year 7 Settling In evening 4-7pm

Post 16 evening (For Year 10/11 students/parents)

Break up for half term 3.05pm

