



18th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now into the final half of the summer term and our Year 11 students completed their final GCSE exam today with only Food and Nutrition left to complete tomorrow. Our students have been impeccable in their conduct and attitude towards their exams and are looking forward to the Leavers Assembly taking place on Thursday 19th June where they will gather as a year group on this final occasion. Parents/carers are welcome to attend this event and should arrive for 9.45am at the double green gates in the car park.

Big Answer 2.0

A key part of the work we have been undertaking within the school over the last term has been to gain student opinions on key issues in school and I was able to feedback to students the 'DVA Big Answer' in assemblies week commencing 2nd June. Our students are incredibly perceptive and have identified key areas of school they would like to see improved as we move forward on our journey. I have created a parent version of my presentation that is available via the school website as I know many of you will be keen to hear how we are going to improve in these key areas, which are toilets, corridor safety, student behaviour in lessons, rewards, extra-curricular offer and student to student respect. Please click on the following link to access the Big Answer presentation [Parental Big Answer - feedback June 2025](#)

New timings of school day

As part of the continued plan of improvement for the academy, we are reducing the number of lesson transitions each day from September. The current afternoon Personal Development session between 1.40-2.10pm will be removed and this subject will be taught as a weekly lessons as other subjects currently area. Due to this the timings of the school day will change and each lesson will be become 1 hour long. This does mean an extra 5 minutes are added to break and lunchtimes so there will not be any reason for students to arrive late to lessons after these. These timings will be implemented from 8th September 2025.



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Academy Day Timings 2025 -2026		
	Years 7, 9 & 11	Years 8 & 10
08:05am – 8:30am	Breakfast served (optional)	
08:30am – 9:00am	Registration	
09:00am – 10:00am	Period 1	
10:00am – 11:00am	Period 2	
11:00am – 11:20am	Break (11.20am move to lesson bell)	
11:25am – 12:25pm	Period 3	
12:25pm – 2:05pm	Lunch 12:25pm-1:05pm	Period 4a 12:25pm – 1:25pm
	Period 4b 1:05pm – 2:05pm	Lunch 1:25pm-2:05pm
2:05pm – 3:05pm	Period 5	
3:05pm – 4:00pm	After school activities Y7 – Y11 Y11 Targeted Interventions	

Corridor Conduct

In line with the actions taken from the Big Answer, we are introducing a new B point to Class Charts from Monday 16th June called 'B2 corridor conduct'. This behaviour point will be issued to students who are not meeting expectations whilst moving between lessons and their behaviour may make others feel unsafe. We are also increasing supervision for lesson transitions so that all staff are involved in monitoring the safe, orderly and calm transitions between lessons for increased vigilance. The new B point will ensure parents to know if their child is not meeting expectations so this can be discussed at home as well as allowing the Achievement Team to track and identify any student who is persistently causing issues during lesson transitions. The B point corridor conduct sanction will be an after school 20 minute detention the following day. We sincerely hope that we do not need to issue any sanctions and that this acts as a deterrent.

Year 10

During the last fortnight, Year 10 students have been undertaking one to one 10-minute Progress Meeting with members of the senior leadership team to discuss final mock preparation and Post 16 plans. On Monday 23rd June our Year 10 students will begin to undertake their first set of GCSE mock examinations and we wish them the very best of luck as they commence this experience for the very first time.





University Visit

12 Year 10 students visited the University of Sheffield to take part in the CoachE 1 day event. Students took part in a morning session with [Grit](#) and an afternoon session with the universities Access service team. Students had the opportunity to learn more about goal setting, discuss options for the future, and find out about the free academic tutoring they'll be eligible to receive with the universities partner, [Study Mind](#); these will all support them in building a strong foundation for their GCSE preparations!

Our students found the event useful and feel that it has helped develop their study skills. They enjoyed speaking to the university student ambassadors, learning about their experiences of higher education. They interacted well with students from other schools and developed their team working skills.

Lunchtime Changes

To accommodate the afternoon mock exams for our Year 10 students we will be implementing a change to current lunchtimes from Monday 23rd June. From this date our current Year 8 and 10 students will be on our first lunch (12.05-12.40pm) and Year 7 and 9 students on second lunch (1.05-1.40pm). These changes will allow all students the opportunity to get into the routines of their new lunchtimes in readiness for September.

I would also like to remind all parents and carers that I offer a Headteacher's clinic every Thursday after school from 4.30-5.30pm, and that anyone wishing to book an appointment should contact Mrs Graham via telephone or email (emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk).

Finally, a polite reminder that the school will be closed to students on Friday 27th June for a training day.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood
Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 16 th June	Year 10 Art mock exam 5 hours (10.2 group)
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 10 Art mock exam 5 hours (10.3 group)
Wednesday 18 th June	Year 7 Derby university trip



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Thursday 19th June

Y11 Leavers assembly 10-11.30am

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Celebration of Achievement evening 6-8pm

Friday 27th June

INSET day – school closed to students

Friday 27th June

Y11 prom evening

Monday 23rd June-Friday 3rd July

Year 10 mock exams

Thursday 10th July

Year 10 mock interviews day

Monday 14-Friday 18th July

Year 10 work experience week

Thursday 24th July

Break up for summer holidays

