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**To Parents and Carers of Year 10 Students**

**Re: Year 10 Mock Interviews – Thursday, 10th July 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to preparing Year 10 students for their post-16 pathways, we are pleased to offer a range of activities over the coming year designed to support their future aspirations. One of the most important—and often most challenging—elements of the post-16 application process is the interview. To help students gain confidence and develop their skills in this area, all Year 10 students will participate in a **mock interview** on **Thursday, 10th July 2025**.

We are fortunate to have the support of several local businesses, whose representatives will be conducting these interviews. Each student will be scheduled for a 20-minute one-to-one interview during the school day. During the interview, students will be asked a range of questions about their strengths, interests, ambitions, and future plans. They will also be expected to reflect on how they are developing themselves, the skills they bring to a workplace or learning environment, and their ability to work collaboratively as part of a team.

Earlier in the year, most students worked on creating CVs and personal statements using the Unifrog platform. In addition, they will receive time and guidance in school to help them prepare for their interviews.

While some students may be looking forward to this experience, we understand that others may feel anxious. We encourage you to speak with your child ahead of the day to help them approach the interview with confidence and a positive mindset. Practising interview techniques now will help make the process in Year 11—and beyond—feel far more manageable.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Wiles at: **nat.wiles@davinciacademy.co.uk**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Nat Wiles**

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