



Da Vinci Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

Welcome to DaVinci Academy

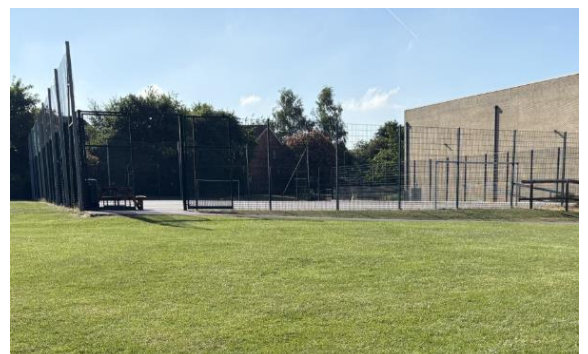
Year 7 September 2026 Transition



The School Day

Time	Years 7, 9, 11	Years 8, 10
8.05 – 8.30am	Breakfast served (optional)	
8:30 – 9:00am	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00am	Period 1	
10:00 – 11:00am	Period 2	
11:00 – 11:20am	Break (11.20am move to lesson bell sounds)	
11:25 – 12:25pm	Period 3	
12:25 – 2:05pm	Lunch 12:25 – 1:05pm	Period 4a 12:25 – 1:25pm
	Period 4b 1:05 – 2:05pm	Lunch 1:25 – 2:05pm
2:05 – 3:05pm	Period 5	
3:05 – 4pm	After school activities (optional)	

All students have break time together and there are lots of places students can go. There are two different lunch breaks - year 7, 9 and 11 have lunch at 12.25pm.



The School Food



Item	Price
Meal deal (main meal, traybake/dessert plus a drink of choice)	£2.70
Main meal	£1.90
Sandwiches / wraps	£1.90
Traybake / dessert	£0.90
Drinks	From £0.50 – £0.80

There is a hot main course and vegetarian option every day. There are always sandwiches and snacks available. There is always a pasta option, jacket potatoes and salad. There is a choice of puddings which are always tasty!

1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Beef Burger to go with Peas, Homemade Potato Wedges	Chicken Curry to go with Garlic & Coriander Naan Bread, Mixed Rice	Roast Gammon to go with Gravy, Peas, Carrots, Mashed Potato	Beef Lasagne to go with Garlic Bread, Mixed Salad, Peas	Cod in Batter to go with Baked Beans, Chp Shop Style Curry Sauce, Chips, Peas
Vegetarian	Quorn Burger to go with Peas, Homemade Potato Wedges	Vegetable Curry to go with Mixed Rice, Onion Bhaji	Quorn Sausages to go with Carrots, Gravy, Mashed Potato	Roasted Veg Lasagne to go with Homemade Garlic Bread, Peas	Homemade Crispy Vegetable Nuggets to go with Chp Shop Style Curry Sauce, Chips, Gravy
Grab n go	Cheese Panini	Cheese Panini	Cheese Panini	Cheese Panini	Cheese Panini
Combo	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>	Jacket Potato to go with Side Salad with choice of fillings <small>Baked Beans, Grated Cheese, Tuna Mayo, Cheese & Beans</small>
	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	Pasta with choice of fillings Homemade Tomato & Basil Sauce	
	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Salad	Fresh Fruit Salad
	Fresh Fruit Bar	Fresh Fruit Bar	Fresh Fruit Bar	Fresh Fruit Bar	Fresh Fruit Bar
2 ...and to finish! <small>Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times</small>					

School Uniform

All students are expected to wear full school uniform.

- Blazer with Da Vinci Academy logo
- School tie (clip-on or traditional)
- White school shirt
- Optional check skirt – Skirts should be no shorter than knee length
- Plain black tailored school trousers – Jeans, leggings and cords are not allowed. All items should allow for shirts to be properly tucked in. no leggings
- Plain black school tights
- Shoes – the following are permitted:
 - Black polishable school shoes
 - Plain black polishable trainers (e.g. Nike AF1 or similar). *Not permitted: coloured soles, ticks, strips or metallic strips*
 - Boots can be worn during the winter if trousers cover them and are not tucked in
- Plain bag able to fit A4 size books



Examples - Allowed



Compulsory items for PE are as follows:

- Academy branded polo top
- Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings (no brand logos)
- Trainers – must have a good grip with laces, not pumps
- Plain navy-blue knee length games socks
- White sports socks for indoor use



Respect

Respect fosters a culture of understanding and empathy, making students and staff feel safe and valued. This core value promotes healthy relationships, reduces conflict, and creates a positive, inclusive educational environment where everyone can thrive. Respect is the foundation for a supportive learning environment, preparing students to engage positively in society.

Kindness

Emphasising **kindness** in a school community enhances students' social and emotional development. It fosters compassion, understanding, and a sense of belonging, teaching students empathy and reducing bullying and conflict. This creates a positive, respectful, and valued atmosphere for everyone.

Responsibility

Responsibility is crucial to prepare students for success both in school and beyond. It instils self-discipline, personal accountability, and informed decision-making. By taking ownership of their actions, commitments and consequences, students are better equipped to face real-world demands as they transition into high education or the workforce, enabling them to positively contribute to their communities.

At DaVinci Academy we have a clear rewards system and students get A points for being responsible, respectful and ready.

We have high expectations of all students and students who do not behave as expected will receive B points.

A and B points are recorded on ClassCharts and students and parents can see these on the ClassCharts App.



A Point -
Respectful



A point -
Responsible



A Point -
Ready

The Bridge

The Bridge is located on the bottom floor of the N corridor and it is where the SEND team are based.



The Bridge is open from 8 o'clock every morning, during social times, after school and at various times throughout the day for intervention and support.

There are quiet spaces to read and relax and spaces to learn.



Book Club
Tuesdays
in
'The Bridge'
3:10-3:45

IN THE BRIDGE
EVERY THURSDAY
LEGO CLUB
ART & CRAFT CLUB

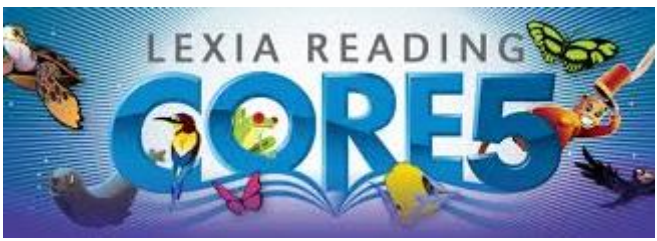
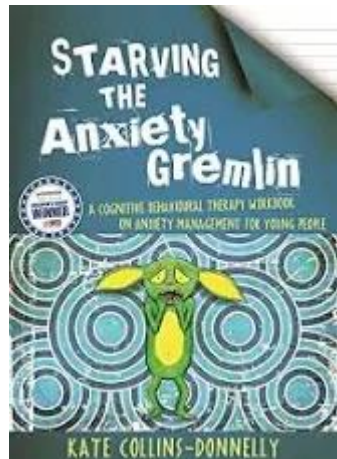
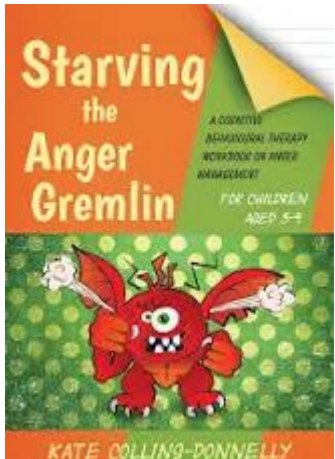
Board Game Club
Safe
Win!
Back to spaces
Start Here
Every Monday in 'The Bridge' 3:10-3:45

LSA List of
Monday Miss
Tuesday Miss
Wednesday Miss
Thursday Miss

3:10-3:45

HOMEWORK CLUB!
MONDAYS
TUESDAYS
WEDNESDAYS
THURSDAYS

ACTIVITIES IN THE BRIDGE



Meet the SEND Team

These are the staff who are based in the Bridge.



Name: Mrs Perks

Job Title: SENCO

What do you like about your job? I get to help students and watch them grow into mature young adults by the time they leave.

What were your favourite subjects at school? Geography and Music

What are your hobbies? Going to the theatre, being outside and seeing new places and spending time with family and friends.

Name: Miss Jackson

Job Title: Assistant SENCO

What do you like about your job? Everyday is different, it is rewarding watching children grow and develop within their studies.

What were your favourite subjects at school? English and Child Development.

What are your hobbies? Walking my dog, travelling and shopping.





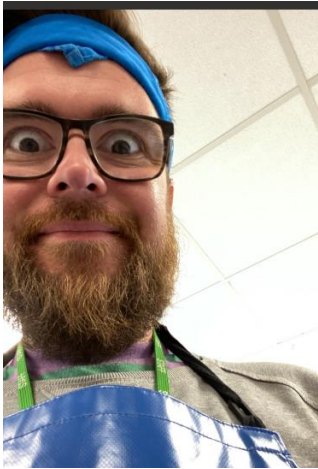
Name: Mr Needham

Job Title: Intervention Lead

What do you like about your job? I like having the opportunity in guiding students towards life after education, equipping them with the tools in doing so correctly and seeing them grow into respectful young people.

What were your favourite subjects at school? Maths and ADT

What are your hobbies? Going to the cinema, playing video games, going to football games, producing music and spending time with my family and friends.



Meet the SEND Team

Name: Miss Durand

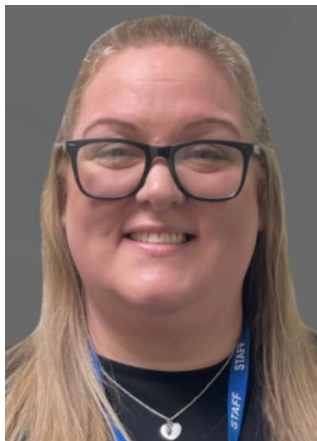
Job Title: LSA

What do you like about your job? Helping students improve their literacy skills and build their confidence.

What were your favourite subjects at school? English and Child Development

What are your hobbies? Doing my University work for my English degree, reading, going long walks, socializing with friends, holidays, walking my dog Frankie.





Name: Miss Harris

Job Title: LSA

What do you like about your job?

Helping students to succeed. I like to look after the year 7 students if they have anything they are worried about.

What were your favourite subjects at school? English

What are your hobbies? Walking with my dog, watching films and eating out.

Meet the SEND Team

Name: Miss Grant

Job Title: LSA

What do you like about your job?

Helping the students with their working and helping them to feel better if they are worried.

What were your favourite subjects at school? Health and Social Care and English

What are your hobbies? Spending time with my family and friends, walking my dog Lottie, going to the cinema.





Name: Mrs Wilson

Job Title: LSA

What do you like about your job? I enjoy helping student achieve their full potential in lessons and also learning new things myself.

What were your favourite subjects at school? Art and textiles, anything creative.

What are your hobbies?

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren as well as growing things on my allotment, knitting and crocheting.



How can we help?



Other Important Members of Staff



Name: Miss Scattergood

Job Title: Head Teacher

What do you like about your job? Helping students be successful and achieve their ambitions.

What were your favourite subjects at school? Food technology.

What are your hobbies? walking my cockapoo called Amber.

Name: Mrs McKenzie

Job Title: Assistant Principal, Inclusion

What do you like about your job? No day is the same, and I work with a wonderful group of people (staff and students).

What were your favourite subjects at school? English and History

What are your hobbies? Reading, dancing and spending time with family and friends.



Name: Miss Quinn

Job Title: Year 7 Achievement Lead

What do you like about your job?

Teaching is such a rewarding career! One of my favourite parts of my job is being able to work with lots of different children and helping to support their transition from Primary to Secondary school. I also love that I get to teach students how to cook and maintain a healthy lifestyle!

What were your favourite subjects at school? Design and Technology

What are your hobbies? Cooking or baking new recipes, going to the gym or on a walk, organising events for my friends.



The Senior Leadership Team



**Mr Wiles,
Assistant
Head,
Personal
Development**

**Mrs
Tomlinson,
Business
Manager**

**Miss
Scattergood,
Head
Teacher**

**Mr Wall,
Assistant
Head,
Behaviour
and
Attitudes**

**Mr
Gregory,
Assistant
Head, Data
and
Examinations**

**Mrs
McIlroy,
Assistant
Head,
Pedagogy &
Disciplinary
Literacy**

**Mrs
McKenzie,
Assistant
Head,
Inclusion**

The School



Students enter the building into the atrium.

From the atrium you can access all corridors, the dining hall and the stairs to upstairs. There is also a hatch which allows you to speak to the reception staff - they can check your timetable and point you in the right direction if you are lost!

The library is upstairs and many students attend interventions in the library.

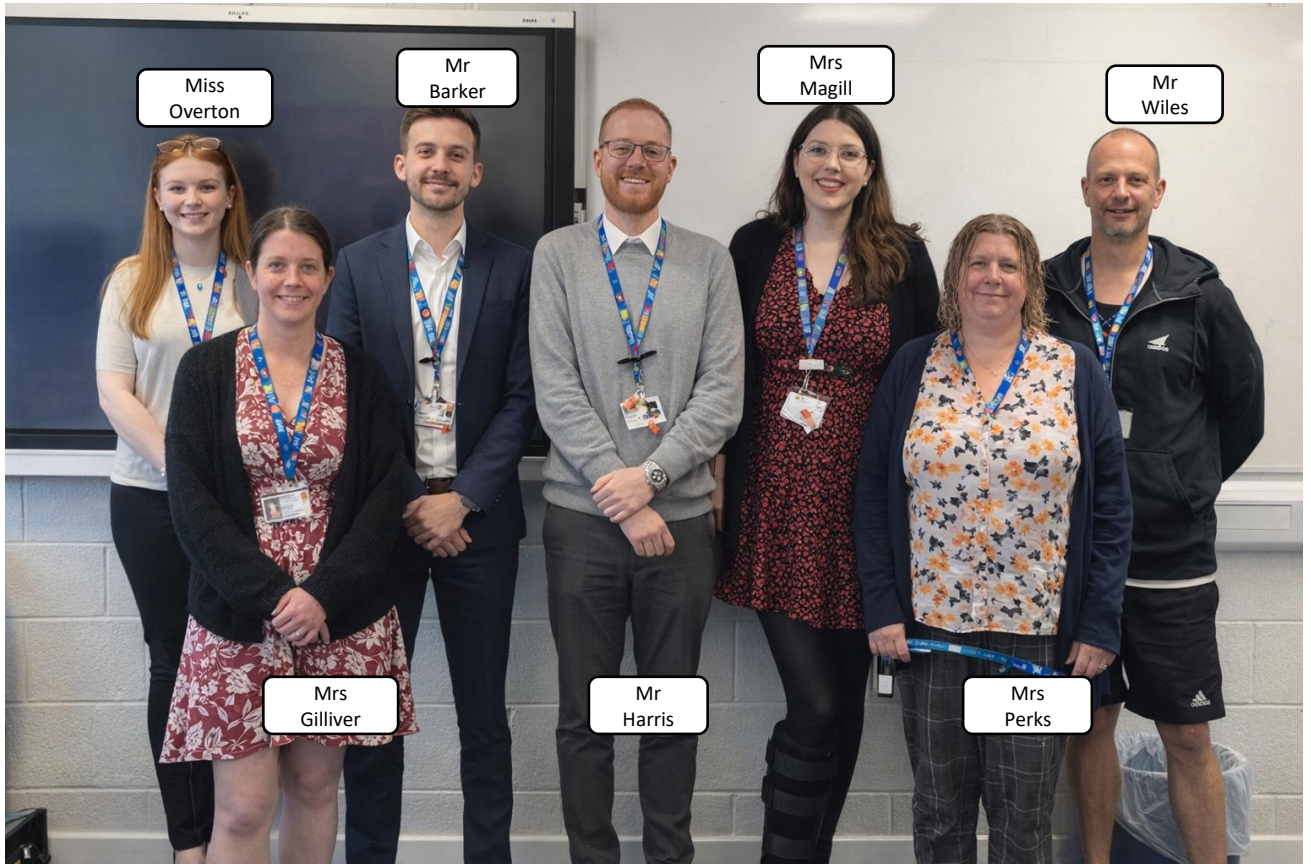


The North Corridor - Downstairs



The Humanities department is based downstairs on the North Corridor.

Meet the Humanities Team



The North Corridor - Downstairs

You will have one RS lesson a week. In year 7 you will learn about Christianity, Christianity in the modern world, Judaism and Islam.



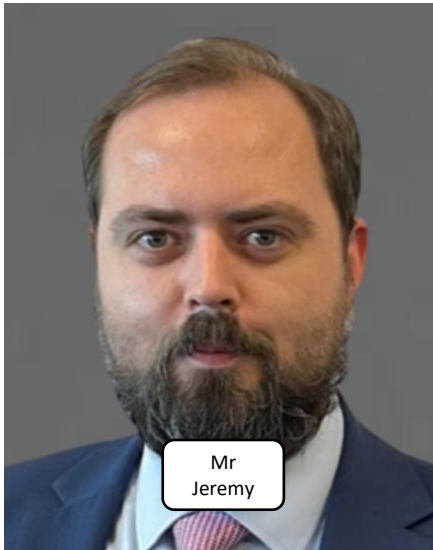
You will have two History lessons a week. In year 7 you will learn about 1066 (Battle of Hastings), Silk Road, Medicine, Anglo Saxons and Vikings and Medieval Society.

You will have two Geography lessons a week. In year 7 you will learn about the Geography of Derby, map skills, weather and climate and Amazing Places.



The North Corridor - Downstairs

You will have two French lessons a week. In year 7 you will learn how to introduce yourself, school subjects, hobbies and expressing opinions.



Mr
Jeremy

Meet the
Modern
Foreign
Languages
Team



Miss
Atkinson



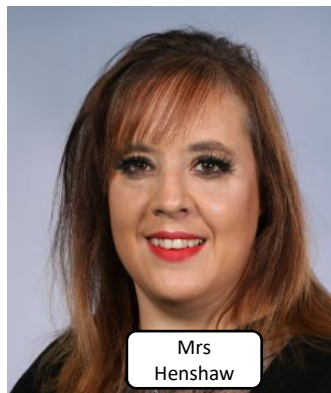
Miss
Middleton

The North Wing- Upstairs



The English department is based upstairs on the North Wing

You will have four English lessons a week. In year 7, you will learn about Greek Mythology, Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and poetry.



Meet
the
English
Team

The North Wing- Upstairs

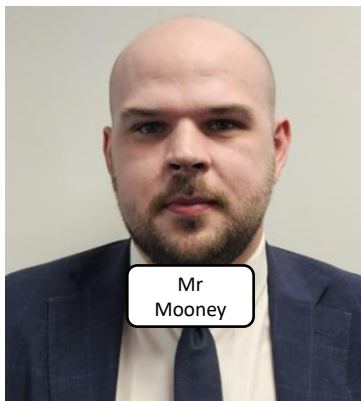


The Maths and English departments are based upstairs on the North Wing

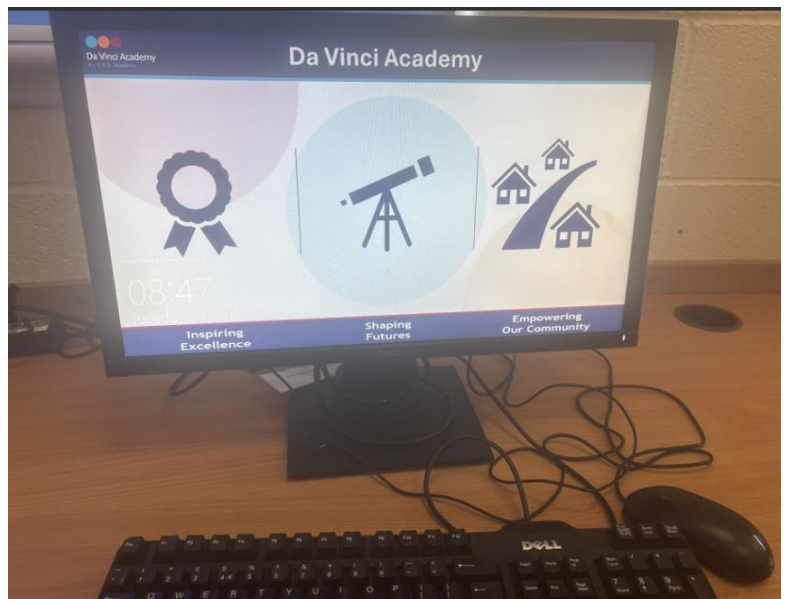
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Meet
the IT
Team



Mr
Mooney

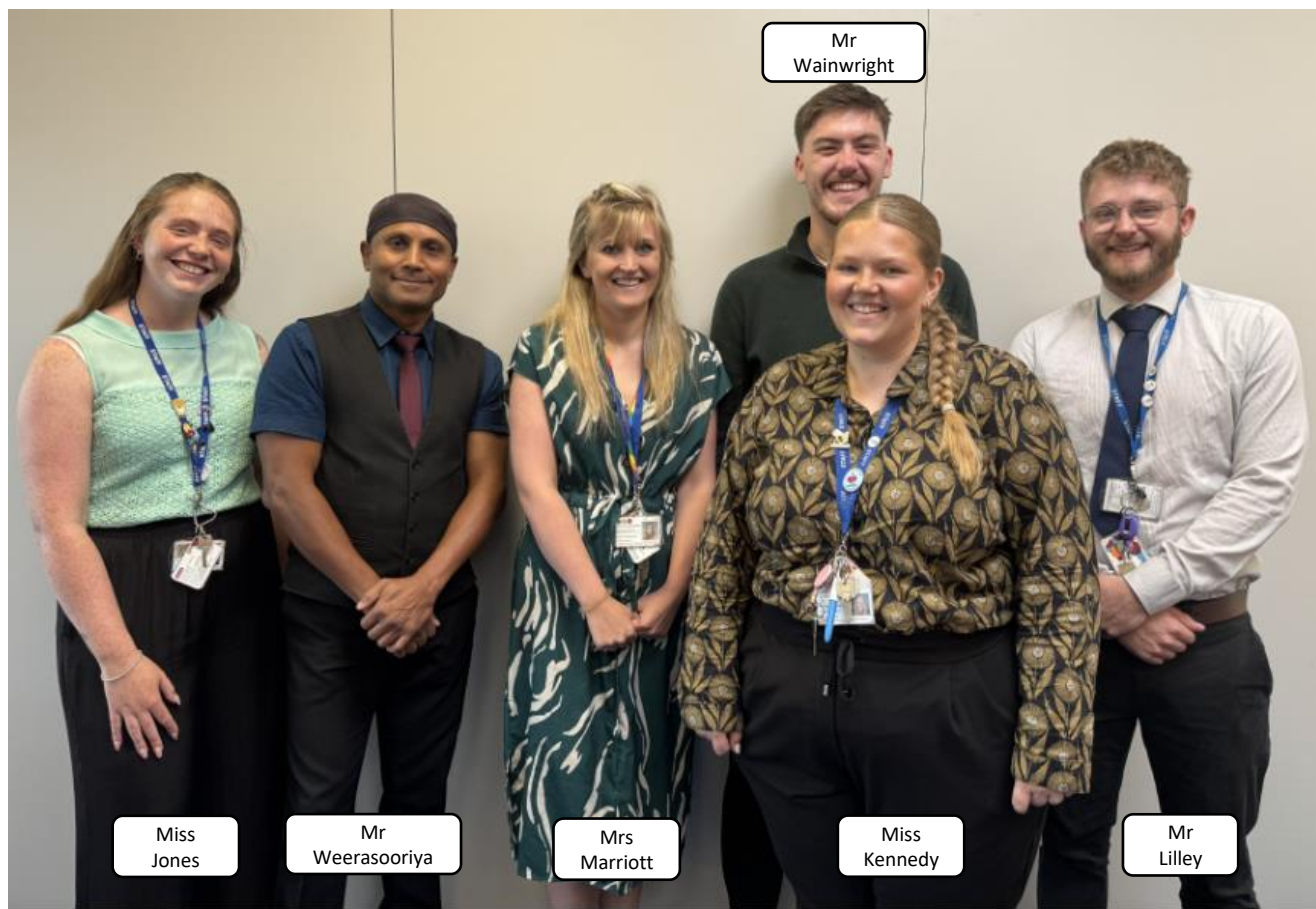


The North Wing- Upstairs

You will have four Maths lessons a week. In year 7, you will learn sequencing, adding and subtracting fractions, directed number and algebraic notation.



Meet the Maths Team



The North Wing- Upstairs



The Safeguarding Team are based upstairs on the North Wing.

Operational Safeguarding Team



Miss K Bradshaw
Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Low Level Concerns
Allegations



Miss J Scattergood
Headteacher



Ms K Thompson
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

Designated Teacher



Mrs S McKenzie
DSL / Assistant
Headteacher



Miss C Meakin
Designated
Safeguarding Officer

Attendance

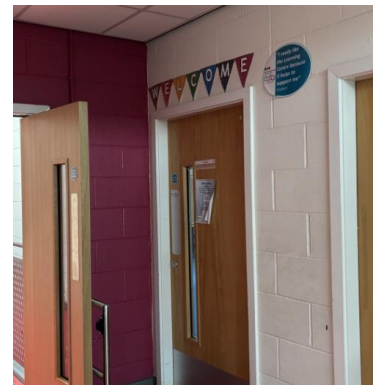
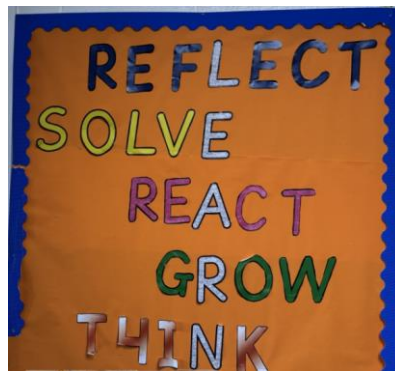


Mrs C Wragg
Education Welfare
Officer

The North Wing- Upstairs



Miss Laywood runs our Intervention Base in W18. Lots of different interventions happen here throughout the day.

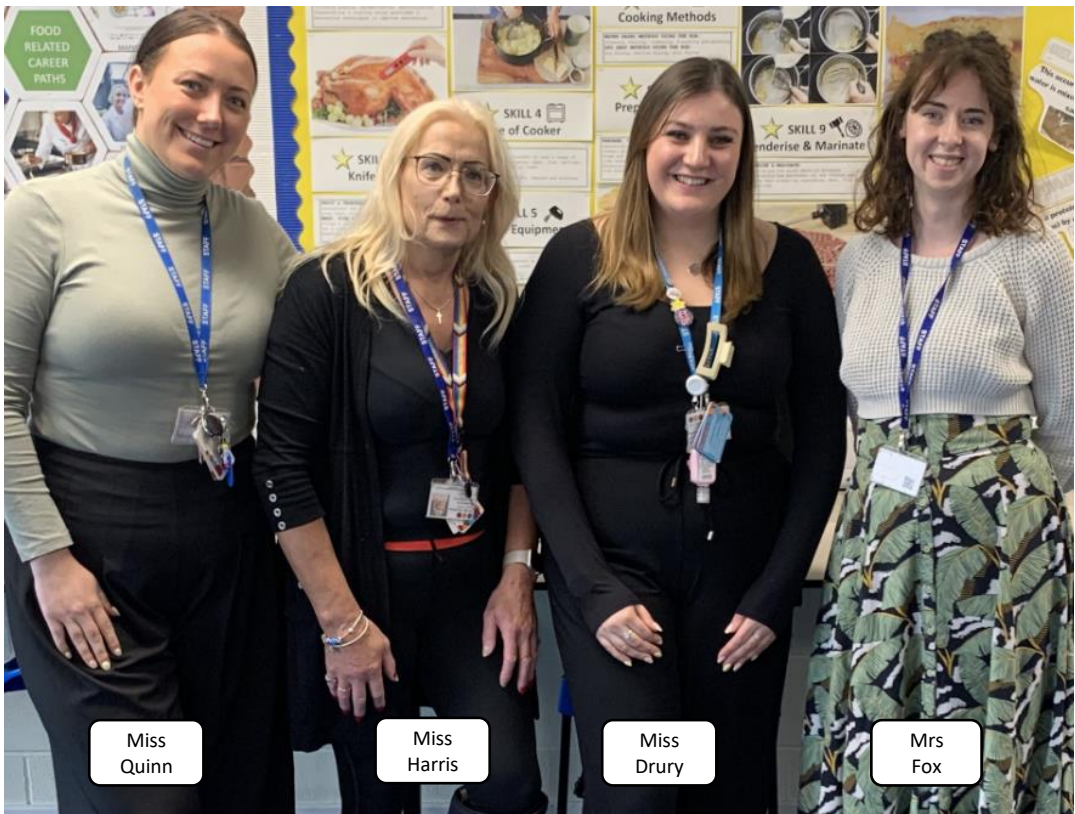


The West Wing - Downstairs



The Art and Technology department is based downstairs on the West Wing.

Meet the Art and Technology Team



Miss Quinn

Miss Harris

Miss Drury

Mrs Fox

You will have one Art lesson a week. In year 7, you will learn how about the and do 7 Elements of Art, Picasso and Cubist Portraits, 3D Masks and Landscape paintings.

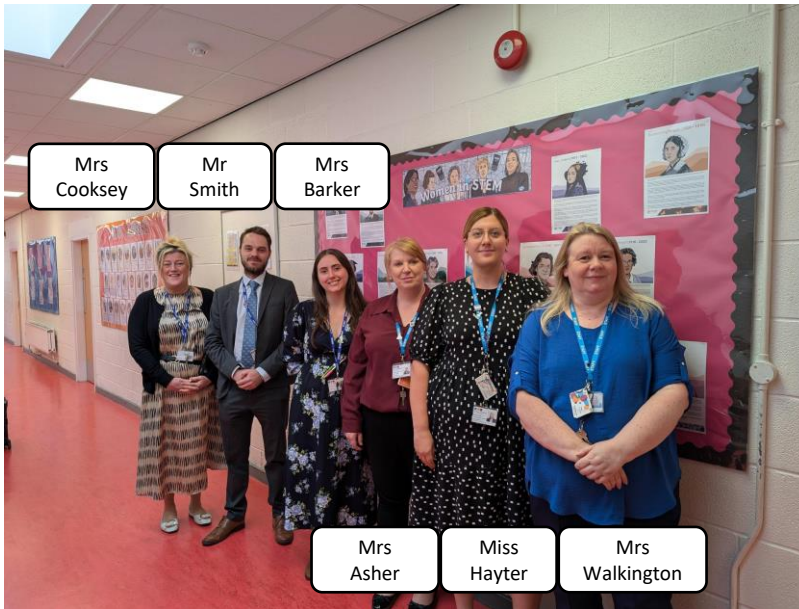


You will have one DT lesson a week. In year 7, you will make a bookmark, insect home, wind chimes, mosaic planter and learn how to use the sewing machine.

You will have one Food Technology lesson a week, there will be a practical lesson every fortnight. In year 7, you will learn health and safety and knife skills.



The West Wing - Upstairs



Meet the
Science
Team

The Science and IT department is based upstairs on the West Wing. You will have 4 lessons on Science each week.

In Year 7, you will learn how Science works. You will do practical experiments every fortnight. You will learn about cells and particle theory, food and nutrition and how to work scientifically.



The West Wing- Upstairs

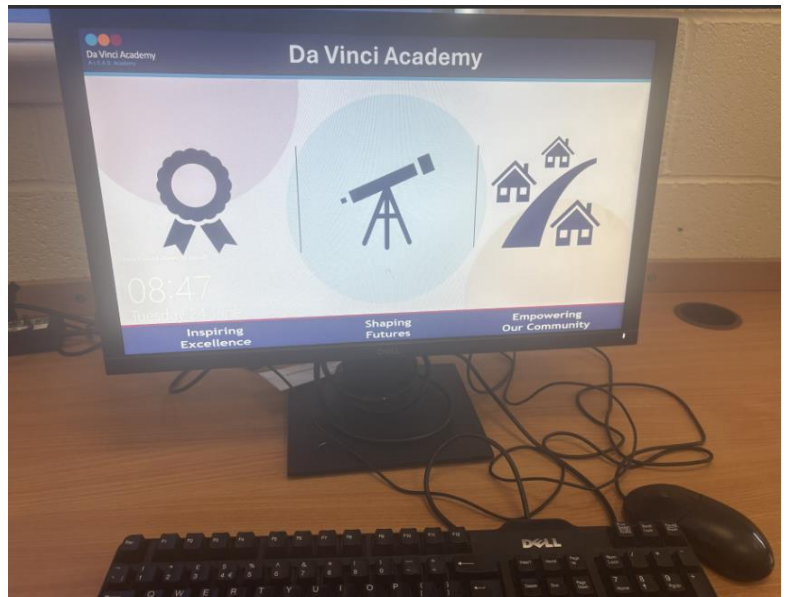
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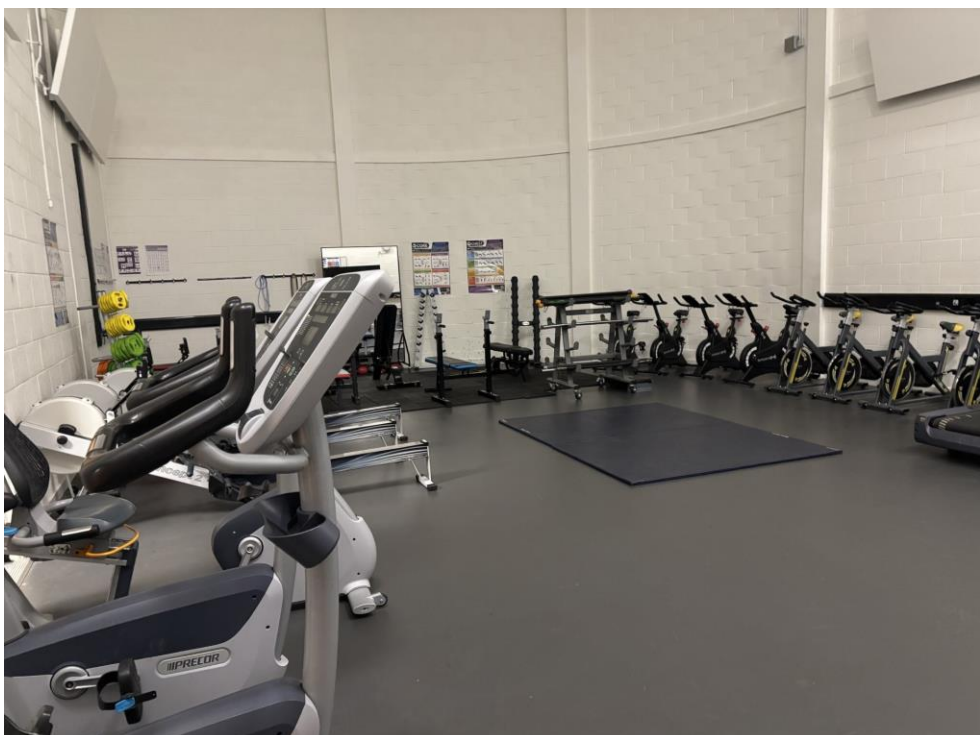
Mr
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PE at DaVinci



The PE department is based downstairs on the East Wing and outside. You will have 2 lessons of PE each week. In Year 7, you will learn lots of different sports including badminton, table tennis, football, basketball, athletics, rounders and cross country.



PE at DaVinci



Meet
the PE
Team



Mrs
Spanner

Mr
Wall

Mr
Schmidt

Mrs
Stevenson

Mr
Thompson

Mr
Gregory



Glossary

Here are some terms you might not know that we use a lot at DaVinci:

- Form Tutor: the teacher who will take your form each morning
- LSA: Learning Support Assistant (same as a TA)
- SENCO: Special Education Needs Coordinator
- SLT: Senior Leadership Team
- Achievement Leader (AL): Head of Year
- Assistant Achievement Lead (AAL): Assistant Head of Year
- MUGA: Multi Use Games Area
- The Bridge: SEND Department area of school
- W18: Intervention Base
- PD: Personal Development
- Intervention: a session outside of the classroom to help students make progress
- Period 1,2,3,4,5: period is another term for a lesson

