



28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that my first term as Headteacher is now complete and the Easter holidays are upon us so quickly. It has been an exceptionally busy term for me as I get to know all the staff, students and parents in the Da Vinci family and I would to thank everyone for their warm welcome and on-going support.

As most of us are winding down and looking forward to a well-deserved break, our Year 11 students continue with their GCSE revision preparation as their first exam takes place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May which is just 19 school days away. Mr Gregory, Assistant Headteacher, has written to all Year 11 parents this week detailing our offer of revision support during the two week break, so that students can access their specialist teachers during this time. Sessions are running from 10-12 and 12.30-2.30 daily. Please see the timetable below.

Date (Apr)	Time	Subject	Staff on site	Room
Tues 2nd	AM 10:00 - 12:00			
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	French	GJE LAT	N8, N9
Wed 3rd	AM 10:00 - 12:00	History 5+ and Construction	CBE	N1 W6
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	History 4 and Biology Higher	SHI JSI	N1 W17
Thurs 4th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Maths	SMA DLI	N15 N14
	PM 12:30 - 2:30			
Fri 5th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Maths	ZCR SMA	N15 N14
	PM 12:30 - 2:30			

Date (Apr)	Time	Subject	Staff on site	Room
Mon 8th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Music	CCT	W3
	PM 12:30 - 2:30			
Tue 9th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Physics Foundation	ODZ	W11
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	Computer Science	ARU	N17
Wed 10th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Art	SMO	W4 W5
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	Biology Higher	JSI	W17
Thurs 11th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	English (invite only)	JMC KBR	N12
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	English (invite only)	JMC KBR	N12
Fri 12th	AM 10:00 - 12:00	Sport	SSH	W14
	PM 12:30 - 2:30	Health and Social	JSP	W14



# Da Vinci Academy

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The end of the term marks the end of an era for Mrs Eyres as we wish her a fond farewell as she moves to the St John Houghton Academy to continue and broaden her teaching experience. We wish her well in her new school and thank her for her unwavering contribution to the Da Vinci Academy over the past two years.

We also welcome back two members of staff as they return from their maternity cover; Mrs Stevenson (PE and Health and Social Care) and Mrs Marriott (Maths). Both are experienced members of staff who bring a wealth of experience back into the Academy to support your child's academic development.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> March we were delighted to hear that 152 Year 7 students will be joining our Da Vinci family in September as they begin their secondary school experience. Mrs Quinn (Year 7 Achievement Leader) and Miss Wilmot (Year 7 Assistant Achievement Leader) are now beginning their visits to primary schools to begin the transition process.

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](mailto:emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk)).

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Easter to spend time with your families and loved ones and I look forward to working in partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – school re-opens for the Summer term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – May Day bank holiday – school is closed

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – GCSE examinations begin

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 parents evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – break up for half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – school re-opens after half term





### PE Kit reminder

With the summer term coming up and the exams season starting, lessons will take place outdoors. Please could you check that your child has all the necessary PE kit to continue to take part.

PE Kit		
Academy polo top.	Available from uniform provider.	
Academy hoodie.	Available from uniform provider.	Optional.
Academy shorts.	Available from uniform provider.	
Black or navy tracksuit bottoms/leggings.	Available from any high street shop.	Should be plain. No large brand logos.
Trainers.	Available from any high street shop.	Good grip with laces providing good support to the ankle and foot. Pumps do not provide adequate support.
Plain navy-blue knee length gamessocks.	Available from any high street shop.	
White sports socks for indoor use.	Available from any high street shop.	

Our PE kit is supplied by:

[Uniform Direct: https://www.uniform-direct.com.](https://www.uniform-direct.com)

Please note that we continue to expect **every pupil to get changed for PE lessons** unless there are extreme exceptional circumstances. We aim to keep pupil engagement high through peer assessment and pupils helping out with setting up drills.

As always please write us a brief note to let us know that your child is not fully fit for active participation in PE.

Thank you for your support as always.