



Da Vinci Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Year 11 students continue with their GCSE examinations and they are currently more than halfway through now with the final whole year exam taking place on Friday 14th June. Please can I remind you that all Year 11 students are entitled to a free breakfast 7.45-8am during the exam season. We wish all Year 11 students the very best for the exams that still lie ahead of them and look forward to celebrating their successes on results day, Thursday 22nd August. We will write to parents in the very near future to confirm arrangements for the GCSE results day.

Thank you to all parents/carers for their on-going support in relation to our centralised detention and internal truancy systems that are now fully embedded into daily school life. Both these systems are working effectively to reduce disruption to lessons and precious learning time. We place great value on students meeting the daily expectations throughout the school day and firmly believe that attention to the smaller details are essential for continued improvement. We sincerely hope that fewer students will receive sanctions as we move forward and that the emphasis on rewards will be at the forefront of student/teacher interactions.

On Thursday 16th May we hosted our Year 8 parents evening and 92% of all parents/carers attended the evening to discuss their child's academic progress throughout this year. It was an excellent event and thanks goes to Mr Thompson, Achievement Leader and Mrs Burton, Assistant Achievement Leader for their exceptional organisation which ensured the evening ran smoothly for all involved.

The Student Leadership Team will be a fundamental part of the drive to take the academy forward, ensuring student voice is at the heart of all we do.

There have been significant developments in the formation of the new Student Leadership Team over the last couple of weeks. Last Friday, we were delighted to confirm the appointment of Harry as our new Head Student, he will be supported by Latae and Jack as our two Deputy Head Students. We also confirmed the appointments of Kieran, Meah and Nikodem as Student Leaders. We anticipate the remaining Student Leaders will be in post prior to the next fortnightly update.

Mr Mather continues to busy finalising the plans to appoint Deputy Student Leaders and Form Representatives. We hope to be able to announce their appointments towards the end of June.

10 Year 9 students and Mrs Atkinson attended the University of Sheffield on Tuesday 21st May as part of the Access to Sheffield Programme. The students took place in a variety of taster sessions. When asked about the visit, Maya said "I really enjoyed the morning faculty session where I was able to try out using medical equipment (heart rate monitor, stethoscope etc) and we performed CPR on a dummy. Also, I really enjoyed making the fake advertisement for our faculty, Health, and making the presentation. It was fun, especially recording and seeing our final advertisement."





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Mrs Ashwell had the pleasure of accompanying 10 of our Year 10 students to Derby University on Wednesday 22nd May as part of a three-day 'Future Leaders' event to celebrate and acknowledge students of black heritage. There were six schools there and all the students were put into mixed groups. It was a safe space for students and staff to speak about their experiences, and also what experiences their parents and grandparents had. It focused on stereotyping, perceptions, prejudices, and pressure from parents to name but a few. The groups of students worked together to create projects that they considered would help young people of black heritage. Finally, all eight groups gave a presentation on stage which was brilliant. The conduct of our students was faultless throughout the day and was acknowledged by a staff member as we were leaving when she said, "Your learners were fantastic, and we are looking forward to working with them again on day two."

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).

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming our students back into school on Monday 3rd June for the final half term of the school year.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood

Headteacher

Key Dates

GCSE exams continue till 20th June

Monday 3rd June – school re-opens after half term

Thursday 13th June – Year 7 parents evening 4-7pm

Monday 17th June – Year 10 mock examinations fortnight begins

Thursday 20th June – Year 11 Leavers assembly

Friday 28th June – INSET day (school closed to students)

Monday 1st July – Year 6/7 transition parents evening

Monday 1st to Friday 5th July – Year 10 Work Experience week

Tuesday 2nd – Thursday 4th July – Common Transfer Days for new Year 7 students

Friday 5th July – Year 11 Prom

Thursday 11th July – Year 10 parents evening

Tuesday 23rd July – break up for summer

