



Da Vinci Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now into the final half of the summer term and most of our Year 11 students have now completed their GCSE examinations and are looking forward to the Leavers' Assembly taking place on Thursday 20th 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.

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 last week. Our students are incredibly perceptive and have identified five 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, lunchtimes, internal truancy, and student behaviour including unkind and/or bullying comments. A link to the presentation will be sent out via text message next week.

On Thursday 13th June we hosted our Year 7 parents' evening and 88% 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 Miss Quinn, Achievement Leader, and Miss Wilmot, Assistant Achievement Leader, for their exceptional organisation which ensured the evening ran smoothly for all involved. Please note that the final parents' evening this year is for Year 10 and this takes place on Thursday 11th July.

During this week, Year 10 students have been undertaking one-to-one, ten-minute Progress Meeting with members of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss final mock preparation and Post-16 plans. On Monday 17th 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.

On Tuesday 11th June we welcomed several Year 6 students from Breadsall Hill Top, Roe Farm, Beaufort and Derwent primary schools who joined us for an additional transition visit to the school ahead of the common transfer days at the beginning of July. Miss Quinn, Year 7 Achievement and Transition Lead, organised a range of icebreaker activities, so students had the chance to meet others as well as a tour of the school in action and a Design Technology taster lesson. It was wonderful to see the students smiling as they left and looking forward to July when they can spend three full days in school to aid their transition experience.

The Student Leadership Team have now been fully appointed and over 40 students have been interviewed and allocated their roles for the new school year. Mr Mather will be leading a special assembly for all of our student leaders on Tuesday 25th June, where we will celebrate their successes and students will be awarded their badges so that they are easily recognisable to other students.





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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 28th June for a training day.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood

Headteacher

Key Dates

GCSE exams continue till 20th June

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

