

Message from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of this academic year, I want to thank you all for your support and engagement with the school. This year has seen wonderful achievements across the school both academically and in extra-curricular activities. We've taken students to visit universities, enjoyed visiting speakers and celebrated lots of sporting achievements across the city.

As the school grows we look forward to welcoming our new year 7s and new staff in September.

Have a lovely and restful holiday.

Thank you to all students who represented our Academy at the **Derby City Sports 2023 athletics championships**. We took **39 students** across Year 7, 8 and 9, respectively. They were exemplary and a credit to themselves, the Academy and staff on the day.

Congratulations go to:

Girls:

Long Jump - **Aaliyah** - Bronze

200m - **Shalliese** - Bronze

Boys:

800m - **Callum** - Bronze



Discus - **Shah** - Gold

Long Jump - **Bart** - Gold

High Jump - **Jacob** - Gold



The day showed that our pupils can not only compete at the highest level at 'Derby City' sport's events but also succeed. Well done everyone!

 Academy Day Timings 2023-2024 			
	Year 7,8 & 9	Year 10	Year 11
08:05am	Breakfast Clubs (optional)		
08:30am	Morning Line Up		
08:40am	DVA Reads	DVA Reads	DVA Reads
09:00am	Lesson 1	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
09:55am	Lesson 2	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:50am	Break	Break	Break
11:10am	Lesson 3	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
12:05pm	Lesson 4	Lunch 12.05-12.40	Lunch 12.05-12.40
12:40pm		Lesson 4	Lesson 4
1:05pm	Lunch 1.05-1.40		
1:40pm	PSHE (LIFE)	PSHE (LIFE)	PSHE (LIFE)
2:10pm	Lesson 5	Lesson 5	Lesson 5
3:05pm	End of compulsory lessons	End of compulsory lessons	Lesson 6 (Mo, Tu, Wed, Fri)
3:45pm			End of compulsory lessons

Important Update: New school day timings September 2023

Please note, further to the letter sent earlier this week, **the end of the school day is 3.05pm for pupils in years 7,8,9 and 10** and not 3.10pm as first communicated. **End of the day for Year 11 is 3.45pm.**

Key dates

21st July: Last day of term

4th September: Inset Day

5th September: Inset Day

6th September: Year 7 and Year 11 return to school

7th September: All students return

15th September: Student Photographs

28th September: Open Evening

Da Vinci ‘Summer of Sport’

I am proud to report that our pupils have been brilliant this summer taking part in a wide variety of activities both in and out of school.

Our trip to ‘Old Trafford’ to watch England take on Macedonia was highly entertaining, England winning 7:0 on a glorious day in Manchester. The behaviour and maturity shown by our pupils was exemplary and we look forward to organising more such trips in the near future.



‘Sports Day’ was next. It was amazing to see the whole school turn out in their PE kit for the day, including staff. Pupils took part in; Athletics, ‘Tug of War’, Dodgeball and scaled the 100ft assault course that was set up for the day. Competition was fierce and that was just the staff. Pupils showed great resilience carrying on despite the rain Their determination to scale some of the obstacles on our ‘inflatable’ was also impressive. Pupils were so supportive of each other and demonstrated great teamwork throughout the day when pupils struggled a little.

‘Duke of Edinburgh’ final expeditions are well in hand and being organised by Ms Howe. As you may have heard, Ms Howe is leaving Da Vinci this summer, please could you join me in thanking her for all of her hard work supporting our pupils during her time with us. I am sure she will be missed and we wish her all the very best for the future.

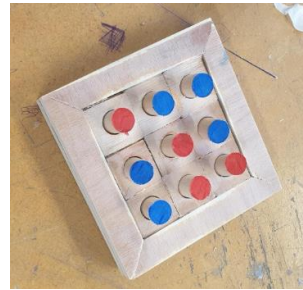
We look forward to Miss Bryan and Mrs Spanner joining us in September. Both members of staff are highly trained in a variety of sports and can’t wait to start teaching and coaching our pupils in September.

During lesson time pupils have taken part in athletics, tennis and a variety of striking and fielding skills, whilst developing important leadership skills of our pupils. Lesson routines are improving and pupils are better organised in terms of bringing the correct kit. Thank you for your support making this happen. Please could I ask you to check your child’s kit in readiness for September. Pupils in KS3 will be doing gymnastics, which will be done in bare feet. For football lessons please could you check that your child has shin guards and football boots, this applies to both boys and girls. Pupils in Year 10 and 11 will still need a full PE kit for lessons.

**What a fantastic ‘summer of sports’ and activities we have had!
We look forward to many more such moments to come.**

Da Vinci Design and Technology

Some excellent work from year 8 design and Technology. They have worked hard today to finish their noughts and crosses' game. Well done year 8.



Year 9 have also finished their LED lamp project where they have learned some valuable skills ready for year 10.



Wonderful feedback!

"To whom it may concern

I am one of the drivers who took the children and staff out for the day to Drayton manor.

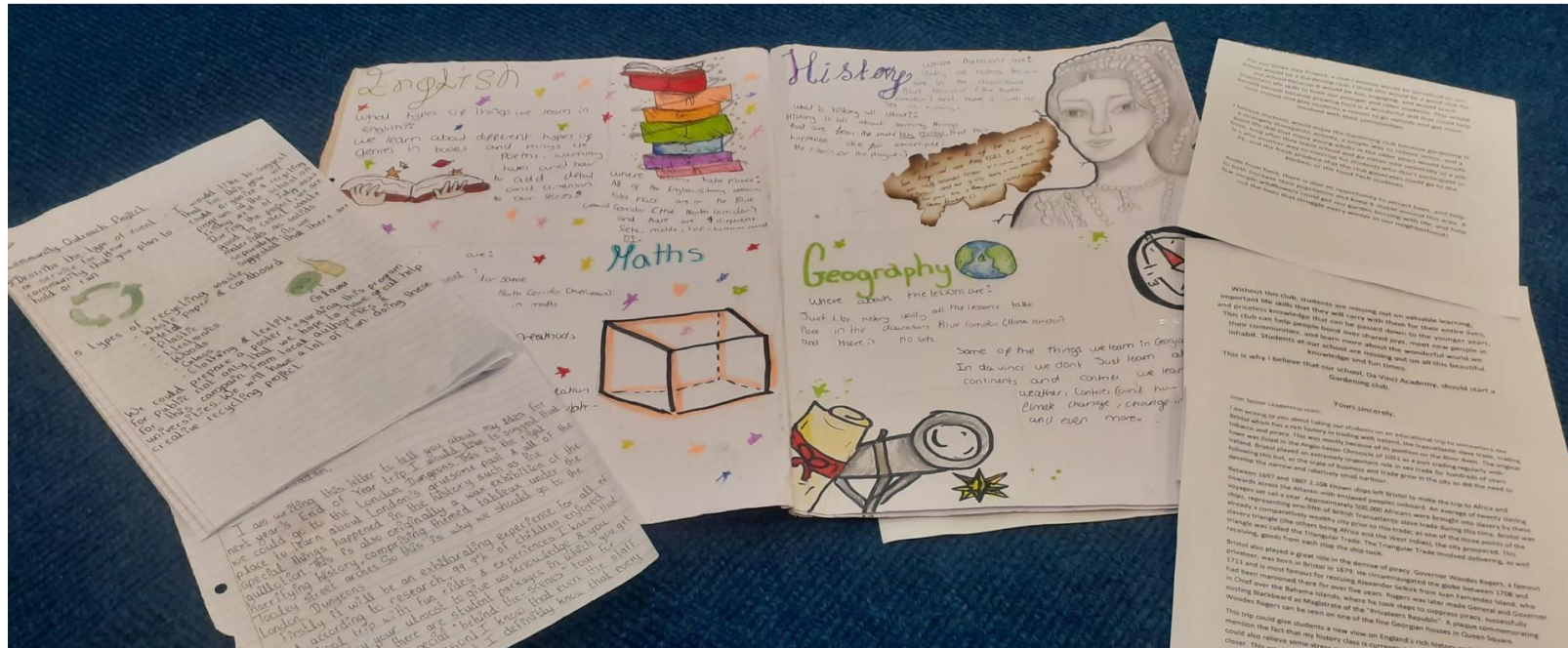
I'd like to let you know that I'm absolutely astonished by their lovely manners and polite behaviour! These children are a credit to their teachers and the school and I am proud to have taken them today.

*Kind regards
J E Bodell"*



Project Work Winners

We are delighted to announce the winners of our 'Community Projects' this term. These students went above and beyond to create proposals and plans to support the local community, to celebrate our school, and to improve our extra-curricular experiences. Their work was presented with real pride, and demonstrated our values of being 'respectful' and 'responsible' throughout. Our winners will each receive a prize linked to their submissions, and we thank and commend them for their thoughtful and impressive work.



Congratulations to:



- Annabel - Year 7
- Ella - Year 7
- Janai - Year 8
- Kieran - Year 9
- Lucy - Year 7
- Thinuli - Year 8

Congratulations to all from the Senior Leadership Team.