



# Da Vinci Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an incredible two weeks in school since as I last wrote to update you. Our students are continuing to wear their uniform with pride, and we are very pleased to see the high standards being maintained well into the term. Please can I remind parents/carers that students should not wear rings, bracelets and hooped earrings to school as these are not permitted within our policy. These personal items are usually sentimental in value and can easily be lost when removed so we kindly request they are left at home.

Attendance to school continues to remain strong with whole school attendance at 94% which is above the current national average. However, we are seeing an increase in illness this week with sickness and sore throats. It is vital that attendance remains as high as possible as we know that any time lost has a negative impact on a child's education. Please can I remind parents that term time holidays will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our Safeguarding and Attendance Team are holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10-11.30am and we hope that you will be able to join us and meet the team.

To improve communication links between the Academy and home, we have now launched the ClassCharts platform. The positive feedback on the new app has been fantastic. Students have been busy collecting positive reward points which are visible for you on the app. In addition to reward points you can now track attendance, homework, timetables and receive notifications from the Academy.

We are now at a stage where ClassCharts will be the **only** mechanism we use to inform parents about any detentions through email notifications. Therefore, may we take this opportunity to encourage you to sign up to the app. If you require any technical support, then please get in touch so our dedicated ClassCharts team can assist you.

This week saw the launch of work experience to our Year 10 students, and we are excited to be once again offering this to our Year 10 students. If you are a Year 10 parent, an email containing a letter has been sent to you. Work Experience is an opportunity for students to learn about the world of work and gain some experiences which will help with post-16 applications next year, whether that be college, sixth form or apprenticeships. Work Experience will take place between **14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025** where students will work for a week in a business environment. Last year, three students secured an apprenticeship by impressing their employer during their time with them. If you would like to offer a Work Experience placement to one of our students, please contact Mrs Tiochta via email: [deborah.tiochta@davinciacademy.co.uk](mailto:deborah.tiochta@davinciacademy.co.uk). For more information about work experience, please visit the Unifrog website. [For students: a guide to placements/work experience : Unifrog Blog](#)





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Mr Jeremy, Curriculum Leader for French, has led our Year 7, 8 and 9 assemblies this week on European Day of Languages which is a yearly celebration of the rich and diverse languages used across Europe. Students have learned the benefits and importance of learning a new language and were welcomed to join the new Spanish club that takes on a Wednesday in N6 3.05-4pm.

Over the last two weeks we have begun after school revision and intervention sessions with our Year 11 students to maximise the time they have before they sit their GCSE examinations. We are now operating a targeted intervention model where students are invited to join after school sessions that run till 4pm on every day except Thursday. Students who have not been invited to these sessions but wish to complete extra revision are welcome to join these sessions and should speak directly to the Curriculum Leader for that subject area.

I would also like to remind you of our academy's wide ranging extra-curricular programme that is open to all students. Students can stay after school for many activities including Art club, Music club, Photography club, Board games, sports clubs and many more. Information about each activity is on our website.

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On Wednesday evening our Year 9 boys football started with a win this week against Derby Moor. An impressive 11-4 scoreline with 4 goals from Deon M and Liam S scoring a volley from the halfway line! The Year 7 boys football also had a strong start at the 9 a side tournament with wins over Landau Forte and Cathedral School. We are incredibly proud of our students that represented our school at these events.

Finally, may I take this opportunity 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)).

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood

Headteacher

### Key Dates

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 10-11.30am Safeguarding and Attendance coffee morning

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 4-7pm Year 7 and 10 Settling-in evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 4-6pm Post 16 evening (Year 10/11 students and parents)

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 3.05pm School breaks up for half term

