Da Vinci Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today our Year 10 students have concluded their first full GCSE mock exams experience, and I am delighted to inform you that student behaviour has been exemplary during this fortnight. Well done to all of our Year 10 students for demonstrating such maturity during this important time in your education.

For our Year 10 students their next challenge lies swiftly ahead as they begin 5 days of work experience from Monday 1st July. For the small number of students who have tried but have not secured placements, we have arranged a bespoke timetable for the week that involves assemblies from visiting speakers relating to apprenticeships, the police force and Severn Trent. In addition, Mr Grimmett is leading workshops on building your own business, career goals, apprenticeships, virtual work experience and teamwork challenges. We wish our students every success as they take their first steps into the working world.

In my last letter, I wrote to you about the DVA Big Answer and changes we are making to improve the daily student experience. With regard to lunchtimes, I can confirm that from Monday 8th July students will move into their new lunchtime slots in preparation for September. The arrangements will be as follows.

Year 7 and 8 lunch time will be 12.05-12.40pm

Year 9 and 10 lunch time will be 1.05-1.40pm.

These changes will be communicated with students over the next fortnight so that the change will be seamless.

Last Wednesday 19th June, we celebrated National Thank a Teacher Day with students sending personalised messages to teachers expressing their gratitude to our wonderful teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to make a difference every day in our school. I would also like to express my appreciation to our staff but also our parents who work in true partnership with the school.

On Tuesday 25th June, Mr Mather held a special celebration assembly for our student leadership team where we all came together to learn about successful leadership and very importantly, student leader badges were distributed. We envisage that our student leaders will wear their badges with pride so that they are easily recognisable to other students. I look forward to meeting with a small number of these students to create 'The Da Vinci Way' over the next few weeks. There are some photos from this celebration on Instagram (@davinciacademyderby) if anyone wishes to follow us for regular updates.

I am pleased to inform you about an exciting opportunity to raise funds that will go towards refurbishing our much loved 'Fitness Suite'. We have been shortlisted by 'TESCO' who will be asking their customers to place a 'blue token', which they receive after any transaction, in the box that represents the cause they

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support. The cause with most votes will receive the full amount of funding asked for, which is up to £1500. The second placed cause will receive a £1000 and the 3rd place £500. The voting is 'going live' during the 1st week in July and will finish at end of September 2024.

Please look at the list below to find your local participating store:

Keldholme Lane Express	DE24 0RY
Chaddesden Express	DE21 6NA
Derby Alvaston Express	DE24 8QN
Heanor	DE75 7EX
Derby St Peters Street	DE1 2AA
Chellaston Derby Road Express	DE73 5SA

If you shop at Tesco but not at any of these shops, please could you bring your tokens to us at school so we can get them contributing to the Da Vinci Academy campaign. Inform all of your friends and families to get them 'voting' for us, as this would help us to win the full amount of funding available.

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 tomorrow (Friday 28th June)** for a training day and we re-open on Monday 1st July at 8am.

Yours faithfully,

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Key Dates

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

Monday 1st July – Year 6/7 transition parents evening 5-6pm

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 (12.30pm finish time for students)