



Da Vinci Academy
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Happy new year to all parents/carers and students! Our first **Consultation Evening** of 2018 for **Ys 7 & 11** took place yesterday and was very successful with attendance at about 55% and 67% for Y7 & 11 respectively. Our new Headteacher, Mrs Roberts, took the opportunity to meet as many parents as possible.



Our **debate team** took part in their first debate as part of an exciting new project being run by the **Derby and District Law Society, the University of Derby and e4e**. The formal debate, held at the University of Derby School of Law, was against Lees Brook with the motion being 'UK should liberalise its drug policy'. The judges were impressed with the amount of work the students had put in. Sam Riley received a special mention for coming along as researcher and supporter but acquitting himself really well when called upon to actually present himself!

The competition will run over the

next few weeks, culminating in the final on **Wednesday 7 March**. We wish our students the very best of luck.

Y8 prize draw for excellent attendance last term was held this week. The following students received a **£10 Intu voucher**:-



Filo Seeley, Brady Twells, Sophie Hamilton, Alfie Hancock and Hannah Broomhead. Well done to all students entered in the draw.

Breaking news—Miss Stafford has just returned from **Derby City School Sports Partnership's Gymnastics Competition at Mickleover Gym Club**. Three Y9 girls - **Pixie Muskos, Liane Claxton and Cerys Jones**—have been training for months in preparation for the event which included three aspects; Body Management, Vault and a Floor Routine. They all performed brilliantly and all of their practice really paid off. We are awaiting the full results from the organisers. Well done girls!

Next **Thursday** we have a **Trampolining Competition** from 4—6pm at Da Vinci.



Congratulations to Stella Scott who has received the **Divisional Commander's Commendation** for her part in Project Zao at Da Vinci. Stella will receive her award on **23 January** at the **Cricket Club**.

Next Week

Assemblies next week will be delivered by Pastoral Leaders and will include a safeguarding overview.

Forms to be returned

There are still a few places available on the science trip to Paris. The focus will be on the practical application of science. This promises to be a very exciting trip with visits including the **Louvre, Notre Dame, Cite des Sciences** and **Disneyland Paris**, to name but a few. Please note that the **£50 deposit deadline is Monday 26 January 2018**.

Y11 have their **performance concert /exam** on **Wednesday 24 January**, starting at 6pm. This will be an invite only event for parents supporting the Y11s; students in year 9 who are likely to be opting for music next year and students in year 8 who show promise in music and may need some inspiration. Invitations will be going out next week with plus one invites, so please encourage your child to RSVP if they are planning to attend.

Dates for your diary

24 January is **Y9 Learn to Earn Day**—further information to follow

