



# Newsletter

## Headteacher Message

Welcome to our new look Newsletter!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all as the new Headteacher of Da Vinci Academy.

I feel privileged to have been appointed Headteacher and I am completely committed to the achievement of successful outcomes for each and every one of our students.

Through exceptional teaching, outstanding leadership and the highest quality pastoral care, we want our students to feel safe, to feel supported and to realise their potential.

I work with a great team of students, staff, parents and governors who expect the very best from our school. We want everyone to be proud to be a part of Da Vinci Academy and in turn our wider community to be proud of us.

I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Katie Roberts  
Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

January  
**23** Filming for LEAD Family promotional film

January  
**24** Learn to Earn

January  
**24** Da Vinci Showcase  
6pm – invitation only

January  
**24** Pride Park Stadium Tour  
Rewards Trip

For more information and dates, visit our website [www.davinci.derby.sch.uk](http://www.davinci.derby.sch.uk)

## In the last week ...

Great News! Da Vinci has been chosen to take part in the L.E.A.D. Family Film; a promotional film for all schools. Filming for this will take place on Tuesday 23 January 2018. If your child brings home a consent letter, please can you ensure that this is returned to the school reception on Monday.



- Even more good news, following a re-validation visit by The Quality in Careers Standard Board, we were again awarded the prestigious Gold Careers Mark Award. This award recognises outstanding and continued commitment to careers education and guidance.



- The Y9 nurture group attended Derby Quad to continue with their project on sounds and sights of the Peak District on Monday. During the day they worked with General Practice staff on creating images of nature and robots. Students also looked at the exhibitions currently on at the Quad.

- On 18 January we hosted the Derby City School Sports Partnership Trampolining Competition. We had a large number of competitors from Years 8 to 11 representing Da Vinci Academy across the 3 Levels. All of the students had put in weeks of preparation in order to perform the 3 aspects of the competition; Set Skills, Set Routine and a Voluntary Routine. The results were all very close with Chloe Langley achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at Level 1 and Chloe Friel closely behind in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Dominik Smulski achieved 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Level 2 and Pixie Muskos achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at Level 3 with Megan Bentley and Phoebe Adams just behind in joint 4<sup>th</sup> place. A huge congratulations to all involved!



## Da Vinci Year 11 Showcase

Year 11 will showcase their performances on the evening of Wednesday 24 January, commencing 6pm. Evening tea will be provided and the concert will feature performances from Urban Choir, Staff Band and GCSE and BTEC students. This is an invitation 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 have gone out, so please encourage your child to RSVP if they are planning to attend.

## Attendance Figures

Winning tutor group for each year for this week:

- Year 7 – 7TP – 95.8%
- Year 8 – no year 8 tutor group achieved over 95%.
- Year 9 – 9PM – 95.7%
- Year 10 – no year 10 tutor group achieved over 95%.
- Year 11 – 11RB – 100%

Congratulations to 11RB for receiving 100% attendance this week. Well done!

## Important Notices

- Please return HPV vaccination consent forms back to school by next Friday 26 January.
- Students should have returned their consent forms for the rewards trip on Thursday 25 January. If not, please can they bring them in on Monday.
- We have a large amount of lost property in the Medical Room. If your child has lost any item, please ask them to see Lin Ganly.
- There are still a few places available on the science trip to Paris. Please note that the £50 deposit deadline is Friday 26 January. The balance can be paid in instalments over the coming weeks.

### Student Voice

*I really enjoyed the Quad visit, making the pictures and my robot. I liked looking at the exhibition as I found out how the sculptures were made.*

Alex Manning  
Year 7

Janet Hutchinson from Careers Mark with students



## Learn to Earn

On Wednesday 24 January we will have Young Enterprise in to deliver Learn to Earn programme, to a selection of Year 9 students. Learn to Earn inspires students to take ownership of their life choices and think about the careers they can have and the qualifications they need to pursue them.



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.



Da Vinci Trampolining Team

