



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

Newsletter

Headteacher Message

The term is going quickly and our Year 11s have now started their GCSE exams. We continue to be impressed by their approach and sensible attitude. It is great to see students coming out of an exam with smiles on their faces and a recognition that all the hard work has been worth it. It is also a real reward for staff who continue to do all they can to help and support.



A LEAD Trust audit took place across school on Wednesday. The inspection team looked at all aspects of our school including behaviour, teaching and attendance. It was rewarding to have our progress recognised together with the high expectations and ambition that I have for everyone in the academy. Please continue to support us with ensuring that your child attends school every day on time and in full school uniform. Students doing so will be recognised and rewarded accordingly.

So as we move towards half term, we look forward to some good lessons next week as well as our Year 10 Parents evening. The latter will be in the Hall and Gym in our new format which has been universally well received by parents and students alike. Thank you to everyone for the positive feedback.

In the meantime, I wish you a very happy royal wedding weekend!

Mrs Katie Roberts

Important Notices

- We have become aware that some of our students have been getting involved in the 'Rubber Challenge' which involves rubbing their skin with an eraser until it is removed. Please can you speak to your child about the dangers of the rubber challenge.
- Auditions for our annual Da Vinci's Got Talent event will be held on Wednesday and Friday, 6 and 8 June after school. All acts welcome, singing, instrumental, magic!, comedy. . . the more variety the better! Anyone interested needs to see Miss Daykin to sign up and be given a time.
- Y10 Parent/Carers evening is on Thursday 7 June. Letters will be going out shortly with students.
- Our next SEND Coffee Event takes place next Monday 21 May - 3:30-4:30pm.
- Please return Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition consent forms together with payment as soon as possible.

Latest News . . .

- 129 students qualified for this term's reward trip to Clip 'n' Climb on Wednesday 23 May. As there are only 60 places available, students were placed into a draw. As with previous trips, the criteria students had to achieve were 100% attendance and zero behaviour incidents within the assigned time frame. Very well done to all 129 students!
- Y10 students were involved in a careers workshop this morning with Learn By Design. LBD are a company bringing education to life by providing curriculum and extra-curricular support workshops to schools both directly and on behalf of business. There will be a further session next Friday morning for Y10 students.

POLITE REMINDER . . .



No bling! ie gold trim etc.



Dates for your Diary

May	GCSE Food & Nutrition Farm Visit
21	
May	Clip 'n' Climb Rewards Trip
23	
May	Y11 Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition
25	25—27 May
May	Break for half term
25	
June	Y10 Parents Evening
7	
June	Da Vinci's Got Talent Auditions
6/8	

Baby tortoise visit

Mrs Britton brought her baby tortoises into school for students see. Angel-Leigh, Y7, said “It’s the first time I’ve held a tortoise and I thought it would feel like a rock but it’s quite soft underneath” . Mrs Britton explained how the babies tortoises are soft and folded within their shells and it takes a while for their shells to harden and straighten out once they are born.



Ducklings

Three amazingly cute little ducklings hatched from our clutch of eggs from Incredible Eggs. They were a great delight to staff and students alike. They have now taken up permanent residence with Mrs Horsburgh.

The Wonder Years

The local authority is running a free programme called The Wonder Years. The sessions offer parents guidance for managing behaviour in middle childhood (6-12 years) with the hope that early intervention parenting support will prevent an escalation of these unwanted behaviours. For more information or for a referral to be completed please contact Mr Keir Mather or Ms Karen Thompson.

English Stars of the Week



Year 9

Abigail Ward, Sakchi Malla, Amy Kirby,
Kaci Daly, Liam Luc - Johnson

Year 8

Alfie Hancock

Youth Worker & School Nurse Drop- in

Wednesday Lunchtimes

The drop-in sessions provide an opportunity for students to get advice and guidance on a range of social, emotional and health issues.

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



ATTENDANCE

winning tutor group for each year for last week:

Year 7 – 7LS – 98.5%
Year 8 – 8AQ – 98.6%
Year 9 – 9PM – 99.6%
Year 10 – 10DF – 99.1%
Year 11 – 11JB – 100%

Congratulations to 11JB for achieving 100% attendance this week. Well done ☺

And this week . . .

Year 7 – 7TP – 98.1%
Year 8 – 8HD – 95.8%
Year 9 – unfortunately no tutor group achieved above 95%
Year 10 – 10HT – 97.1%
Year 11 – 11MB – 98.2%

Unfortunately, no tutor group achieved 100% this week but 11MB were the closest with 98.2%. Well done ☺