



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 13 October

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Update

We have secured **5 weeks of funding** for **urban choir** for students to try out choir for free, after that it will be £2 a session.

This Week

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had visits from our primary feeder schools, giving Y6s a taste of KS3 lessons in Science and Design & Technology. Today we had approximately **90 Y6s from Cavendish Close** in all day. The purpose of the day was to enable pupils to experience lessons in a secondary school setting. Pupils were placed into groups and followed a structured day of lessons and activities. Each group was accompanied by Da Vinci students and a dedicated team of staff worked with and supported the pupils all day.

On Tuesday the **Team Tech** group, co-hosted by **Maggie Philbin OBE** (Tomorrow's World/Bang Goes The Theory) and **Dallas Campbell** (Bang Goes The Theory/Supersized Earth), came into school to work with our **Y7s**. Using apps and games developers,



students were invited to become the inventors of tomorrow! Working in teams, in roles aligned with a start-up company, students had to think up a new device using Internet of Things technology which would make life better, safer, simpler, or just more fun! Teams considered the design of the device, the components that contributed to the technology that powered the device, the role it plays in society, how the device will be marketed, and more, during this fun and inspiring workshop. It was a really exciting day for our Y7s and they thoroughly enjoyed it. We

had speakers during assembly from Cyber Security, Web content design, an astronaut and a Rolls Royce engineer.

Please note that the kitchen will not be accepting the old pound coins after today. Thank you.

Next Week

On Tuesday 16 October, Year 8s have their school heat for the **FutureChef competition**. Two students will be selected to go through to the local heats at the end of the year. Participants learn more about cooking, gain experience, meet professionals and develop their skills through Springboard's FutureChef Competition.


Winning students will be part of nationwide competition where they can achieve student recognition awards, have industry visits, and have access to online skills resources and chef demonstrations. Good luck to everyone!

PC Mark Atterbury and Derbyshire Police are running another event at Da Vinci on **Monday 16 October** focusing around Hate Crime, as it is Hate Crime Awareness Week.

He has organised for 7 guest speakers, who have been victims of Hate Crime, to come into school and be involved in this event. Students will be given booklets and will be able to meet with the speakers and ask questions in a sort of 'speed dating' scenario. The event is quite important as the Police Commissioner and other important guests will be attending. The event will run from **1.05 – 3.05 pm on Monday** and will involve all of **Y10**.

Mr Mather and Mrs Britton are holding the first SEND coffee afternoon of the year for students with an EHCP after school on Monday.

Next **Tuesday, 17 October**, we are holding a **Year 11 parents/carers re Y11 Consultation Evening**. Instead of a usual Parents/Carers Evening this will be an opportunity for Year 11 parents and carers to see exactly what it will be like for their Y11 children over the next 8 months leading up to the exams, and to see how they can be best supported and what we are doing in school. Refreshments will be available and a prize draw will take place during the course of the evening. If you have not received a letter, copies are available on our website or from school.



Our **Youth Group** continues **12.15—2.00 pm** every **Wednesday in N2** to give help, support and advice to our students.

Some **Year 6s** from our **feeder primary schools** have been invited to attend our **Year 6 Halloween Maths Challenge event**

which is being held at Da Vinci Academy on **Wednesday 18 October 2017** from 1:30pm – 2:45pm. Each of the local Primary Schools has been invited to send a team of 6 pupils to take part in the event. During the afternoon the pupils will work in their school teams to solve a range of mathematical and problem solving challenges. The emphasis will be on good teamwork whilst stretching their mathematical and problem solving skills. Everyone who takes part will receive a Da Vinci Maths Challenge certificate and there will be lots of prizes awarded during the afternoon.

ATTENDANCE

Winning tutor group for each year for this week:

Year 7 – 7TP & 7PJ – 99%

Year 8 – 8LH – 97%

Year 9 – 9HR – 99.3%

Year 10 – 10DG – 98%

Year 11 – 11HL – 98.3%