



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 17 November

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### This Week

If you have not already done so, please could you complete the **parental survey** which can be found here <http://survey.gl-assessment.co.uk/s/EZ2GS/>. The password is available from school.

Letters have gone out to **Y8 girls re HPV vaccinations**. This is being offered as part of the routine adolescent schools programme and is not available routinely at your doctor's surgery. Please return forms by 11 December.

**Mock exams** started today and will continue for the following **two weeks**.

**Emmie-Louise Insul** won the raffle for the **Little Mix concert tickets**, kindly donated by Mrs Parry. We raised £150 from the raffle which we have put towards the rest of the money raised today for Children In Need today. Events have included a Bake Sale and Wear Something Spotty.

On **Thursday 16 November** we took the whole of **Y10** to the biggest national **careers fair** in the UK at the N.E.C. **The Skills Show** is divided into areas, each providing a focus on particular industry sectors. These are: Health & Hospitality; Construction & Logistics; Engineering & Technology; Digital & Business; Creative & Design. During the day students were able to participate in many activities relating to these areas, from media make up to becoming a sound engineer and developing their own music track.



Also on **Thursday**, **Learning Unlimited** came into school to work with some of our students. **Y9 students** took part in an **engineering day** with lots of practical activities to develop new skills and understanding about engineering. Students had to construct a bridge made out of chocolate and had to test if it could withstand any weight. Two teams' bridges managed to hold 1500 kgs. Students also took part in a workshop where they made their own metal coasters and made a tower out of marshmallows and spaghetti. This was a team building exercise they may have to complete if they went into engineering. The students were exceptionally engaged and thoroughly enjoyed the competitive spirit in good humour. They also did a team building exercise which they may have to do if they went into engineering.

### Next Week

The school has received a large number of saplings from the **Woodland Trust** and one science class has been chosen to take part in a **tree planting day** on **Monday 20 November**. It will be a great opportunity for the class to spend some time helping to improve the outdoor environment of the school. Letters have gone out to those students concerned.

Students will again be out on **reward trips** to the cinema next week for achieving **100% attendance** and **no negative behaviour incidents** in order to highlight their positive achievement and attitude to school.

Our new **French Club**, open to all **KS3 students**, is starting on **Tuesday** next week. There will be games, quizzes etc. Students will be bringing letters home shortly with further details.

The **Girls in Engineering** competition is next **Saturday**. The top prize is a trip to NASA. If your daughter has received a letter about this event, please could she return the letter to **Mr Morrow** as soon as possible.

As part of the **careers programme** it is important to see every **Y11 student** to ensure they are making an well informed choice regarding their next steps. Next week **Miss Mosley** will see students when not in exams. These appointments will continue during December until she has seen the whole cohort.

### **Urban Choir Opportunity**

The Urban Choir have been given invited to perform at Breadsall Priory on 15th December as part of their open day celebrations, this will include being part of a film project. We've had tremendous support from Breadsall Priory for activities in school in recent years and it's a fantastic opportunity for us to give something back in return.

If any students want to join the Urban Choir then it takes place after school on Fridays. See Miss Daykin for details.

### **School Concert Change of Date**

To accommodate the rehearsals for the Breadsall Priory event we have decided to postpone the school concert.

This was due to take place on Wednesday 6th December. It has now been moved to Thursday 25th January. Further details about the concert will be in the newsletter next week.

### Date for your Diary

**Snow Ball (Disco)** will be on **Wednesday 13 December from 5—6.30pm.**

## ATTENDANCE

Winning tutor group for each year for this week:

Year 7 – 7AM – 99%

Year 8 – 8CO – 98.5%

Year 9 – 9PM – 99.1%

Year 10 – 10DF – 98.5%

Year 11 – 11MB + 11HK – 95%

PTO for copies of letters sent out by pupil post today.

### **Appointment of new Headteacher**

As you will be aware, Mrs Parry will be leaving Da Vinci Academy at the end of this term in order to take up a new post in the South West.

I am pleased to inform you that Ms Roberts has been appointed as the new Headteacher and she will be taking up her post in January 2018. Ms Roberts has an excellent track record in school improvement having secured a good Ofsted judgement at her current school earlier this year.

Ms Roberts will be visiting the school over the next few weeks and she looks forward to working closely with students, staff and parents.

We wish Mrs Parry every success with her new role.

Yours faithfully,



Dale Hardy  
Director of Secondary Schools  
LEAD Academy Trust

### **Mobile Phones and Mobile Devices**

As a result of some concerns regarding the way in which mobile phones are being used, from Monday 20 November onwards students will not be allowed to use mobile phones or other mobile devices on the school site.

If students bring mobile phones or devices into school then they will need to be switched off and kept in school bags out of sight. Any phones or mobile devices that are used during the school day will be confiscated in line with the current school behaviour policy.

If you need to contact your child during the day then please use the main school phone number and the office staff will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Kind regards



Liz Parry  
Headteacher