

Message from the Head Teacher:

Over the course of the last 3 weeks we have had a number of external visitors to the Academy. This included over 35 CEO's and delegates from other Trusts. I would like to congratulate our students for their exemplary behaviour; we have had a large number of compliments fed back to us by our visitors on what polite, well-mannered young people they are. We are so proud of each and every one of them.

I'd like to say a special well done to year 11 who began their GCSE's over the last two weeks. They have sat their first exams with maturity and professionalism and have proven what mature young people they are becoming.

As the weather is now turning warmer you will see further on in the bulletin that there are a few changes to the everyday uniform requirements please could we ask that your child adhere to these changes. Could we also ask that you ensure your children come to school with a refillable water bottle to enable them to stay hydrated through the summer months.

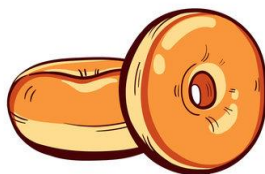
All that remains is for me is to wish you all a great half term break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for the last half term where we will celebrate our student's successes through reward days, sports day and various other activities.

Attendance Matters:

As year 11's are in the 'thick' of their exams many of them are recognising the importance of them having had an excellent attendance record over the past year! Being around teachers and friends at school is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to co-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. It is so important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Every moment in school counts, and days missed add up quickly. For example, a child in Year 10 who is absent for three days over a half term could miss 15 lessons in total. Don't forget, you have a legal duty to ensure your child gets a full time-education. Finally, many thanks for your continued support over the last half term and we look forward to seeing your child in school every day on time throughout the next half term. #AttendanceMatters

Breakfast Club:

Please remember your child can access our bagel bar in a morning, free of charge. This breakfast is grab-and-go and runs from 8.10-8.25 in the canteen



Quality of Education:

New Self-Study Policy Implementation

Please read the letter that you will receive today about an important update to our school's self-study (homework) policy that will be implemented after half term, on Monday 5th June.

We believe this revised policy will better support your child's academic growth, whilst developing study skills and fostering a sense of responsibility and discipline.

To help your child succeed we kindly request your assistance in supporting your child's adherence to the new self-study policy. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make it clear to your child that you value homework.
- Encourage your child to establish a consistent self-study routine that includes a dedicated study area, minimal distractions, and a designated time for completing assignments.
- To offer support and guidance if necessary.
- Encourage your child and praise them when they have completed homework.
- Expect deadlines to be met and check that they are.
- To support your child with organisation and time management.

Our self-study programme will be rolled out across Year 7-10, however, we will be staggering the start for all year groups. The table below shows when each year group will begin their self-study tasks –

| Week commencing | Year group receiving self-study | Supported study sanction for non-completion (3.00 – 3.30 pm) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 05/06/23 | Year 10 | |
| 12/06/23 | Year 7 and 10 | Year 10 |
| 19/06/23 | Year 7,9 and 10 | Year 7 and 10 |
| 26/06/23 | Year 7,8,9 and 10 | Year 7, 9 and 10 |
| 03/07/23 | Year 7,8,9 and 10 | Year 7,8, 9 and 10 |
| 10/07/23 | | Year 7,8, 9 and 10 |

The letter will provide more information about which subjects students will be studying, the days they will set and when the deadline date is. There is further information around the consequences that will be in place, if your child does not complete the self-study task set.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. By working together, we can help your child develop strong study habits, enhance their understanding of the subject matter, and achieve academic success.



LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 11N and 110 for being so amazing and getting through the first 2 weeks of exams

Star of the fortnight: Maizie K for achieving amazing results in you Athletics competition out of school

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 11E & 11L great start to the exams highest reward points and attendance of the house

Star of the fortnight: Kylie LH - Great turnaround, 1 of the most improved students of the house



ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 7A for always following academy expectations to the highest standards.

Star of the fortnight: Well done to Olly W for an amazing week and an positive attitude towards learning - keep it up.

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 10A for great attendance this week - keep it up.

Star of the fortnight: Well done to Ronnie OBD for always trying his best and working towards his goals.

Behaviour:

The role of our Academy goes beyond simply preventing poor behaviour and maintaining good order to systematically promoting positive relationships and good manners. We expect that all of our students demonstrate consistently exceptional attitudes to learning, exemplary conduct both in and outside the Academy and a love for learning.

This work involves a clear partnership between Parents/Carers, students and the Academy in helping our young people become active global citizens, able to make a full contribution to society and so live a happy and successful life.

Rewards

Those students that received the most positive behaviour points this half term were rewarded with a cinema afternoon where they watched Matilda, complete with popcorn! Well done to all of our students who were invited, we are so proud of you!

Uniform:

From Monday 5th June, NBA hoodies will no longer be able to be worn as part of the Academy uniform. Students must wear blazers at all times (unless in hot temperatures, with staff permission). In the event that students are warm, the additional school jumper must be removed in the first instance, with the blazer continuing to be worn. NBA hoodies can continue to be worn on PE days only as part of the PE kit. Please be aware that students will be asked to remove NBA hoodies for indoor PE lessons. All outerwear must be removed on entry to the Academy buildings.

You will have received a school comms regarding uniform recently. This was a reminder that tight and close fitting school trousers are not permitted to be worn in the Academy. Students have been reminded this week that they must ensure they have trousers in line with our uniform policy. Quite often, supermarkets will sell trousers in school wear sections that do not conform with our uniform policy. Please bare this in mind when choosing trousers for your child.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school in full school uniform each day. On the occasions that students are not in full uniform, we will request that parents/ carers bring the correct uniform to school site to allow students to change. If this is not possible, the expectation is that students borrow uniform from us. If students refuse, they will remain in the behaviour room as a last resort, until the correct uniform is worn.

Safeguarding:

As the warm weather arrives, we would like to bring your attention to the importance of water safety.

Thando's Story aims to encourage parents, carers and guardians to speak to young children about the dangers of open water, and directly warn young people in the hope that Thando's death will leave a legacy that will prevent future water deaths.

This is such an important message and one that ahead of the half term holiday and warmer weather is particularly important. Please talk to your child about the importance of safety around water.

The link to Thando's Story is here; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Jz5t3BA6rQ>

Mental Health and Wellbeing:

Mental Health and Wellbeing Evening



Da Vinci Academy & Noel Baker Academy invites you to our

Mental Health & Wellbeing Evening

Supporting Young People
Wednesday
14th June 2023
5:30 – 7 pm at Da Vinci

Find out what support is available for young people in and out of school, and how this can be accessed

Hear from and speak to the following professionals/agencies:

- Keir Mather Kim Bradshaw & Chrissie Sargent, Designated Leads for Mental Health - **What is Mental Health?**
- The School Health Team - **What support is available?**
- Kooth - **Free online counselling services for young people**
- Changing Lives (Compass) - **Targeted mental health support**
- Lucy Partington - **Catharsis**
- Nikki Webster - **Bridge the Gap**
- Snapp-It - **Support for KS4 students**

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Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

Week commencing 5th June:

Drive 'Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway' Earl nightingale

Week commencing 12th June:

Lead - 'A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don't necessarily want to go but ought to be' Rosalyn Carter, Former FLOTUS



Facilities Management:

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Uniform Direct - 54 Babington Lane, Derby. DE1 1SX 01332 342569





8 WEEKS TO GO

With just 8 weeks to go before the start of the school summer holidays, this is the best time to pop in to purchase your school uniform ready for September. Allow plenty of time and order before 31st July 2023.



BE SMART, BE PREPARED AND SHOP EARLY



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Uniform swap shops are a new initiative gaining traction across the country that lets parents donate their old or unused uniform for the use of others who might need it more and helping the environment by keeping perfectly usable items from ending up in landfill.

Contact your school to see if they operate a pre-loved uniform swap shop and check out social media sites such as facebook for local groups that can help.

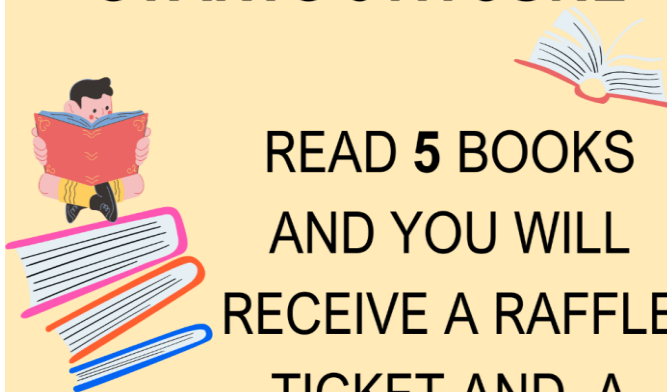
Our School Library



Since January, the students have taken out 851 books from the library. Amazing!

Our first ever library raffle will start on the 5th June and the top 5 readers in this bulletin will also receive a postcard and a raffle ticket.

LIBRARY RAFFLE STARTS 5TH JUNE



READ 5 BOOKS
AND YOU WILL
RECEIVE A RAFFLE
TICKET AND A
POSTCARD

Prizes include book tokens, stationery and sweets.

Raffle drawn 10th July



BOOKFLIX

On display this month we have books that have been turned into movies or series on Netflix.



In May the most popular books were:



Year 8 read 89 and Year 7 read 50 books.

Our Top 5 readers were:

1. Davidzo C – 8L
2. Pranavi B – 8L
3. Kayleigh F – 7P
4. Laylah P – 9K
5. Angel C – 7P

Remember all students can browse the books available to borrow via the Online Library on the **NBA Website**. If they have a library card they can also reserve, renew and give reviews on the book they have read. **(Students/NBA Online Library/click on WEBSITE link. Students need to enter their ID number and password or browse as a guest). See the dashboard link for information on Careers, Derby College, Apprenticeships and a link about Bursary funds.**