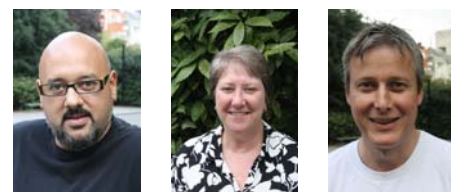
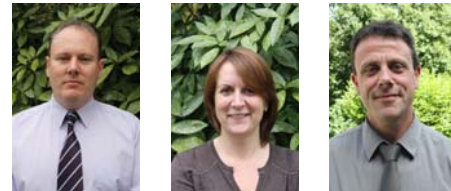


## WELCOME BACK!

The beginning of every school year sees the return of many familiar faces and the arrival of many new ones. This year is no exception with twenty six new students and three new members of staff joining Da Vinci International School.

The start of this school year also marks the launch of our new Da Vinci house style. In addition to a new look for the newsletter, the school website ([www.da-vinci.be](http://www.da-vinci.be)) has also had a complete makeover which we hope will provide greater flexibility and ease of use for both existing and prospective Da Vinci families.

This issue also contains details about two new Da Vinci staff babies that arrived over the summer holiday, and another that is due in the New Year. Be sure to read on to find out more. However, before you do, we would like to wish everyone much success and happiness for this new school year from the whole Da Vinci team!



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## New Da Vinci families

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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the following new students and their families:

Attilio Adamo (IGCSE 2)  
Matteo Belardini (G3)  
Rami El Ali (K1)  
Wesley Demers (K3)  
Prakhar Gupta (G2)  
Kurt Harnasch (K1)  
Katerina Hejzman (K1)  
Lukas Hejzman (G5)  
Khamryn Hopkins (K2)  
Erika Jorda (K1)  
Hana Kant (K2)  
Zara Kant (G1)  
Sua Kim (G1)  
Anthony Koltun (K3)  
Brent Lageirse (G6)  
Scottie Lageirse (IGCSE 1)  
Linus Laue (K1)  
Brynn Olden (G1)  
Tessa Olden (G4)  
Sana Patwardhan (K3)  
Himanshu Sethia (K3)  
Colin Shand (K2)  
Sophie Stewart (G3)  
Orsola Tringali (G3)



And welcome back to two familiar faces:

Julia Lustig (A-Level 1)  
Charlotte Sen (A-Level 1)

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## New staff members

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Three new staff members recently joined the ranks of the Da Vinci teaching team.

**Mr Jorge Santos** has joined the team as our new



Grade 3 teacher. Originally from Porto in Portugal, Mr Jorge has worked in several countries over the past eight years. Mr Jorge has been fortunate enough to work in some very exotic locations including The Algarve, The Azores Islands and more

recently in London. Mr Jorge is a Primary teacher with a specialism in Art. He is also a keen set designer, with much experience in designing backdrops for theatre productions.

**Miss Jennifer Peters** is our new Grade 4



teacher. Originally from British Columbia in Canada, Miss Jennifer has lived in Switzerland and England, where she worked as a teacher in Essex. Miss Jennifer is a very keen equestrian rider and coach, competing for Canada on the International Equestrian

Team. Over the past year, she has competed in 10 different countries.

**Miss Sophie Marchand** is originally from Belgium and she specializes in



teaching English, History and Religious Studies. Keen linguists will detect a bit of a northern lilt to Miss Marchand's accent as she has been teaching in a comprehensive college in Leicester, England for the past two years.

Welcome to Da Vinci!

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## New Da Vinci babies

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Two new Da Vinci staff babies arrived safe and sound over the summer holidays.

First off was Miss Henning, who gave birth to a bouncing baby boy called Tim in July. Many congratulations to Miss Henning, her partner and big brother Sepp!



It was not long before more good news reached us this summer with the arrival of Mr Sven's son, Jonas, who arrived safe and well in August. Many congratulations to Mr Sven, his partner and big sister Sarah!



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## More baby news!

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The Da Vinci stork has been booked to deliver another bundle of joy in the New Year as our Grade 2 teacher, Miss Lisa, recently announced that she is expecting her first baby. Many congratulations to Miss Lisa and her partner!

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## Miss Carrie's hat-trick!

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Many current and old Da Vinci students and teachers will no doubt have some very fond memories of Miss Carrie, our former Canadian Grade 5 teacher who returned to her home country four years ago.

We recently heard the good news that Miss Carrie gave birth to a baby boy called Sunder at the beginning of September. Many congratulations to Miss Carrie, her husband and big sisters Georgia and Romée!



# New school website launched

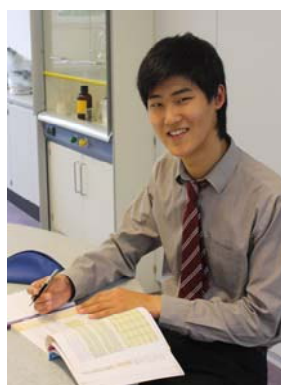


The beginning of the new school year also marked the launch of our new Da Vinci house style, which includes a completely redesigned website. As all ICT students know, the pace of change in the world of technology is incredibly fast. Not wanting to be left behind, the school has developed the website as a Content Management System, which will eventually provide greater flexibility, accessibility and user-friendliness to all visitors.

We very much hope that this fifth generation Da Vinci website will prove to be useful and informative to all current and prospective Da Vinci families. Should you have any suggestions about how we can improve it further, please do not hesitate to let us know.

[www.da-vinci.be](http://www.da-vinci.be)

## A-Level success



Many congratulations to Steve Kwack on a sterling performance in his AS level exams in June. Despite only having been learning English for two years, Steve achieved an outstanding four straight A grades in Accounting, Maths, Chemistry and ICT!

## Secondary Sports

Our Secondary students have begun their new sports programme learning Karate with the help of Sensei Yannick Daems and Da Vinci alumni Andrey Kirillin. Be sure to check out the website for more photos.



## New dance classes for parents - enrol now!



Would you like to learn a range of Street Dance/Hip Hop & Samba routines? This is a very current form of dance and draws movements from music video and street forms. Please complete the form below clearly, enclosing full payment in a sealed envelope addressed to Mr Stanley by Wednesday 7th October.

**Leader:** Mr. Nuno Vieira      **Class Size:** Minimum 5, maximum 13.      **Cost:** €60  
**Time:** Mondays 14.15 – 15.15      **Location:** Da Vinci International School Gym  
**Clothing:** White soled trainers and suitable sports clothing  
**Dates:** 12th & 19th October; 9th, 16th & 23rd November; 7th December

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enrol for the dance class for parents and enclose full payment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_