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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been yet another unusual term. It has been wonderful to see how well pupils responded to our online learning and tutoring in the New Year and even more wonderful to welcome everyone back into the academy. I have been very impressed with the way that pupils have slotted back into the academy routines and expectations and worked together to keep everyone as safe as possible. Pupils, particularly Year 11 & 13, have been working very hard and I know that many of them are looking forward to a holiday with the added excitement that some of the national lockdown restrictions will be reducing.

In my assembly this week to all pupils, I have reminded them of the need to continue testing twice a week over Easter including the Sunday evening before we return to school. Please let us know of any positive outcomes via [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) I have also asked pupils to continue to take regard for their own safety and those of the people around them by maintaining an appropriate social distance and continuing to wash and sanitise hands and wear a face covering where appropriate.

I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at our usual start time.

### **Easter Egg Competition Winners**

We have been delighted to receive a large number of entries for the Alfreton Town Council Easter Egg design competition. All entrants will receive House points and our winning entries are:



**FIRST PRIZE – Dolcie Munnelly**



**SECOND PRIZE – Martha Barnes**



And by Year Groups...

<b>Year 7</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> – Martha Barnes	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Eva North	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ellie-Mae Dowling
<b>Year 8</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> – Dolcie Munnelly	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sophie Hale	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ethan Molloy
<b>Year 9</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> – Katie King	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Grace Gregory-Rhodes	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Hannah Minshull
<b>Year 10</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> - Shannan Doughty	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Alisha Tomlinson	

### Runners Up

Holly Wing, Jayden Bunker, Daisy Burns, Aydrian Cope, Charlie Fox, Loren Eyre, Tulisha Sheppard, Emilia James and Ava Hillyer.

All prize winners will receive an Easter egg provided by the Town Council and a display of some of their work will be in Alfreton House throughout April. Well done to all pupils who took part and thank you to Amanda Wain and Maxine Whitehead from the design team at David Nieper Ltd, together with Mr Christopher Nieper, who judged all entries.

### **Testing**

All pupils in school have now received at-home testing kits, together with a step-by-step guide for self-testing. The following video about home testing has also been shown to our pupils <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo>

- The guidance states that pupils should use the test twice each week. We would like pupils to test on a Sunday and on a Wednesday, with testing continuing over the Easter holiday.
- If pupils get a positive result, as well as registering the result with the test and trace website, please continue over the holidays to telephone school immediately or email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) to let us know.
- If pupils get a positive result, they and the rest of your household must begin to self-isolate.
  - You must also book a confirmatory PCR test. This can be through a test centre or a postal test.
  - If the result of this is positive, they must continue to self-isolate in-line with national guidance. If the result of this is negative, please contact school as pupils will then be able to return.

Pupils must not attend school if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

### **Year 11 Mock Exams - congratulations**

Well done to all Year 11 pupils who have now completed mock exams, their hard work, determination to do their best and exemplary behaviour throughout have been commendable. Results will be made available after the Easter break.

### **Year 11 & Year 13 Centre Assessed Grades**

Staff have been working very hard to ensure that our Centre procedures and processes for assessing the GCSE and BTEC grades are robust. Following further recent Government guidance, we are finalising our Centre policy with Governors and will communicate our procedures and protocols for the Centre Assessed Grades after the Easter break. We will be speaking to all Year 11's and 13's on the first days back and will send out full information to parents and carers and ensure that you have the opportunity to ask any questions. We will also clarify the plans for the final GCSE/ BTEC teaching and assessment date and the progression to next steps units that we will be providing.

### **Derbyshire County Council**

Derbyshire County Council have asked us to share with you two documents from Dean Wallace, Director of Public Health, which refer to Covid-19. These are available on our website.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

Please see the Academy website for more details about how we can support you if your child has a positive lateral flow test. [Free School Meals](#)

Over the Easter holiday, FSM vouchers will once again be sent to you directly from Derbyshire County Council as part of the wider Government Covid Grant. Please see their website for more information:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/covid-19-winter-grants/food-vouchers/food-vouchers-for-children-in-derbyshire.aspx>

If you haven't heard from them by the end of April there is a form available on this webpage to report to them. We will also put the link on the academy website.

### **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property at the moment. If items are named, we can return these to pupils very promptly. Unfortunately, many items, some very expensive, are not named. Please can all items of property and clothing, including outdoor coats, be named for the start of the Summer Term. Any lost property is kept at reception.

### **Dates for the diary**

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Easter holiday
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – all pupils return at the usual times
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Year 11 group photos/friendship photos, 9am
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 7 virtual Parents' Evening, 4-7pm (see separate letter for details)

### **INSET days**

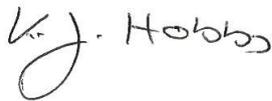
The final two INSET days of this academic year will take place on:

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

We continue to offer help and support to all of our pupils, families, staff and community. If you do need to get in touch with us please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and someone will be in touch.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the academy on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully



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