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Dear Parents/Carers

We were delighted to welcome back all pupils to the academy this week. It has been wonderful to greet pupils as they have arrived at the start of each day and their behaviour and positive attitude towards the testing process has been a credit to them. We have reinforced academy expectations to all pupils, especially with regards to the Health & Safety requirements around Covid-19, and support has been provided where needed. Our testing has gone very smoothly. An excellent start to our full return to the academy.

BBC East Midlands Today

We were joined on Monday by Simon Hare and David Pittam, reporters with BBC East Midlands Today, together with their camera crew. They were with us to film the return of pupils as we reopened for face-to-face learning. Well done to all pupils who took part in the recordings, especially Jacob, Grace, Dawid, Aaron, Katie and Katie-Mae in Year 11 and Darcie, Martha and Roxanne in Year 7.

Click on the link below to visit the East Midlands Today website to view the fantastic record of a wonderful day.

[BBC News](#)



Testing

At-home testing kits have just arrived in school. Distribution of the kits and instructions will be issued by the end of next week.

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)"

Return of laptops

With the re-opening of the academy to all pupils, laptops loaned out to Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils during the period of remote learning must now be returned to the academy as soon as possible. These laptops are used within lessons and we do urgently need to be able to use them in the academy. Please ask pupils to hand in to the main office next week and remember to also return any charging cables, sleeves and cases etc.

Driving onto Site

Thank you for your support with our new procedures. Please be reminded that parents/carers should not be accessing the academy drive in cars at the start or end of the school day. The drive entrance gates are closed to all vehicles between 8.20-8.45am and 3.15-3.50pm, Monday to Thursday and 2.35-3.10pm at the end of the school day on Friday. If you are accessing the drive at other times we would ask that you are mindful of our speed restrictions and other vehicles.

Please arrange to drop and collect your son/daughter away from the academy and ideally away from Grange Street. If there are circumstances which mean that it is essential that your son/daughter is collected close to the academy, these need to be discussed with us and arrangements may be made for you to collect from an alternative area.

Late to school

Please remind all pupils of the importance of arriving to school on time. The usual consequence system for late arrivals remains in place.

- If you know that your son/daughter will be late please contact our Attendance Officer.
- If pupils are late twice to school, parents will be informed, and pupils are at risk of receiving an after-school detention.
- If pupils are late three times, an after-school detention will be issued.

Co and Extra-curricular activities

A reminder that our weekly co-curricular sessions will recommence on Wednesday next week and we hope to be able to run extra-curricular activities after Easter, subject to Government guidance.

World Book Day

Thank you to KS3 and KS4 pupils who celebrated World Book Day with us last week by completing the challenges and entering our competitions. See if you can spot the book covers in our World Book Day video: <https://youtu.be/K2EhJfL0Yog> We have extended the competition deadline to Friday 19th March, so there is still chance to join in the fun! Follow the link <https://youtu.be/8F1XITxxTSE> for more information about World Book Day and competition details.

We have also introduced the Sora online library for all pupils, with access to thousands of e-books and audiobooks to read from home. Over the past week, our students have accessed 276 e-books and read for a total of 82 hours! The following video <https://youtu.be/fT3mrz7tUeM> contains student log in information and a quick overview of the Sora library app. Please encourage your child to access the library this week and contact Ms Skermer with any questions.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free school meals and is sent home to self-isolate we can offer two options to parents/carers:

- **10 days self-isolation** – If your child either tests positive, or is sent home as a close contact of someone who has tested positive, and has to self-isolate for 10 days we can provide a 2-week food box (collection only).
- Once we go to home testing and your child tests positive and you are waiting for the results of a PCR test, we can offer a daily Grab and Go bag that can be ordered before 10.30am and collected after 12 noon. If the PCR test is also positive, we can then offer the 2-week food box for the 10-day self-isolation period.

Please see the Academy website for more details [Free School Meals](#)

Year 9 Teenage Booster, and Men ACWY vaccination programme

Nurses will be visiting the academy on Thursday 18 March vaccinating girls and boys in Year 9. Please provide consent by visiting <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> to complete the consent form. Our unique school code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405**

Stranger Danger Reminder

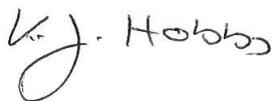
We encourage parents to speak with their son/daughter to remind them of the importance of keeping safe. All pupils need to take care and be mindful of their own safety when out and about. Incidents should always be reported to the Police by calling 101 or 999 and please let staff at the academy know.

Dates for the diary

- Tuesday 16th March – Year 9 Options online parent meetings, 4-6pm
- Thursday 18th March - Year 9 Teenage Booster vaccinations
- Friday 19th March – Year 9 Options Taster Sessions, P1-4
- Monday 22nd March to Thursday 1st April 2021 - Year 11 Mock Exams
- Friday 26th March – deadline for submission of option forms for Year 9
- Thursday 1st April – last day of term; usual finish time

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 and someone will be in touch.

Yours faithfully



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