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Dear Parents/Carers

The planned re-opening of David Nieper Academy will take place from Monday 8th March 2021, with testing taking place on Friday 5th March for Years 10, 11, 12 & 13.

Please see full details and information for each year group in the attached letter.

Year 11 & Sixth Form Exam Grades

There has been a large amount of information and guidance provided by the Government and Ofqual this week as to how exam grades will be assessed and awarded this year. We will be sending out an assembly to all Year 11 and Sixth Form and parents next week to explain what is going to happen. We will also ensure that we provide full information about the completion of the courses and how the final grades will be calculated as we continue to receive further information. In the meantime, it is very important for our Sixth Form students to continue with their courses and portfolio completion and for Year 11 to continue to prepare thoroughly for the start of the mock exams on Monday 22nd March.

World Book Day

Next week we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of exciting activities. Join Ms Skermer for the World Book Day virtual assembly to hear the Year 7 pupils share their reading recommendations and find out more details of the World Book Day competitions and prizes up for grabs!

Most pupils should have received their World Book Day book token by now, but if you haven't, please follow the link to an online printable version [World Book Day](#) or visit Mrs Mann in the library on your return to school.

Careers and Employability

It's an exciting week ahead for the Careers Team at David Nieper Academy. All pupils have access to free, national career fairs and apprenticeship open evenings. See below for details. We highly recommend that all our pupils take the opportunity to look round the careers fairs and those interested in apprenticeships, to book a place on the virtual apprenticeship open evening. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs Wilcockson via email swilcockson@davidnieper.academy

National Careers Week

Next week, from the 1st – 6th March, is National Careers Week. To access the Virtual Careers Fair, spread over 5 virtual floors, simply click the link to register <https://ncw2021.co.uk/> Here you can access a huge range of global employers across key sectors, employer videos and information about life within an organisation and the career opportunities available.

The graphic is a promotional banner for National Careers Week 2021. On the left, it features the text 'National Careers Week 2021 and Virtual Careers Fair 1st - 6th March 2021'. Below this, there are four red boxes with white text: '03 Days', '09 Hours', '20 Weeks', and '44 Weeks'. To the right of these boxes are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. At the bottom left, it says 'Find out how to get ready here.' and 'Want to exhibit? Contact nick.newman@ncw21.co.uk'. On the right side, there is a registration form titled 'YOUR TICKET TO NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK' and 'OUR FIRST EVER VIRTUAL CAREERS FAIR'. The form includes fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', 'Email', 'Phone or text (add opt-in)', 'Industry Sector', 'Primary Education', 'Region', and 'Year Level'. There is a 'Subscribe Now' button and a 'Go' button at the bottom right.

Virtual Apprenticeship Open Evening

Our Learning Unlimited Derby Team is holding a Virtual Apprenticeship Open Day Event for all pupils and their parents/carers to attend which takes place on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 from 5.30pm-7pm.

This live open evening is an opportunity to find out more about LU Derby, apprenticeships and how they work, check and apply for current vacancies or simply talk to staff. Attendees can pop in and out of the event page and access a variety of resources at their own pace and join the live Q&A sessions with staff, apprentices and employers.

To book a place on this event go to: <https://www.learningunlimiteduk.com/event/derby-virtual-apprenticeship-open-day/>

STEM Careers Fair (Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

We would like to welcome you to the STEM careers fair, you can access it at: <https://stem.exhibition.app/> The fair will be open from 8am on Monday 1st March until 6pm on Friday 5th March. Attendees will be able to watch videos, explore challenges and try out activities from 25 national employers, all ready to showcase the best of their industry. Employers at the event include: Public Health England, BBC, RAF, JustEat, IBM, Google, AECOM and more.

Pupils will be free to wander, as you would at any other careers fair. To help you get around, the fair is split into five zones:

- Building the Future
- Digital
- Energy and the Environment
- Lifestyle and Health
- Travel and Security

STEM Ambassadors from most of the employers will be available to answer questions, in a secure and monitored online chat environment, from 10-11am and 2-3pm each day. We will collate some of the most popular questions and answers and make them available after the week.

Coming Soon

David Nieper Academy is organising its own Virtual Careers Fair! We have invited our regular employers, as well as new organisations, to provide all the information our pupils need to move onto their next steps. More information will be coming soon.

Testing of pupils

For the safety and reassurance of all pupils and staff within the academy we are offering three supervised lateral flow tests for all pupils as they return to the academy and in their first week back. This will provide support and guidance for the correct carrying out of these tests which pupils will then be able to continue to use twice a week at home. We have a very highly experienced and competent team of testers (academy staff) who have been trained and have been carrying out tests with all pupils and staff who have been attending school since January. Such testing has been vital in our approach to keeping our academy Covid-19 safe and we encourage all parents to provide the necessary consent for the testing to take place for your son/daughter and to support us with the home testing. By picking up any asymptomatic pupils promptly we can better protect everyone and reduce the need for large scale isolation. Testing is and will make a big difference to our ability to offer consistent teaching and learning over the next few months as the vaccine is rolled out across the country.

With the return of all pupils to the academy, parental consent for testing is required. If you have not yet returned the consent form please can you do so as soon as possible [Asymptomatic testing consent form](#)

Free School Meal Vouchers

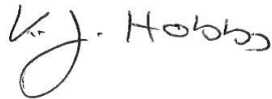
Vouchers for the 2 weeks from 22nd February to the 5th March have now been sent out by Edenred – these will be the last vouchers available due to the full return of pupils from Monday 8th March 2021. Please check the academy website for additional support for free school meals after 8th March.

Dates for the diary

- Friday 5th March – testing of Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 pupils and tutor group in school (see separate year group letter)
- Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March – staggered return of pupils to the academy
- Thursday 4th March, 3.30-6.30pm - Year 9 Virtual Parents Evening
- Thursday 18th March - Year 9 Teenage Booster vaccinations (further details will be sent)
- Monday 22nd March to Thursday 1st April 2021 - Year 11 Mock Exams

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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