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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to see the days getting longer and to start to see sunshine again. We are moving into our final week of the term, with school finishing for the Easter holidays at 3.35pm on Thursday 1st April. I have been very impressed with how pupils have adapted to returning to full time education and have been able to work within the health and safety requirements that we have in place. I have also been very pleased to see the large number of entries that we have had for the Alfreton Town Council Easter Egg design competition. We have run this as a House competition with all entrants securing House points and the winning entry from each year group to receive an Easter Egg provided by the Town Council. We will publish our winning entries in next week's letter and a display of some of the work will be in Alfreton House throughout April. Many thanks to Alfreton Town Council for asking us to be a part of this community initiative.

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. Extra kits will be provided to pupils on Monday.
- 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 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

The Year 11 students have approached the mock exams this week with an exemplary attitude. Well done to everyone. Year 11 mock exams continue next week. It is important that all students continue to attend every day and that they have the right equipment for each exam in order to allow them to be able to demonstrate their full knowledge and understanding.

Year 11 & Year 13 Centre Assessed Grades

In conjunction with exam board guidance we are putting in place our procedures and protocols for the Centre Assessed Grades. We will communicate these directly with all Year 11 & 13 pupils, parents and carers as we receive the final exam board and DfE guidance.

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

This year we are hopeful that our Year 11 Leavers' Prom will go ahead, on Friday 9th July, 7-11pm, at Morley Hayes. This is a fantastic celebration of students' achievements and is very much looked forward to during the academic year by both students and staff. Year 11 students can purchase their ticket to the Prom from Monday 19th April – see Prom letter which provides full details.

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. 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. Any lost property is kept at reception.

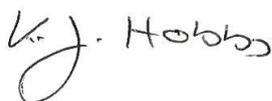
Dates for the diary

- Monday 22nd March to Thursday 1st April 2021 - Year 11 Mock Exams
- Monday 29th March – Sixth Form Virtual Parents Evening, 4.30-6pm
- Thursday 1st April – last day of term; usual finish time
- Friday 2nd – Friday 16th April – Easter holiday
- Monday 19th April – all pupils return at the usual times
- Monday 19th April – Year 11 group photos/friendship photos

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.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



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