

25 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I have been very impressed with the way that all pupils have approached the assessments that are taking place this fortnight. In particular the Year 10 pupils have made a fantastic start to their mock exams and have very quickly adjusted to the requirements of full exam conditions and clearly want to achieve their best. Well done. Our assessment and Year 10 mock exam weeks will continue next week.

We do want all pupils to prepare and try their best in the assessments and mocks, but this should not lead to increased anxiety. Please do not hesitate to contact your son/daughter's form tutor or PSM in the first instance if you would like to discuss any aspects of the assessments.

INSET day – Friday 2 July

A reminder that the last INSET day of this academic year will take place on Friday 2 July, when the academy will be closed to all pupils. Pupils will return to normal lessons on Monday 5 July.

Enterprise Week – 12th to 16th July

All pupils will soon be taking part in our Enterprise Week. Letters outlining the planned events and trips for each year group will be sent home over the next week. Staff have worked very hard to come up with engaging and interesting activities working with Employer Partners. Activities and trips which will take place during the week are heavily subsidised by the academy and some of our business partners, meaning that we are able to keep the contribution requested per pupil as low as possible. If you require any further information or support with Enterprise Week please contact the Activity leader mentioned on the year group letter or info@davidnieper.academy

Enrichment Opportunities

Mr Burns has updated the list of enrichment opportunities, which is available on our website [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

Uniform

Many parents will be purchasing new uniform before we return in September. Our uniform provider, School Wear Solutions, can be contacted on [01623 650782](tel:01623650782) or please visit their website for more details <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

As a reminder, please see images below of our uniform.



Please can we again reiterate that we have now provided further clarification on the expectations around school shoes for September, particularly for boys. Black trainers are not part of our academy uniform. We do have some good quality second hand uniform available to purchase and we are happy to speak to any families about potential additional uniform support if required. Please contact the PSM for your son/daughter or info@davidnieper.academy

Car Parking – local businesses and residents

Please can we ask that everyone is considerate when parking near the academy. Recently we have received reports of local business premises being used for parking by parents to collect/drop off pupils, which is causing problems for business customers. Thank you for your support with this. Grange Street is a very busy road and we would ask that where possible children walk to meet parents away from the academy, for example using the area around Tesco.

Testing

With the easing of some national restrictions it is even more important that all pupils and staff continue to test twice a week. 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
- If pupils get a positive result, as well as registering the result with the test and trace website, please continue to inform us by contacting school immediately or email pinfo@davidnieper.academy to let us know. The email will be monitored daily.
- 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, you 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)

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).
- If after taking a lateral flow home test your child tests positive and you are waiting for the results of a PCR test, we can offer a daily Grab & 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.

For Year 11 and Year 13 pupils who are entitled to a Free School Meal, we offer a Grab & Go option until Friday 9 July 2021.

Please use the Grab & Go form on the FSM page of our website [Grab & Go](#) and email to finance@davidnieper.academy before 10.30am. Collections of Grab & Go will be available from 12 noon. Any queries please contact the finance department at the academy.

Diary Dates

Monday 21 June to Thursday 1 July – Year 10 Mock Exams

Monday 21 June to Thursday 1 July – Years 7, 8 & 9 assessments

Friday 2 July – INSET day – school closed to pupils

Friday 9 July – Year 11 Leavers' assembly

Tuesday 20 July – Tutor Review Afternoon, 2-6.30pm (early buses at 1.45pm)

Thursday 22 July – Last day of term (early buses at 1.45pm)

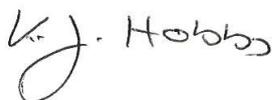
Thursday 22 July – Year 11 Leavers' Prom at Morley Hayes (new date)

Monday 6 September – All pupils return after the summer holidays

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

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'K'.

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher