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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 11 & Year 13**

This week has been the final week in the academy for face-to-face learning for our Year 11 & Year 13 students. It has been an exciting and productive week with most students taking part in Careers and Employability workshops and activities which have run throughout the week.

All Year 11 students have received a checklist of tasks which they can be getting on with whilst at home during next half-term, many of which will be uploaded to ShowMyHomework from Tuesday 8 June. Such tasks include extended interest work from subject teachers, Sixth Form prep work, in addition to lots of tasks via Unifrog.

We are looking forward to seeing all Year 11 students on Friday 9 July at 9am for our Leavers' assembly and shirt signing. The evening of the 9 July is also booked for our Year 11 Leavers' Prom.



To celebrate the end of their Sixth Form studies the Year 13 students, together with several members of staff, enjoyed a meal at Cosmo, the World Buffet restaurant in Derby. It was a lovely evening and a time to reflect on all they had achieved during their time at the academy.

We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of all pupils in Year 11 & Year 13 at the exam results day in August.

### **Tutor Review Afternoon – Tuesday 20 July**

We will be holding our Tutor Review afternoon on Tuesday 20 July, from 2pm until 6.30pm. The tutor review afternoon is a chance to have a detailed conversation with your son/daughter's form tutor to review progress and attitude to learning over the year. Pupils will leave the academy at 1.45pm (early school buses will be arranged) to allow for all appointments to take place. A letter will follow providing full details of how to book 15-minute online appointments for you to talk through your son/daughter's last report. Please keep this date in your diary.

### **Face Coverings**

Thank you for everyone's support with the changes to the wearing of face coverings. We are very pleased that everyone is continuing to work together to keep our academy as safe as possible. When pupils return to the academy after half-term, we will continue for the first few days with our present procedures where face coverings are not compulsory in classrooms but are still required in communal spaces such as corridors and when entering, leaving and moving around the building. We will then review the situation, considering updated local and Government guidance and will advise you of any changes to our procedures.

National restrictions still apply to travel to and from school and pupils are still required to wear face masks on school and public buses.

## Uniform - Jewellery

Please remind pupils that jewellery is not suitable for school, both on the grounds of security and health and safety. The only jewellery permitted is one small pair of stud earrings (one in each lobe) and a watch. Only necklaces with religious significance may be worn and these should be tucked inside the shirt/blouse. Facial piercings and spacers are not allowed therefore pupils should not have any additional piercings over half-term that they are not able to remove by the 8 June. Please save any piercings until the start of the summer holidays where there is sufficient time for them to be removed ready for the start of the new academic term in September. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated and will be available for collection at the end of the school day.

## Testing

With the easing of some national restrictions it is even more important that all pupils and staff continue to test twice a week, including over half-term.

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 over half-term by contacting school immediately or email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@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 over Half Term

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) are running the COVID-19 Local Support Grant Scheme over the May half-term holiday and will provide every child who gets free school meals with a food voucher. DCC will contact parents and carers via text with the details on how to get the voucher, which can be used at Aldi, Asda, Morrison's, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Waitrose, M&S or McColls. If you haven't received a voucher by the **18 June** please report this via the DCC website [Local Support Grant Scheme](#). Instructions on how to access the vouchers can also be found on this page.

## Enrichment Opportunities

Mr Burns has put together a calendar of enrichment opportunities that may be of interest to pupils. Please see the list available on our website [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

Activities are identified for the age groups they are recommended for and range across all subjects as well as more general opportunities like an 'Introduction to University' or 'study skills'. Mr Burns will be updating the list on a very regular basis so please keep checking our website.

**The Academy** *David Nieper*  
ACADEMY

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**Return to school**

Dear Pupils, Parents and friends at the Academy

It was with great pleasure on the 8th of March that we were able to welcome all pupils back to the Academy for face-to-face teaching. I was very impressed with the very quick way in which all pupils readapted to the routines of the Academy. I was very proud to be able to invite BBC East Midlands Today into the academy to spend the first day with us recording the return to school (more details included about this later in the Newsletter). All pupils settled back into lessons and have continued to work hard. I am very proud of the way that all pupils and staff have worked together throughout the whole of the Covid-19 pandemic to keep our academy as safe as possible. All staff and pupils are continuing to use the Lateral Flow Covid-19 tests twice weekly and this is proving to be a very helpful part of our safety measures.

I am also very proud of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have continued to focus on their final qualifications and have worked closely with staff to ensure that they completed all of the course content and final assessments. We are looking forward to revisiting and celebrating their time at David Nieper Academy as the forthcoming Leavers assemblies, as well as looking forward to celebrating with all students on the exam results days in August. Well done.

The Staff at David Nieper Academy have not only returned seamlessly to face-to-face teaching and pastoral support but they have also undertaken the mammoth task of assembling all of the evidence required for the assessment and grading of the GCSE and BTEC qualifications that our pupils are entered for this year. I am very proud to work with such a dedicated and professional team of staff. Thank you.

It was lovely in assembly this week to be able to celebrate the progress and Attitude to Learning of pupils across each year group. Well done to all of those pupils receiving particular mention. Specially made David Nieper Academy cakes were presented to all pupils.



I am very much hoping that the Covid-19 numbers in the area will remain low and that the current restrictions will start to ease. However, we are very aware that we all need to take care and remain vigilant. If the present situation continues and restrictions do continue to ease, we are planning on being able to run as many of our usual summer activities as possible, with some amendments where necessary. Full information will be provided for each activity however we are currently making plans for Enterprise week, Prize giving and Sports day.

Stay safe and have a restful half-term

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Look out for the next edition of our academy Newsletter which will be issued shortly and available to download from our website.

This latest edition shows just how busy we have all been, especially now that all pupils are in the academy for face-to-face learning. We hope you enjoy the read.

Many thanks to Miss Audley, our new Media & Marketing Assistant, for supporting staff to produce the Newsletter.

### Diary Dates

Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June inclusive – Half-term holiday

**Monday 7 June – INSET day – school closed to pupils**

Monday 8 June – pupils return

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 and the Leavers Prom at Morley Hayes

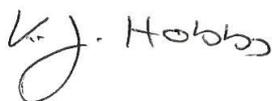
Tuesday 20 July – Tutor Review Afternoon, 2-6.30pm

Thursday 22 July – Last day of term

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.

Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to the academy on Tuesday 8 June.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher