

2 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I have continued to be very impressed with the way that all pupils have approached the assessments that have taken place this last fortnight. In particular, the Year 10 pupils should be very proud of the way they have approached their mock exams. Well done to everyone. Staff are now working hard to mark all assessments.

New Year 7 pupils

It was lovely to meet with all of our new Year 7s who are joining us in September for their first transition events this week. The continuation of Covid-19 restrictions meant that we had to amend many of our plans, however, we were able to bring everyone into the academy for a day and have met with a number of our new parents to supplement the virtual transition information video that we have produced.

Enterprise Week – 12 to 16 July

All pupils will soon be taking part in our Enterprise Week. Letters outlining the planned events and trips for each year group have been sent home. 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. Please can all consent forms and contributions be returned to the academy as soon as possible. If you require any further information or support with Enterprise Week please contact the Activity leader mentioned in the year group letter or info@davidnieper.academy

Online Tutor Review Afternoon - Tuesday 20 July

Our online tutor review afternoon will take place on Tuesday 20 July, 2pm-6.30pm. Please see our separate letter from Mr Endacott providing full details of how to book appointments. This review meeting gives you the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's form tutor or another member of staff to discuss the final report for the academic year including progress, assessment week results, attendance and attitude to learning in preparation for September.

Enrichment Opportunities

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

PE Kit

Following on from the uniform information in last week's letter, please see below a list of the mandatory and optional items of PE Kit.

Mandatory PE kit:

Royal blue and white PE top

Additional compulsory items:

Gum shield

Shin pads

Football boots

Outside trainers

Separate pair of inside trainers suitable for sports hall floor

Hair ties

Optional items:

School hoody

Blue or black short or skirt

Black tracksuit bottoms or black sports leggings – not fashion styles

Royal blue football socks

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 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

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.

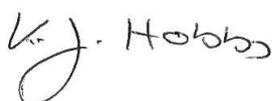
Diary Dates

Friday 9 July	Year 11 Leavers' assembly, 9-10am
Tuesday 20 July	Tutor Review Afternoon, 2-6.30pm (early buses at 1.40pm)
Thursday 22 July	Last day of term (early buses at 1.40pm)
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



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher