

22 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term

'What a year' was the title of my final assembly with all pupils today and indeed, what a year! Our return to full-time education in September 2020 after the first lockdown, seems a very long time ago. I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff for their hard work and continuing efforts to keep themselves, each other and ultimately the academy as safe as possible. I am sure that we will need to continue with some of our Covid-19 protections going into the autumn term but I am confident that all members of our community will continue to work together to allow our teaching and learning to continue as uninterrupted as possible.

Performing Arts Online Showcase

We are delighted that some of our Music and Performing Arts pupils have been able to create a short Showcase of their work. Many thanks to Miss Pell and Mrs Turner for organising this. I do hope that you have time to watch it on YouTube via the following link:

https://youtu.be/B1e4WMpcA_4

Covid-19 Procedures for September

We will keep up to date with Department for Education guidance and review the situation later in the summer and contact all parents to advise you of our Covid-19 procedures for September.

Covid-19 Testing requirements for September

In order to carry out the required two in school tests with pupils in September we will be returning in September with a slightly staggered start. With Year 7, 12 and 13 returning now on the afternoon of Friday 3 September and the remaining year groups starting back on a stagger over the Monday and Tuesday of the following week. Please see the letter from Mr White for the planned year group return date and time. Further details including the additional bus times will be sent out later in August.

Summer School

We are looking forward to seeing a number of pupils in the academy for our Summer school provision. Full details have been sent to the parents/carers of all pupils who are attending. If you have any queries about summer school, please contact info@davidnieper.academy

Academy uniform

We have continued to speak to all pupils about our uniform expectations and have been very clear about the need to have dark grey school trousers and skirt, along with the requirement to wear school shoes. Please see our website for the full details [Uniform](#) and visit our Uniform supplier [Schoolwear Solutions](#)

We have also reminded all pupils of our uniform requirements around jewellery and hair. If pupils are having piercings over the summer these will need to be removed (other than a single stud earring in each ear) by the start of term. Therefore, it is very important to consider the length of time that any such jewellery needs to be left in place to ensure that this can be removed during the school day from the start of term.



Local Support Grant Scheme

The Government has recently announced that the COVID Local Support Grant Scheme will be extended for the summer break. Each eligible child will receive vouchers with a total value of £80, split into two £40 allocations. These will be sent out week beginning 19 July and then again week beginning 9 August.

If you received a voucher from Derbyshire County Council during May half-term, you will automatically be eligible for this support over the summer. If you have recently applied for FSM eligibility please register for support from this scheme at <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/formBuilder/food-vouchers-for-children/143ECB51-ACAD-4FAF-A11C-915258D22724> If you have any queries about this scheme or the vouchers please email CWGS@derbyshire.gov.uk – the academy does not hold any information on the scheme.

Academic Year 2021/2022

Thursday 2 September	INSET day
Friday 3 September	INSET day – Year 7,12 & 13 return to the academy in the afternoon (exact timings to be sent later in August)
Monday 6 September	Year 11 start normal time, Year 8 return in the afternoon (exact timings to be sent later in August)
Tuesday 7 September	Year 10 start normal time, Year 9 return in the afternoon (exact timings to be sent later in August)
22-29 October	Half-term (including Friday 22 when the academy will be closed)
Wednesday 22 December	Last day of term
Thursday 23 December	INSET day
Monday 10 January 2022	All pupils return

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.

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to pupils returning to the academy in September.

Yours faithfully

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher