

9 July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We held our final Year 11 assembly this morning. It was fantastic to see all the Year 11 pupils back in the academy. Mrs Turner, Mr White and I led the final assembly and we were then treated to a fabulous video that spanned 5 years of memories of all of the wonderful events that the pupils have taken part in. Many thanks to Mrs Thorpe for her time and effort creating such a wonderful video and great end to our time together. We finished with our traditional shirt signing. We had originally planned to hold our Year 11 Leavers' Prom this evening, however, due to the changing dates for such gatherings we are now very hopeful that our reserve date of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July will be given the go ahead. Full details will be sent to all pupils and parents. Our next meeting will be on GCSE results day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Full information about the exact arrangements will be sent nearer the time.

I know that football fever is sweeping the academy. I hope that you all get to enjoy the delights of the event, I am sure the outcome will be a topic of many conversations next week!

### **Enterprise Week – 12 to 16 July**

Monday 12 July is yes, the day after the Euro football final but it is also the start of our Enterprise Week. All pupils will be taking part in a week-long Enterprise project, full details have been sent to all parents and are also available on our website [Enterprise Week](#) Thank you very much for returning any required consent forms and the requested contributions.

I am very grateful to the staff who have worked very hard to put together such engaging and interesting programmes and to our employer partners who have given generously of their time and support. We look forward to sharing the experiences and successes of the week with you in our final Newsletter of the year. If you require any further information or support with Enterprise Week please contact the Activity leader mentioned in the year group letter or email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy)

### **Sports Day – Monday 19 July**

On Monday 19 July we are hosting our annual House competition sports day for all pupils. The weather forecast is looking promising and we would recommend that pupils bring along sun hats, sun lotion and drinking water. We would like all pupils to come to the academy in full PE kit on Monday 19 July so that they are ready to take part and support their fellow House team members. Pupils will be in their usual lessons period 5 onwards so will need their books with them but they will be able to remain in their PE kit. We look forward to the event and presenting this year's winning house with the academy Sports trophy. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend Sports Day but we will report on the event in our Newsletter.

### **Online Tutor Review Afternoon - Tuesday 20 July**

Our online tutor review afternoon will take place on Tuesday 20 July, 2pm-6.30pm. If you haven't already done so, please book your appointments online. Please see Mr Endacott's previous letter. 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](#)

## Uniform

We have reminded all pupils this week in assembly 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.



## Covid-19 Testing requirements for September

Following the Secretary of State for Education's announcement earlier in the week that all pupils in September will be offered two lateral flow tests in the academy, we are planning how this will impact on the start of our new academic year in September. We are hoping this will cause very little disruption but may involve a staggered start for pupils to allow for us to complete the required in-school testing, details of which will be communicated to you once final plans are in place.

## Covid-19 restrictions if we move to Stage 4

We are awaiting the further Government announcement which is planned for Monday 12 July to inform us if the move to Stage 4 of the Covid-19 restrictions is likely to be agreed for the 19 July. Once we are aware of the exact date we will communicate with all pupils, parents and staff to ensure that everyone is aware of the requirements within the academy up to the end of term, as part of our Summer School provision and for the start in September.

## Lateral Flow 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=S9XR8RZxKN0>

- 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@dauidnieper.academy](mailto:info@dauidnieper.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.

Please use the Grab & Go form on the FSM page of our website [Grab & Go](#) and email to [finance@davidnieper.academy](mailto: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

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)

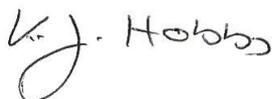
### Academic Year 2021/2022

Thursday 2 September	INSET day
Friday 3 September	INSET day
Monday 6 September	All pupils return (may be a staggered start to allow for all testing - to be advised)
22-29 October	Half-term (this includes 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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and someone will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend and the football.

Yours faithfully



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