



David Nieper
ACADEMY

Prospectus 2021-2022

Secondary School 11-16
Sixth Form 16-19

DEVELOPING LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS FOR THE FUTURE



Welcome to David Nieper Academy

Here, at the David Nieper Academy in Alfreton, we believe that all our students deserve an education that helps them as individuals reach their full potential.

Our aim is that each and every student leaving our Academy will confidently take their next step into the wider world, equipped with essential life skills and an understanding of how school learning is applied in real life.

As the first school in Derbyshire to be sponsored by a private local company, our students benefit from the strategic involvement of our sponsor David Nieper Ltd. David Nieper is a family business, an internationally renowned brand and one of Alfreton's largest and longest standing employers.

Additionally, the school is supported by the wider business community and has excellent relationships with a number of other local employer partners who are committed to our Academy.

Each of these businesses is dedicated to developing the learning and skills of young people in Alfreton and will help us deliver a career enriched curriculum and the ability to embed genuine business examples into our lessons.

We believe that the winning combination of first class facilities, academic support from our teaching staff and a unique and privileged connection with local employers, will inspire our students to look beyond the Academy gates to college, university, apprenticeships and a fulfilling career.

We invite you to see for yourself. Please call us on 01773 832331 to arrange a visit.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Dr Kathryn Hobbs
Headteacher



Learn to achieve – the David Nieper Academy way

Everything at David Nieper Academy is designed around the learner: Our approach nurtures young individuals to become:

- Successful learners who enjoy learning, achieving and making good progress
- Confident individuals who are able to live a safe, healthy and fulfilling life
- Responsible citizens who can make a positive contribution to society
- Sought-after employees who are self-motivated, positive, technically confident, team players and effective problem solvers.

We achieve this through promoting key qualities: Aspire, Endeavour, Succeed.

We are an 11-19 school, enrolling students from around Alfreton and surrounding village schools including Shirland, Stonebroom, South Wingfield, Wessington and Crich. In addition, a number of students choose to travel from outside of this area.

We are a small school, currently of around 600 students and growing over the next few years to 850. We have a teaching staff of around 40 and an excellent team of support staff.



ASPIRE

Be ambitious.

At David Nieper Academy
we encourage students to follow
their dreams and set them on
the right path for doing so.

ENDEAVOUR

Do your best.

All students at David Nieper Academy are supported in trying hard and doing their very best to make their goals a reality.



SUCCEED

Achieve your goals.

Nothing gives us greater pleasure than seeing our students succeed and in finding a meaningful place in society.

David Nieper Academy Curriculum

Our Curriculum is designed to be broad and balanced to ensure that all students experience a rigorous, stimulating and diverse curriculum.



Our Year 7 curriculum for 2021 covers:

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| ● Art | ● History | ● Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education (PHSE) |
| ● Computing | ● Maths | ● Religious Education (RE) |
| ● English | ● Music | ● Science |
| ● French | ● Physical Education (PE) | ● Technology |
| ● Geography | ● Performing Arts (PA) | |

Teaching & Learning

Our teaching and learning approach is built upon very strong expectations and a clear approach to behaviour for learning. **We call this the DNA 5.**

THE DNA 5

Creating the conditions for learning

- We have consistently high expectations
- We develop motivated and resilient learners
- We build positive relationships
- We keep to our routines
- We celebrate outstanding attitude to learning

Checking learning

- We ask lots of important questions
- We check what all students know
- We provide feedback on how to improve

Learning for the long-term

- We make sure lessons are challenging
- We demonstrate what great work looks like
- We revisit past learning every day
- We set homework and revision that supports what we do in class

Supporting how we learn

- We teach new material in manageable chunks
- We explain things clearly and concisely
- We design high quality learning materials
- We provide help or extra challenge wherever it is needed

Learning like an expert

- We sequence our curriculum logically
- We make connections between what we have learned
- We provide opportunities for holistic, critical and creative thinking



WE ARE PROUD

At David Nieper Academy we wear our Academy uniform with pride. Each student is a representation of the school community.



WE ARE MOTIVATED

Whatever their talent, we encourage every individual to do their personal best and offer a raft of co-curricular activities



WE ARE CONNECTED

Beyond the school gates, our students take part in a range of outreach activities and are supported by a caring and friendly community.



We are prepared

Our state-of-the-art new building is purpose built and accommodates our modern, forward thinking Academy.

To help ensure students gain the most from their studies, the main teaching block has dedicated areas for each of our faculties – Mathematics, English and Languages, Humanities, Technology, Science, Physical Education and Performing Arts.

The main hall is used for Academy assemblies and events, together with plays, concerts and other productions using its performance stage.

We believe that a rounded education includes co-curricular activities, so students can enjoy drama and dance, as well as sporting activities including athletics, football, hockey, cricket and netball, along with gardening, debate, yoga, well-being and Enterprise.

In addition, we have a very active music department. There are concerts and musical events throughout the year along with an annual show. Recent shows have included Annie and Little Shop of Horrors. We offer a wide range of subsidised instrumental and singing lessons with peripatetic staff joining us throughout the week. Current options include Drums, Guitar, Woodwind, Violin, Piano and Voice.





Academy Community

Success is when school, parents and children all work together in partnership towards shared goals.

Parents

Parental support in children's education has a significant effect on educational achievement. David Nieper Academy therefore encourages and welcomes parents involvement in their child's studies.

We endeavour to support and care for your child and provide an enriched curriculum that will provide the skills they need for life after education – to do this we need the support of our parents to consolidate their child's learning at home.

We encourage parents to ensure their child's school attendance is good, that they are punctual, in correct uniform and that they support their child in homework and extra-curricular activities. With this support network in place, children are in the best environment to thrive and for their education to flourish.

Pastoral Care

At David Nieper Academy we promote a climate of good relationships and mutual respect. Pastoral care underpins everything we do. All students receive relevant and timely support to strengthen academic achievement and improve resilience. A team of specialists manage pastoral care which comprises a range of support services to provide for students' emotional, psychological and spiritual wellbeing.

Progress and Achievement Leaders provide academic support to students to help boost their studies and classroom learning, whilst a team of non-teaching Pastoral Support Managers work with students, families and feeder schools to give holistic support and enhance the education experience as a whole.

Curriculum and Employer Partners

"Why are we learning this?" is a question often asked by students. It can be difficult for young people to relate classroom learning to the real world.

The David Nieper Academy is privileged to have some of Derbyshire's leading businesses developing the curriculum to help answer this question and give meaning and context to school lessons.

The application of knowledge and skills, developed through learning challenges rooted in the real world of work, is a key feature of the new curriculum and gives students a deeper understanding of their education.

Whatever the students are learning in school is reinforced and given context by our sponsors, allowing students to witness first-hand how their skills will be relevant once they leave school.

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Message from Chair of Trustees

Young people are the future. It will be they that build a better world for generations to come, so it is our responsibility to equip them with all the skills they need to do so. A good education, a great attitude, excellent interpersonal skills and an appetite for learning is what we aim to instil in our students at the David Nieper Academy. We want school days to be the best days of their life and leave them ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Growing up in Derbyshire is a privilege, I am personally incredibly proud of Alfreton and its people. Our company has thrived in this area for over five decades and it is down to the hard work and skills of our staff that helped us reach this milestone.

Our company is hugely privileged to be sponsoring this school and its deserving children. We are a family

business who has always invested in local skills and realise our ongoing success is down to local people.

Sponsoring the David Nieper Academy is our way of investing in the future and giving something back to the people who have supported us over the years. Our aim is to create an outstanding school of which the whole community can be proud.

Your child's future matters to us, so please do take the opportunity to speak with the Headteacher and her team about your child and the David Nieper Academy.

Christopher Nieper OBE
Chair of Trustees,
David Nieper Education Trust.

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Sixth Form and career progression

David Nieper Academy Sixth Form Centre offers our 16+ students a unique learning environment that encourages and develops independent thought, self-discipline, motivation and confidence for their next chapter in life.

Our Sixth Form offers students a choice of vocational qualifications Business or Health and Social Care, both subjects provide an excellent educational foundation and can open doors to further study and a wide range of careers.

A **BTEC in Business** will equip students with the skills they need to pursue a career in the exciting world of business, including professions such as accountancy, marketing, HR, advertising, banking, insurance, retail and production.

A **BTEC in Health and Social Care** opens up career options in the care sector, education, child care nursery, social work, occupational therapy, counselling and within the emergency services.

Both courses combine school based learning with employer based experience. All students in our Sixth Form can look forward to a range of valuable work placement opportunities that form an integral part of their BTEC course. In addition, our growing Sixth Form curriculum includes a range of A levels. Please see our Sixth Form prospectus for more details.

Do get in touch for more information and a copy of our Sixth Form prospectus, email us at sixthform@davidnieper.academy

“Owen Taylor is proud to be one of the founding employer partners of the David Nieper Academy and our staff enjoys supporting the student learning experience. For students getting the hands on practical experience from businesses not only enhances the classroom experience, but also helps to bridge the gap between student and work life.”

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