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24 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Bake-off – MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Our house competition in support of the MacMillan Coffee Morning has been a great success; the baking entries have been amazing so thank you to all of our pupils and staff who have taken part. It was a very difficult competition to judge due to the high quality and range of entries. House points were awarded to all who took part with prizes awarded for the best House designs and the best overall entrants. A full list of prize winners and further photos will be included in our half-termly Newsletter. We will also confirm the total amount raised for MacMillan. We were very pleased to receive a Twitter message from MacMillan this morning commenting that our cakes “looked amazing” and thanking everyone for their efforts. A particular thank you to the Heads of House who organised the event. Well done to everyone.



### **Sports Festival – Years 7 & 8, Tuesday 28 September, 4-6pm**

A reminder that our first ever Sports Festival will take place at the academy on Tuesday. At the event Year 7 & 8 pupils and parents will be able to experience up to 3 sports which are offered in school or in our local area. If, after the event, a specific sport is popular the school will pay for 10 weeks of coaching on site, in order to allow pupils to decide if they would like to continue with this activity. We are very much looking forward to seeing as many Year 7 & 8 pupils as possible at this event. If you need any further information please contact Mr Clarke [iclarke@davidnieper.academy](mailto:iclarke@davidnieper.academy)

### **Tutor Review Evening**

On Monday we spoke to Year 12 parents on the phone and welcomed our Year 7 parents into the academy for our tutor review evening. The evening provided the opportunity for parents to speak with form tutors to discuss how our new Year 7 pupils and Sixth form students were settling into life at the academy. It was lovely to be able to start meeting with many parents face to face.

### **Open Evening – Year 5 & 6 – Wednesday 29 September 2021 4.30-7pm**

We are very much looking forward to being able to show our academy to interested parents and children in Year 5 and 6 on the evening of Wednesday 29 September. This event will be by appointment only. Please direct any of your friends and family who may wish to book a visit to our website [www.davidnieper.academy](http://www.davidnieper.academy) where they will find full details of the event and how to book a tour. Staff are inviting small numbers of current pupils to assist during the evening in faculty displays and activities. Please return the consent letter to the relevant teacher if your son/daughter is able to help.

## Lunches

The changes we have made to lunch service in the Dining Hall have made a difference and queues are much reduced; pupils are now being served promptly, have additional time to eat their lunch and socialise with their friends. Our new picnic tables have been delivered and these will provide additional outside space.

## Uniform

Thank you for your continued support with our academy uniform. It is important that pupils who still have some minor uniform issues to amend do work to the deadlines agreed with them. If we can help and support with any uniform issues or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

## More Able & Talented (MAT) Information Evening

David Nieper Academy held its first More Able & Talented evening on Wednesday. Parents were invited into the Academy with their son/daughter to hear Miss Perry and Mr Burns introduce and explain our academy's MAT curriculum. The evening was a huge success. Our MAT curriculum and enrichment offerings had a hugely positive response from parents, particularly the Open University courses the Academy has signed up to provide for all our pupils, not just our MAT pupils. Our links with Repton School were highly anticipated and the pupils are looking forward to their first visit to use their sports facilities.

## Enrichment Update

We are proud to unveil our enrichment additional qualification pathway, that all pupils from Year 7-13 will have the opportunity to access. This pathway, as shown below, begins with pupils completing the '100 Challenge'. This challenge requires pupils to complete 100 hours-worth of additional courses, through the Open University website OpenLearn. Each course provides pupils with a record of learning, as well as a certificate. Each course also includes a 'time to complete' tracker, allowing pupils to track their progress to 100 hours. The OpenLearn website hosts thousands of courses across a range of different subjects and levels, which all of our pupils will now have access to for free.

100 hours of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) through the OpenEd (Open University) website.



Our enrichment lecture series is now also up and running. Over the academic year, we are going to have a range of lecturers and PhD students and business and charity leaders providing intriguing and thought-provoking lecturers to pupils. These lectures will run on a Thursday from 3pm-4pm on the dates highlighted below, therefore all pupils in attendance will only be leaving school 25-30 minutes later than usual. We will also be providing pupils with refreshments should they attend the lectures.

| DATE     | NAME & ORGANISATION   | TOPIC AREA                         |
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| 07/10/21 | Matthew Myers – University of Nottingham  | Violence in Ancient Rome and Today |
| 14/10/21 | Steve Hewitt – University of Birmingham (Department of History and Centre for the Study of North America) | The History of Terrorism           |
| 04/11/21 | Alexander Horowitz – Studio Gobo  | Game Development                   |

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| 18/11/21        | Jack Honour – Nuclear Grads                   | Sources of Electricity   |
| 09/12/21        | Kate Woodcock – University of Birmingham      | Understanding Young People’s Emotions in Challenging Situations and How to Work Together to Support Well-Being |
| 03/03/22        | Caroline Oliver – University of Birmingham    | Psychology   |
| 17/03/22        | Andrea Knott – University of Birmingham       | Does Language Learning Make You Smarter?   |
| Mid-March (TBC) | Dr Simone Hanebaum – Cambridge Faculty of Law |  |

We are incredibly excited at the potential interest, intrigue and inspiration that these talks will provide, so please do encourage your son/daughter to attend talks where possible. If staying until 4pm could cause transportation issues, please do get in touch with Mr Nathan Burns to discuss how we may be able to support [nburns@davidnieper.academy](mailto:nburns@davidnieper.academy)

Finally, the weekly enrichment newsletter continues to be updated. The latest version can be found here [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

### **COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age at David Nieper Academy – Friday 15 October 2021**

Following the Government announcement about the extension of the Covid-19 vaccination programme to now include 12-15-year olds we have been advised that the vaccination will be offered by the NHS Immunisation team at our academy on **Friday 15 October**. We are aware that you and your son/daughter will wish to have full information. The link to the Covid-19 vaccination programme for children and young people: Guidance for parents is at [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1018615/PHE\\_12073\\_COVID-19\\_parents\\_leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1018615/PHE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf)

Please also see the information below from the Immunisation Team including the link to the Guide for children and young people.

Children aged 11 are not yet invited to have the vaccine and those aged 16 or above can continue to access the vaccine via vaccination clinics. We are told that further vaccine opportunities for children turning 12 this year will be offered in school. We will let you know as soon as we are given any further information. If you would like further information please see the contact details below from the Immunisation Team. Please complete the NHS electronic consent form as soon as possible to ensure that the correct number of vaccines are provided.



Derbyshire Community Health Services   
NHS Foundation Trust

### **Dear Parents/ Carers**

Following national guidance, the NHS will be offering the Covid-19 vaccination to young people aged 12–15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. The flu vaccination, as mentioned in last week’s letter, is a separate form so please ensure you complete both consent forms if you wish your child to be vaccinated.

**Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please only complete the consent form if your child will be aged 12-15 on the day of vaccination.**

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Covid> to complete the consent form.

The unique school code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405**

**Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance and therefore the consent system will close 24 hours prior to the session in school.**

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination - A guide for children and young people](#)

If you experience any problems completing the consent form or would like further information please call the School Age Immunisation Team as below.

**Repton Health Centre:** 01283 707178

**Clay Cross Hospital:** 01246 252953

Or email us [DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net](mailto:DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net)

Yours faithfully, Immunisation team



### **Covid-19 Procedures/Testing for September**

We continue to follow the Department for Education guidance for schools. As usual we will continue to update the guidance in line with Government and Public Health England advice.

As a reminder:

- Face coverings are no longer required to be worn in lessons or communal spaces but pupils who wish to continue wearing one are, of course, welcome to do so.
- Year group bubbles are no longer required. However, pupils will still have their own year group areas at breaks and lunchtimes.
- We will continue with our one-way system around the building.
- All pupils are encouraged to maintain the high standards of hygiene that we adopted by washing their hands and using the hand sanitiser available around the academy at very regular intervals. We will continue our enhanced cleaning regime.
- We will continue to ventilate all classrooms and areas within the school. We are also in the very fortunate position of having an air circulation system fitted in the academy and we will continue to ensure that this is in use throughout the day.
- We will continue to encourage all pupils to take breaks and lunchtimes outside the academy where the weather permits and so do advise on bringing coats on cooler days.
- School and public transport – we ask that all pupils when travelling to/from the academy on school/public transport continue to wear their face coverings.

Pupils have received testing kits to take home. 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 the test is positive, please do not attend school but book a PCR test and self-isolate until the result is confirmed. Please do contact school to let us know the situation via [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy)

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 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.

### Upcoming Trips and events

Tuesday 28 September Year 7 & 8 Sports Festival  
Wednesday 29 September Year 5 & 6 Open evening

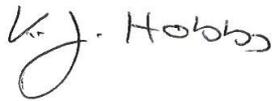
### Academic Year 2021/2022

Monday 11 October Early finish for pupils at 2pm  
22-29 October Half-term (including Friday 22 when the academy will be closed)  
Wednesday 10 November Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm (separate letter to follow)  
Wednesday 22 December Last day of term  
Thursday 23 December INSET day – academy closed  
Monday 10 January 2022 All pupils return

If we can help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@ davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher