

1 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

The Sports Festival which took place on Tuesday was a very enjoyable evening, despite the wet weather. Many pupils and parents were able to take part in different sporting activities and it was a great opportunity to try out new sports including cheer leading, archery, boxing, trampolining, dance and cricket. Thank you to the local clubs who joined us for the evening.

It was lovely to welcome so many children and families back into the academy for our Open Evening which took place on Wednesday. Faculties put on interesting and informative subject displays and our student helpers did a wonderful job, supporting the subject teachers and talking to our visitors.

Homework - Art and D&T

This year pupils in KS3 have been given a black homework book, a knowledge organiser and a folder. In D&T (including food and textiles) and Art, homework may include printing images or information. All pupils have a login for the printers in school, with credit added at the start of the academic year. As a faculty Technology have offered support with using computers and printers to enable all pupils to complete their homework to the required standard. To accommodate all, we have offered a large number of support sessions in A13 and the art room on the bottom floor of the academy (see below). Pupils have been offered this since the start of the year and it has been explained in both Art and D&T lessons. We have also taken the time in lessons this week to celebrate good homework and answer pupil queries.

Support sessions offered for IT and printing

- Every day before school
- Tuesday-Friday – After school
- Week A – Lunchtime on Friday
- Week B – Lunchtime on Tuesday and Friday
- Week A – Break time - Tuesday to Friday
- Week B – Break time – Wednesday and Thursday

Homework club is also available every day in C01

MacMillan Coffee morning

We are delighted to announce that we raised £445.04 from our bake-off House Competition. Well done to the following pupils who were awarded prizes for best presentation and best House theme. A full write up of the event will be included in our half-termly Newsletter.

Best Presentation winner – Max Ingham

Best House Theme 1st place winners

Amber - Ava Hillyer

Derwent – Lewis Hollett

Erewash – Grace Gregory-Rhodes

Lathkill – Imogen King

Trent – Scarlett Wright

Wye – Jocelyn Trow

Safeguarding Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to view our Safeguarding Newsletter, which we hope you will find informative and provide you with useful information and links. For any safeguarding concerns please contact Mrs Howard via email howard@davidnieper.academy

Uniform

During the first month of this term, the academy has almost used up its stock of loan ties as many of them have not been returned to reception as requested. We loan a non-house tie with a plain silver stripe if a tie is lost or forgotten.

Forgotten Ties - if your son/daughter forgets their tie they may borrow a non-house tie for 1 day. We expect this to be returned to us at the end of the school day. If a tie is forgotten for 3 days consecutively, or not returned at the end of the day, a C2 for incorrect uniform will be issued.

Lost Ties – if your son/daughter has lost their tie, they may borrow a non-house tie for 3 days during which we would expect a new tie to be purchased. After 3 days, a C2 for incorrect uniform will be issued. Please make sure you write your child's name in **all** uniform, so if a tie is handed in to reception or PE it can be reunited with its owner.

Non-returned Ties – if any tie is borrowed and not returned to the academy, a charge of £6.25 will be made via ParentPay or invoice to cover the cost of the tie.

V-neck Academy jumpers

As we head into winter and the days are becoming much colder, we are encouraging pupils to wear their David Nieper Academy grey v-necked jumpers under their academy blazers (please note that this is different to the academy PE hoodie).

Our uniform provider, Schoolwear Solutions, can be contacted on 01623 650782 or please visit their website for online orders <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/our-stores/>

It is important that pupils adhere to our uniform policy so if there are any issues which you need help with please do not hesitate to contact us.

Enrichment Update

Our first virtual enrichment lecture takes place on Thursday 7 October, 3-4pm. Matthew Myers from the University of Nottingham will speak on 'Violence in Ancient Rome and today' which will be a thought-provoking lecture to pupils.

Trinity College, Oxford, are hosting two online University information evenings at the start of November. The session will focus on the benefits of University, funding, the opportunities top Universities, such as Oxford, provide, and learning how best to support your son/daughter on the road to Higher Education. We would encourage anyone with a son/daughter who has even only a vague interest in University to considering listening in to the 90 minutes free event. You can sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ox4ox-a-families-guide-to-university-supporting-your-child-tickets-178140622397>

Don't forget to keep checking our website for the latest enrichment opportunities which can be found by clicking 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

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.



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 48 hours prior to the session in school (not 24 hours as previously advised).

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

Yours faithfully, Immunisation team

Covid-19 Procedures

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

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

Wednesday 6 October	Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7pm
Thursday 7 October	Enrichment lecture
Monday 11 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm
Friday 15 October	NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme (12-15 year olds)
Thursday 21 October	Year 11 Trip to London
Wednesday 10 November	Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm (separate letter to follow)

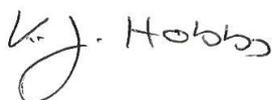
Academic Year 2021/2022

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 – 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 and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher