

15 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week at the academy. We started the week with Ms O'Donnell, Headteacher from Alfreton Park School, joining a number of our Year 8 pupils to provide an introduction to Makaton. The pupils really enjoyed the session and Ms O'Donnell commented that they were a credit to themselves and the academy – well done! We held House assemblies this week. It was lovely to see the Houses starting to build their identities and I know we are in for a tight competition in terms of House points this year with our very competitive Heads of House. Several pupils represented the academy in an external Sports Hall athletics competition, I'm looking forward to hearing about the results. We finished the week with the Immunisation service with us for the day delivering Covid vaccinations for any pupils aged 12-15 years who had consent. We believe that they will do a return visit to offer vaccines for any pupils turning 12 later this year or any others who would like to take up the offer of the vaccine. We will, of course, keep you informed once we are given a further date.

Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening, Tuesday 19 October

In order to provide parents and Year 11 pupils with an update and some practical advice on the final year of GCSE, we are holding our revision evening on Tuesday 19 October starting at 5.30pm. During the evening we will be providing pupils with key revision resources and presenting a number of revision strategies that you and your son/daughter will be able to have a go at in order to consider how revision can be made into an active and enjoyable event. It is really important that all Year 11 pupils attend this event and the very exciting David Nieper Academy Prize Draw will be held at the end of the evening. Full details are on the letter that has been sent to all Year 11 pupils and parents. Please ask pupils to return reply slips to confirm attendance.

Year 11 London Trip, Thursday 21 October

The Year 11 trip to London takes place on Thursday 21 October, which will provide a wonderful opportunity to visit key sites around central London and give our pupils the chance to experience a day in the capital. The coach will depart from the academy at 5.45am prompt, so please ensure that all pupils arrive in good time. We will depart London at 4pm, aiming to be back at the academy for 8pm, traffic permitting. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Perry or Miss Speed via email on fperry@davidnieper.academy or lspeed@davidnieper.academy

Academy closed - Friday 22 October and half-term

Please be reminded that the last day of this half-term will be Thursday 21 October, usual finish time. The academy will be closed on Friday 22 October and will re-open to all pupils on Monday 1 November after the half-term break.

Pastoral Support

Our Pastoral Support Team are available to support each pupil throughout their time at the academy. They are a caring team of professionals with unrivalled experience in pastoral care. Please do get in touch if they can help to support your son/daughter with any concerns you may have. The best way to contact any of our team is via email as staff are not always available on the telephone.

- Family Support Manager – Mr Matthews bmatthews@davidnieper.academy
- Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form Pastoral Support Manager and Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Howard howard@davidnieper.academy
- Year 8 & 9 Pastoral Support Manager – Mr Artliff sartliff@davidnieper.academy
- Year 7 Pastoral Support Manager – Mrs Sheridan hsheridan@davidnieper.academy
- Attendance & Admissions Officer – Mrs Hopewell ehopewell@davidnieper.academy
- Pastoral & Attendance Support Officer – Miss Billiard billiard@davidnieper.academy

Enrichment Update

A reminder to keep checking our website for the latest enrichment opportunities which is updated weekly and can be found by clicking here [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

The third of our virtual enrichment lectures takes place on Thursday 4 November, 3-4pm, on Game Development presented by Alexander Horowitz of Studio Gobo. Please note that it is important that pupils attending this event are able to stay until the finish time of 4pm.

Newsletter



The Academy David Nieper ACADEMY

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have chosen to remain in our Sixth form, taking a wider range of courses as we have been able to expand our Sixth Form curriculum.

The academy remained open for much of the summer this year as staff put on three weeks of summer school for our new Year 7's and for pupils in Year 8 and 9. While lots of work was completed pupils were also able to take part in a range of new sports, an Outward-Bound day and a visit to Chatsworth House. Thank you to all of the academy staff who volunteered to plan and run our summer school provision.

Start of the New Academic Year

Welcome to the first Newsletter of the new academic year. While many challenges remain around Covid and we are all aware that we need to continue to take additional precautions to protect ourselves and each other, it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to the academy and to be able to continue with all of our wonderful events and activities even if some remain in a modified form.

This newsletter highlights and celebrates the wide range of activities that took place at the end of last term, over the summer holidays and as we started our new term.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Sports Day in July. It was wonderful to see so many academy records broken and we are delighted to share our new record holders with you in our article about Sports Day.

While the class of 2020 sadly were not able to attend their Prom due to the Covid restrictions in place, we were very pleased that despite a last-minute postponement we were able to go ahead with our Prom for the class of 2021. A wonderful night was held at Morley Hayes and the pupils looked amazing. We are so proud of all of you!

Both our Sixth Form and GCSE results days were joyous occasions where all could celebrate the outcomes of their hard work and effort over the course of two years of study. All pupils have progressed onto their chosen next steps and we are delighted that so many of our Year 11's

This half-term has started as we mean to go on with a very busy programme and lots of opportunities for everyone. We were able to meet face-to-face with the Year 7 parents at our first Tutor Review Evening. It was lovely to be able to start to welcome people back into the academy. Year 7 pupils had the chance to take part in a Laser Tag House trip to Wild Park Activity Centre. From the write up and photos a great time was had by all. Our House activities have started well with the MacMillan Coffee morning generating a lot of great baking and a lot of cake eating! The Music Department have been very busy setting up the instrumental lessons, with the largest number of pupils so far having weekly lessons.

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Look out for the next edition of our academy Newsletter which will be issued shortly and available to download from our website <https://davidnieper.academy/newsletters/>

We hope you enjoy the read. It's been another busy half-term.

Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests

Due to an issue with tests being delivered from the DfE, the academy does not have enough test kits in stock to give to all pupils this week. For those families of pupils in Years 9 and 10 who require more tests, please accept our apologies. We have contacted the DfE order line to urgently request the additional kits required and we will get these out to pupils as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you need additional lateral flow tests please use this weblink to order some directly to your home address <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Covid-19 Procedures

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

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

Thursday 4 November Enrichment Lecture 'Game Development'
Wednesday 10 November Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm (separate letter to follow)

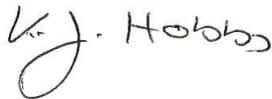
Academic Year 2021/2022

22-29 October Half-term (including Friday 22 when the academy will be closed)
Tuesday 16 November Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
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