

8 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

On Wednesday evening we held our Sixth Form Open Evening for Year 11 students who are thinking ahead to their post-16 studies and considering applying to our Sixth Form for September 2022 admission. Informative subject displays were on show and our current Sixth Form students provided tours of the academy and answered any questions about life in the academy as a Sixth Form student.

Our Options for 2022 are A-Level Maths, English, Biology and Sociology, BTEC Sport, Health & Social Care, Business, Performing Arts and LIBF Finance. Our prospectus is available to download from our website <https://davidnieper.academy/sixth-form/prospectus/> and copies are available in the academy. Please email Mr Dixon if you would like further information about September 2022 admissions at [cdixon@davidnieper.academy](mailto:cdixon@davidnieper.academy)

### **Early finish for staff training – Monday 11 October, 2pm**

Pupils will leave the academy at 2pm on Monday, due to staff training. School buses have been booked for this earlier finish. If you would prefer your son/daughter to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please inform Form Tutors or email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

Four further training days are scheduled throughout the remainder of the academic year, when pupils will leave at 2pm. The dates are:

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **School Buses**

Derbyshire County Council have recently retendered home to school transport contracts and effective from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 Freeway Coaches will be the provider for our service bus routes 338 and 339. The timetable and route of the service will not change and the new operator will ensure that the service number is clearly displayed in the front window.

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

### **Maths**

To support our pupils with Maths, we are running homework and revision sessions as follows:

- KS3 – Wednesday and Friday lunches
- KS4&5 – Monday and Thursday lunches, and Tuesday afterschool.

Please contact your son/daughter's maths teacher if you require any further information or email Mr Burns [nburns@davidnieper.academy](mailto:nburns@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 second of our virtual enrichment lectures takes place on Thursday 14 October, 3-4pm, on the History of Terrorism, delivered by Steve Hewitt, University of Birmingham.

## Sanitary products

We believe that all girls should have access to monthly supplies of sanitary products. We do have supplies in the academy which are available to any students who need them. These can be collected from Mrs Howard.

## **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 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](mailto:DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net)



Yours faithfully, Immunisation team

### **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](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**

Monday 11 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm
Thursday 14 October	Enrichment Lecture 'History of Terrorism'
Friday 15 October	NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme (12-15-year olds)
Tuesday 19 October	Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening (separate letter to follow)
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)
Tuesday 16 November 2021	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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher