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5 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance Day

This week our year group assemblies have reflected on Remembrance Day. We were very pleased to be able to hold our annual Remembrance Service for all pupils. Pupils were offered a poppy with Year 7's offered the 2021 poppy pins and academy staff and pupils have taken a collection which will be sent to the Royal British Legion.



Many thanks to the Desert Rats who shared with us their Remembrance video. If you would like to watch the video, please click [here](#). We are very grateful to Miss Pell, our Music teacher, for playing the piano at the start and end of each service and to Miss Rennie who played The Last Post and Rouse on the trumpet. We were able to observe a two-minute silence as part of the Remembrance. It was wonderful to be able to experience live music and the performances contributed much to the atmosphere of our services. As always, the pupils showed a tremendous amount of respect throughout our services.



Thank you to the pupils in Mrs Ford's tutor group, who have painted, coloured and made all of the pieces of the display for Remembrance Day.

A small group of pupils will represent the Academy on Sunday 14 November at the Remembrance Parade in Alfreton and lay a wreath on behalf of the academy pupils and staff.

Early finish for staff training - Tuesday 16 November, 2pm

Pupils will leave the academy at 2pm on Tuesday, 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 if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

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

- Wednesday 2nd February 2022
- Thursday 17th March 2022
- Tuesday 17th May 2022

Parents Evenings – Year 10, 25 November

Year 10 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 25 November, 4-7pm. These events provide an important opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress with subject teachers. To book your appointments visit <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

CAMHS Event

The Academy is hosting an information event on the 7 December 2021 starting at 4pm. The event will be led by a Specialist Community Advisor from CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services). The aim of the event is to provide general advice and information around worry and anxiety to parent/carers, including signposting to the appropriate support for this. We recognise that we are currently living through a very difficult time, and this has increased the worries that our young people have. We hope the event will be able to provide information that will build confidence in supporting young people with this.

Unfortunately, the Community Advisor is unable to discuss individual cases on the night, however our Family Support Manager and other pastoral staff will be available after the event. If you require any further information email Mr Matthews at bmatthews@davidnieper.academy

Please use the link below to confirm that you will be able to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/r/MrihnwXmcU>

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](#)

Punctuality

Please continue to remind pupils that it is important that they are punctual and arrive for the school day on time for 8.35am registration. A small number of pupils do not seem to be allowing themselves enough time to arrive promptly for school each day. The pupil gates at the bus park and front quad will be locked throughout the day and any pupil arriving after 8.35am will need to enter the building through Main Reception.

Change of Details

If any of your contact details have changed (new address, change of mobile number etc), please may we ask that you inform Main Reception as soon as possible. It is important that our records are kept up to date.

Vaccinations for 12-15 year olds

If your son/daughter would like to have the Covid-19 vaccination and was unable to have this in school when the NHS Vaccination Team visited before half-term, appointments can now be booked online – please visit [Vaccination Appointments](#) for more information.

Covid-19 Procedures

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

Pupils will continue to receive testing kits to take home but kits can also be ordered directly for delivery to your home address - [Order lateral flow tests](#)

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)

Upcoming Trips and Events

Monday 15–Friday 26 November	Year 8 assessment fortnight (pupils will be provided with full information from their subject teachers)
Thursday 25 November	Year 10 Parents Evening, 4-7pm (see separate letter)

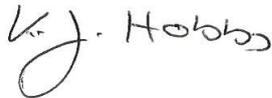
Academic Year 2021/2022

Tuesday 16 November	Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
Monday 6 – Friday 17 December	Year 11 & Sixth Form mock exams
Tuesday 7 December	CAMHS Event
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 good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher