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19 November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance Parade

A group of pupils and staff took part in Alfreton's Remembrance Parade on Sunday 14 November. The parade walked to the war memorial, where a short service took place, and then on to St Martin's church for the main remembrance service.

It was lovely to be a part of the event and it was wonderful to see so many local people lining the streets of Alfreton.

Thank you to our pupils, who were great ambassadors for the academy.



Alfreton Christmas Lights switch on

We are delighted to have been invited to take part in the community celebrations for Alfreton Christmas Lights switch on, on Saturday 27 November. Our students will be performing at the following times. Please feel free to come along and enjoy the entertainment.

- 12:00-12:30 School Band – Severn Square (in front of Jack Fultons/BHF)
- 12:45-13:15 David Nieper Academy Voices – High Street, around the Christmas tree
- 14:00-14:30 School Samba Band - Main Stage, Alfreton Town Hall

Parents Evenings – Year 10, Thursday 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/>

Year 11 & Sixth Form – Mock Exams

All Year 11 and Sixth Form students will be undertaking mock exams for two weeks, commencing Monday 6 December. Mock exams are a great opportunity to get a feel for what taking the real exams will be like; experiencing everything from what it feels like to be in the main exam hall, doing revision and what the exam paper looks like, so everything will be a little more familiar for students next summer. Please encourage students to prepare and revise thoroughly for these mocks using all the materials that have been supplied and to speak to subject teachers if they need any extra support before the mock exams. The last two years have highlighted how important mock exams are and they are very useful in providing information for students about where they need to focus their attention as we work towards the final exams in the summer.

CAMHS Event

A reminder that the Academy is hosting an information event on 7 December 2021 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.

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 and will be happy to arrange a time to follow up any individual issues. If you require any further information please 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](#)

Lost Property

We have suddenly found ourselves with a large amount of lost property in the academy. If items are named, we can return these to pupils very promptly. Unfortunately, many items, some very expensive, are not named. Please can all items of property and clothing be named. Any lost property is kept at reception. If your son/daughter has misplaced any items including stationery, water bottles, PE kit, uniform and coats please ask them to come to reception to collect. Any lost property not collected after a given period will unfortunately have to be disposed of.

Parking in the bus park

Please may we ask that you do not park on the hatched areas in the bus park at any time. As you are aware, our school buses need to use these areas to allow them to safely enter/exit the bus park. There are a small number of cars parking in these areas and buses are finding it difficult to manoeuvre. Thank you for your support.

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
Thursday 25 November	Year 10 Parents Evening, 4-7pm (see separate letter)
Saturday 27 November	Alfreton Christmas Lights switch on, 12-2.30pm
Monday 13 December	Academy Christmas concert, 6-8pm
Monday 20 December	Former Year 11 & 13 GCSE & A level Certificate Presentation Evening, 6pm
Tuesday 21 December	Christmas Church Carol Service and Christmas lunch (During the school day for pupils and staff)

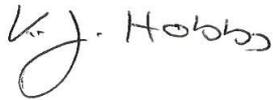
Academic Year 2021/2022

Monday 6 – Friday 17 December	Year 11 & Sixth Form mock exams
Tuesday 7 December	CAMHS Event
Wednesday 22 December	Last day of term, 2pm finish.
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



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher