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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have all enjoyed the half-term break and that you and your families continue to be safe and well. It was a pleasure to welcome back all pupils to the academy on Monday for what will be a very busy half-term in the run up to Christmas.

Now that the staggered start and end of our school day have been removed, it is important that all pupils are punctual and arrive for the school day on time for 8.35am registration. 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.

### **Remembrance Day Assemblies – Thursday 11 November**

Our year group assemblies next week will reflect on Remembrance Day. Major Goodwin of the Desert Rats has kindly provided a video which will be shared with all pupils during assemblies. All pupils will be offered a poppy on entry to the assemblies and donations for the Royal British Legion are very much welcomed. A poppy appeal box is available on Main Reception for donations. Thank you in advance.

The Remembrance Parade in Alfreton takes place on Sunday 14 November and a small group of Year 7 pupils and student leaders will be representing the academy and laying a wreath on behalf of the pupils and staff. I am sure that we will see many of you at the parade

### **Parents Evenings – Year 11 & 10**

Year 11 Parents Evening will take place on Wednesday 10 November, 4-6pm. 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 please visit <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

### **Year 8 Assessment fortnight - Monday 15 to Friday 26 November 2021**

Year 8 pupils will be undertaking assessments in lesson time between the 15th-26th November. Full information on the assessments and the timings will be provided by subject teachers in lessons.

### **RSE (Relationship & Sex Education)**

We are writing to you via separate letter to confirm the curriculum for RSE for the academic year 2021-2022 which will be delivered through PSCE & Citizenship lessons in Years 7 to 11. The topics of lessons are in line with government guidelines and a copy of the guide for parents will be included with the letter.

### **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.

Please can we remind Parents/Carers of Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils who study Design Technology to make payment to cover the costs of D&T materials, as per our previous letter. Thank you for your support with this.

There has been some fantastic work going on in Technology and Art. Well done to all of the pupils.

Year 9 Textiles - Design boards from the mini skills project, including block printing and tie dye and marbling in Miss Topham's class.



Year 10 GCSE Food - the science of baking with steam, through the Yorkshire Pudding challenge! New height records set with all students achieving an outstanding batch.



Year 10 D&T - students in Mr Turner's class have researched a variety of inspirational designers and presented their findings to their peers.



### 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](#)

### 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](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)

### Upcoming Trips and events

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| Wednesday 10 November        | Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm (see separate letter)  |
| 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)  |

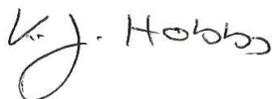
### Academic Year 2021/2022

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

Yours faithfully



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