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10 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 DNA Sustainable Fashion Challenge

Our Year 9 pupils were off timetable on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to take part in our first ever sustainable fashion challenge. Pupils worked very hard on their creative designs over the 2 days and on Thursday the fashion show allowed them to present their wonderful collections.

Thanks to everyone who donated clothes and materials, as well as staff who took part. A special thank you to the machinists from David Nieper Limited who were amazing and who were very impressed with our pupils' creativity. Many thanks to Mrs Thorpe, Miss Bingham and Miss Topham for their planning of the whole event. It was wonderful to see the pupils so engaged in the challenge and enjoying the whole experience. We will share more photos and prize winner details with you in the next edition of our Newsletter. Well done to all pupils who took part.



Nasal flu vaccination – 13 January 2022

The following letter has been emailed to all Parents/Carers of pupils in Years 7-11. The NHS Immunisation team will be in the academy on Thursday 13 January 2022, to provide the nasal flu vaccine to those pupils with parental consent.

Dear Parents/Carers

For the school year starting September 2021 we will be continuing with the e-consent for the Flu Programme. This year we will be offering the Nasal Flu vaccination to children in **Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11.**

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your son/daughter to have the vaccination.

If you wish to decline the Flu spray due to the porcine element, we are now able to offer an alternative injectable Flu vaccine that does not contain porcine. Please complete the consent form detailing your preference on the medical questions and we will then contact you to arrange vaccination. For more information, please contact the team as below.

The unique school code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405**

For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-19-years/school-age-immunisations>

If you experience any problems, please call the School Age Immunisation Team:

Repton Health Centre: 01283 707178

Clay Cross Hospital: 01246 252953



Or email us DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

Vaccinations for 12–15-year-olds

We have not yet been provided with any further information regarding a second dose for 12-15-year-olds. As soon as anything is confirmed, we will let you know.

Face Coverings

All pupils, staff and visitors must continue to wear face coverings when in communal areas within the academy and when entering and leaving the building. Face coverings must also be worn on public transport and in shops. Please ensure that all pupils wear a face covering and carry at least one spare, we do only hold limited emergency supplies. As the guidance changes, we will keep you updated.

Warm Clothes – PE lessons

As the weather is becoming increasingly cold, please ensure that all pupils wear warm clothing for their outdoor PE lessons. Academy hoodies may of course be worn, but thermal layers may also be worn under the academy PE shirt and black tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

CAMHS

Following the information event held on 7 December, please click on the link below to view the PowerPoint slides from the evening. Thank you to those Parents/Carers who attended, and we hope that you found the session useful. If you require any further information, please email Mr Matthews at bmatthews@davidnieper.academy

<https://davidnieper.academy/parents/pastoral-care-guidance/>

Christmas Tree Festival

Pupils were invited to make decorations for our Christmas tree theme this year of 'All together Again' and a small group visited St Martin's church with Miss Ford to set up the tree. It looked wonderful and was enjoyed by many visitors to the church over the festival weekend.



Academy Christmas Concert

On Monday 13 December at 6pm in the Main Hall we will be holding our Christmas Concert. Tickets are on sale from Main Reception for £2 each and include a hot drink and mince pie during the interval. We are limiting the number of tickets on sale to keep everyone safe, and tickets will not be available to buy on the door, so please do buy tickets before the event. We very much look forward to welcoming you on the evening for this celebration of Christmas.

Academy Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 21 December

Following our Carol service at St Martin's Church we will once again be sitting down to enjoy a full Christmas lunch together. The two course Christmas lunch is priced at our usual £2.50. Pupils have been asked whether they would like a Christmas lunch or a grab & go bag (sandwiches). Please be reminded that on this day we will not be serving hot snacks, so any pupils who have not ordered a Christmas lunch or sandwiches will need to bring a packed lunch on this date.

Year 11 & Sixth Form – Mock Exams

The mock exams have gone well this week and will continue next week. Students have approached the exams in a mature and positive way, with a clear focus. Please encourage them to continue to revise and ask for additional guidance or support from teachers should they need it. A reminder that the canteen will be serving hot food at breaktime if any Year 11 or Sixth form students would like to have something to eat prior to an 11.45am exam.

Presentation Evening

On Monday 20 December our former Year 11 and Year 13 students and parents have been invited to attend our Presentation Evening, which provides an excellent opportunity to collect exam certificates, visit the academy, catch up with staff and fellow students and celebrate a successful set of exam results. We are delighted that Reverend Paul Pritchard, a Trustee of the academy, is our guest speaker for the event. Please ask former students to RSVP to their invitation if they have not already done so.

January staggered start to allow for Covid testing

Further to recent Government announcements, each pupil (currently with parental consent) will be tested in school at the start of the new term in January. As before, our intention is to allow this to take place in the least disruptive manner to allow a smooth start to the new term and we ask that:

- Year 10 & 11 and Sixth Form - arrive for 8.30am on Monday 10 January 2022 – tests will take place and normal lessons will begin
- Year 7, 8 & 9 - arrive for 8.30am on Tuesday 11 January 2022 (they should not attend on 10 January). Testing will take place and normal lessons will continue.

If you have previously provided consent, you do not need to provide this again. However, if consent was not provided and you wish for your son/daughter to be included in the process, please click on this link [Testing Consent Form](#). Can we please ask that all pupils test using a lateral flow test the evening before returning to the academy in January and we advise all pupils to test prior to attending any gatherings or events over the Christmas holidays to help keep everyone safe and well.

We will return in January to a Week B timetable.

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](#)

Data Collection

May we remind everyone that it is important that contact details for all pupils and parents are kept up to date. Please inform the main office or email info@davidnieper.academy to provide an update for any of your personal contact 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

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| Monday 6 – Friday 17 December | Year 11 & Sixth Form mock exams |
| 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) |

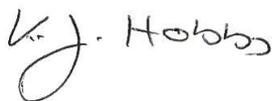
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| Wednesday 22 December | Last day of term, 2pm finish |
| Thursday 23 December | INSET Day – academy closed to pupils |
| Friday 24 December to Friday 7 January | Christmas holiday |
| Monday 10 January | Year 10, 11 & Sixth Form pupils return |
| Tuesday 11 January | Year 7, 8 & 9 pupils return |
| Monday 21 to Friday 25 February | Half-term holiday |
| Monday 28 February | INSET Day – academy closed |

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