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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week in the academy including trips to RAF Cosford and the University of Oxford, and groups of our Year 9, 10 & 11 pupils have listened to aspirational and motivational talks from Kevin Mincher, who is a leading performance coach, educational innovator, and youth advocate.

The academy has two newly appointed Trustees who have also visited this week to learn more about the academy and to meet members of staff. They were particularly impressed with the Year 7 tour guides who showed them around the academy and spoke very eloquently about our work.

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Mr Gibson, Dr Whorwood and Miss Broughton to the academy as members of the teaching team, who have joined us to support in both Science and Maths.

### **Face Coverings & Hand Hygiene**

Thank you for everyone's support and cooperation as the guidance and regulations on face coverings were changed at very short notice this week. As you are aware pupils are no longer required to wear face coverings in classrooms, however they still can if they wish to. Face coverings are still required in communal areas including corridors, dining halls, and school transport. This measure is scheduled to be removed on Thursday 27 January and we will keep you updated.

A reminder that pupils are encouraged to maintain the high standards of hygiene that we adopted by washing their hands and using the hand sanitiser available around the academy at very regular intervals. We continue with our enhanced cleaning regime, and I am confident that if we all continue to work together to support each other that we can keep the academy as safe as possible for us all.

### **Lateral Flow (LFD) Testing**

We will continue with our usual routine of asking all pupils and staff to test twice a week on a Wednesday and Sunday evening. We will continue to provide all pupils with test kits. Additional kits can be ordered from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

### **Positive Lateral Flow test**

If a positive result is seen on a LFD then pupils must isolate (the requirement for a confirmatory PCR test was removed from 11 January). People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a LFD test on both day 5 and day 6, and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#). If the result of either of the tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Please report any positive test to the academy by emailing [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy)

It is important that you notify us so that we can mark the register correctly for the isolation period and monitor positive case numbers within the academy community. Work will be available for pupils to complete if they are well enough.

Pupils must not attend the academy if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, however mild.

### **Vaccinations**

Young people aged 12-15 in England are now being offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12-weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

The NHS Immunisation team will return to the academy on **Monday 7 February** – please see details below. If you prefer not to wait, Parents/Carers can book vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the [NHS booking system](#)

16-17-year-old students have been eligible for a second vaccine dose for some time, and they are now also eligible for booster doses, as long as there is a 12-week gap between jabs.

### **Dear Parents/Carers**

Following national guidance we will be offering the second dose of Covid-19 vaccination to young people age 12–15 and will be continuing to use the e-consent as with other vaccine programmes. **We are also able to offer the first dose in school if your child hasn't yet received a vaccination.**

**Children must be 12 on the day of vaccination. Please complete the consent regardless of whether you have completed one previously. We will only use newly completed forms.**

**There must be a gap of 12 weeks (84 days) between first and second doses. If there isn't then your child will be refused vaccination on the day. Please only consent if your child will be eligible. There must also be a gap of 12 weeks between Covid infection and vaccination. If your child contracts Covid after completing the form or receives their vaccine elsewhere, please let the team know so we can remove them from our list.**

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/CovidDose2> to complete the consent form.

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

Date in school: **07 February 2022**

**If possible, please make sure your child is wearing short sleeves and eats breakfast on the day of vaccination.**

**Please be aware that due to storage requirements of the vaccine the team will need to know the number of vaccines needed in advance. Therefore, the consent system will close 2 working days prior to the session at 9am. If your school session is on a Monday, the form will close the Thursday before and schools on Tuesday will close on Friday. We will not be able to add extra forms once it has closed.**

For more information about the vaccination please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination Guide for Young People 12-17](#)

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

### Early finish

Please be reminded that on Wednesday 2 February, the academy will close at 2pm to all pupils due to staff training. Early buses, including the Wessington bus, have been arranged.

### 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](#)

### Vacancies

Due to the continued growth in pupil numbers, we are starting to advertise additional positions at the academy. Please visit our website for details of job vacancies at the academy, which is regularly updated. <https://davidnieper.academy/about-us/vacancies/>

### Upcoming Trips and Events

Monday 24 January	Bletchley Park & The National Museum of Computing visit
Monday 7 February	Covid-19 second vaccines for 12-15-year-olds
Wednesday 9 March	Year 9 Parents Evening (details to follow)
Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April	Year 11 Mock Exams

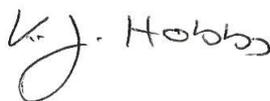
### Academic Year 2021/2022

Wednesday 2 February	Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
Monday 21 to Friday 25 February	Half-term holiday
Monday 28 February	INSET Day – academy closed
Tuesday 1 March	All pupils return
Thursday 17 March	Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
Friday 8 April	Last day of Spring term
Monday 11 to Friday 22 April	Easter holidays
Monday 25 April	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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Headteacher