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28 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

A group of Year 10 & 11 pupils enjoyed an amazing visit to Bletchley Park & The National Museum of Computing this week, where they were able to discover the incredible achievements of Britain's World War II codebreakers, in the place where it happened. We look forward to sharing details of the visit in the next edition of the academy newsletter.

Mrs Thorpe and a group of pupils took part in a litter pick on Wednesday afternoon at the Welfare Park in Alfreton. They were joined by the Mayor of Alfreton, Mr Marshall-Clarke, and other colleagues from the Town Council. Their involvement in the community litter pick is part of the pupils' 'DNA Saves the Planet' co-curricular club, which runs every week and encourages pupils to take part in projects and various initiatives to look after our environment. The pupils were proud to take part in the pick and found it very rewarding.



Face Coverings

Further to the recent changes in Government guidance, pupils and staff are no longer required to wear face coverings in lessons or in communal areas of the academy. However, pupils may still wear face coverings in the academy should they wish to do so.

Pupils are still encouraged to maintain the high standards of hygiene by washing their hands and using the hand sanitiser available around the academy at very regular intervals. We will continue to take breaks and lunch outside and continue to advise that pupils bring suitable outdoor clothes.

Year 9 Options Timeline 2022

Very shortly we will be commencing the Year 9 Options process. Please see the timeline below. Further information will follow.

Date	Activity
Friday 18 February	AP2 reports issued to parents and students. Reports will contain the outcomes of both sets of assessments students have completed.
Wednesday 2 March	Year 9 Parents Evening 4-7pm (Face to face)
Monday 7 March	Options material to be shared with students and parents online and in tutor period.
Wednesday 16 March	Online meetings (4-6pm) to take place via our online parents evening system where parents would like to speak to subject teachers, particularly new subjects, before choosing.
Friday 25 March	Option taster morning. Students will be off timetable and able to attend four sessions to try lessons in subjects of their choice.
Monday 28 March	Options form to go live so students can start selecting options.
Friday 1 April	Options forms to be submitted electronically.

Careers Fair – 17 February, 3.45pm-5pm

Our annual careers fair will take place on Thursday 17 February this year and will be in the academy once more. All pupils will attend the fair during school time and all parents/carers are warmly invited to attend at 3.45pm along with their son/daughter, to see the organisations' stands and find out more about a whole host of careers and future options. We have a huge array of sixth form colleges, universities and local employers, together with the armed forces and emergency services, who will all be able to offer lots of useful information, advice and answer questions. A full list of stalls will be given to pupils ahead of the fair so that they can identify the most suitable ones for them beforehand.

For more details please email jsheward@davidnieper.academy

Apprenticeship Information

As always, we aim to keep parents and carers up to date with information about careers and how to seek advice for students about their options after GCSEs. The following events are being held by West Nottinghamshire College for students and their parents for advice on apprenticeships:

Online Apprenticeship Advice Event: Thursday 10 February 2022, 6pm – 7pm

A member of the apprenticeship team at West Nottinghamshire College will be hosting a webinar for students, parents and staff to get the most up to date information about the West Notts College apprenticeship offer. Book onto the event here... <https://bit.ly/32hEdy5>

Apprenticeship Open Evening: Thursday 3 March 2022, 5.30 – 7.30pm

Based at the Derby Road Campus there will be the opportunity to talk to the apprenticeship team, view our vacancies and register interest on the night.

Book onto the event here... <https://bit.ly/3qJun1c>

We are in the process of arranging an assembly for all Year 10 pupils and a parents information session on apprenticeships. Full information will be sent out shortly. If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the careers team at David Nieper Academy.

Warm clothes

We are continuing to have all free time outside (before school, breaks and lunches) apart from eating lunch in the dining room, so please encourage pupils to wrap up warm against the colder weather.

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](#)

Derbyshire County Council

In order to help improve the catering service and the menu on offer from Derbyshire County Council, they have asked pupils to complete the customer survey accessible through this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/y00881U8Rx>

The feedback from this survey will be used to help plan future menus and help the catering team understand what is important to their customers.

The responses will be analysed and feedback discussed.



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/>

Please report any positive test to the academy by emailing 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

The NHS Immunisation team will return to the academy on **Monday 7 February** to provide the second Covid-19 vaccine for pupils aged between 12-15 years.

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

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

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.

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/>

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.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Monday 7 February	Covid-19 second vaccines for 12-15-year-olds
Wednesday 9 March	Year 9 Parents Evening, 4-7pm (details to follow)
Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April	Year 11 Mock Exams

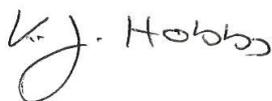
Academic Year 2021/2022

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 and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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