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11 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another productive and busy week at the academy. We were delighted to welcome pupils in Year 5 from Stonebroom Primary School, Leys Junior School, Woodbridge Junior School and Shirland Primary School to work with Miss Wetton on a Science project. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Enterprise Curriculum

Year 7 and 8 have been busy creating an advert for a role of their choice in the NHS. They have been learning that there are over 350 jobs in the NHS - including non-stereotypical jobs such as electricians, chefs and estate managers; there is an NHS career to suit all interests. Pupils have researched an NHS career that interests them and are now presenting that job in a creative advert. We will send their entries off to be judged by the NHS themselves. Winners receive Amazon vouchers up to the value of £50. Good luck to every pupil who is participating.



Careers Fair –17 February, 3.45pm-5pm

We very much look forward to welcoming you to our Careers Fair which takes place on Thursday in the academy. All parents/carers are invited to attend from 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 and plan the questions they wish to ask.

A poster for the David Nieper Academy Careers Fair. The poster features the academy's logo at the top, followed by the text 'CAREERS FAIR' and 'Thursday 17th February 2022'. Below this, there are several logos of participating organizations, including Confetti, DANCOP, The University of Sheffield, Bilborough Sixth Form College, NCS, Futures, GetMyFirstJob, emma training, Apprenticeships, and the Army. The poster also lists the times for different year groups: 'Years 10,11 & Sixth Form 2.30-3.30pm' and 'ALL Years 3.35-5pm'. At the bottom, it says 'AND MANY MORE...'. The logo for 'dfs' is also visible at the bottom left.

Please see our Careers Fair letter [here](#)

We are very grateful to all employers who are giving up their valuable time to support our pupils.

For more details, please email Mrs Shephard ishephard@davidnieper.academy

Examination information to all Year 11 & 13 students

A separate letter has been sent to all Year 11 & 13 students and their parents with information about the additional support provided for the summer exams. Click [here](#) to view.

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 event is being held by West Nottinghamshire College for students and their parents for advice on apprenticeships.

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.

Providing support for winter essentials: distribution of 28,000 winter food support vouchers starts this week

Food support vouchers worth £80 each will be distributed to families across Derbyshire this week (from Tuesday 8 February) as part of the county council's Household Support Fund programme.

The vouchers are available to offer extra support to families to buy winter food essentials.

The food support vouchers are available to every child who received benefit related free school meals or the Early Years Pupil Premium during last year's autumn term.

Parents were given a choice to receive their vouchers by email or text with a link to download the voucher from the Hugggs Ltd website, the firm contracted to provide the service by the county council.

Any parents or carers who do not receive a voucher by Tuesday 15 February and think they are eligible, can complete the [online request form](#).

The free food support vouchers are part of the county council's £5.4m Household Support Fund to provide financial help to families to meet essential living costs.

Until the end of March, the fund is also providing grants worth up to £64 per household, plus an extra £20 for each partner/spouse and any dependent children. Households can find out more about the grants and how to apply at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund

An online referral form for council and voluntary sector professionals who work with families across the county is also available at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/winterpressures The county council has also provided funding to local district and borough councils to support families facing difficulty meeting the costs of council tax or who are in rent arrears. The money has been provided to the county council by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

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](#)

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.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Wednesday 9 March	Year 9 Parents Evening, 4-7pm (details to follow)
Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

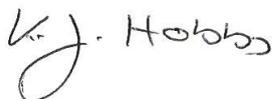
Academic Year 2021/2022

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



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher