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18 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy half-term, with lots of activities and events taking place. Thank you to all pupils and staff for their hard work. It has been good to see pupils focused on their learning and enjoying their lessons.

We hope that everyone is able to enjoy a restful and relaxing half term break. I look forward to seeing all pupils return on Tuesday 1 March.

Year 2 Enterprise Day

It was wonderful to welcome Year 2 children into the academy on Wednesday who visited from our local cluster schools for our Enterprise Day. The schools involved were Croft Infant, Shirland Primary, Stonebroom Primary and Copthorne Infant. The children designed some amazing Top Trump cards and made salt dough character models. Thank you to all staff who made the event possible and to our pupils who helped to support the event.



Careers Fair

Our annual Careers Fair took place yesterday, and we are very grateful to all exhibitors who gave up their valuable time to join us for the afternoon and support our pupils.

Thank you to:

David Nieper Limited
The Army
Bilborough College
Derby Hub DANCOP
University of Derby
DFS
DWP Support for Schools
EMA Training Limited
Futures Housing Group
Learning Curve Group
QDOS Apprenticeship Mansfield
The RAF
Sheffield Hallam University
University Campus of Football Business (UCFB)
University of Sheffield
West Nottinghamshire College
Work Pays (Project ASK)



The Careers Fair provided the opportunity for our pupils to find out more about a whole host of careers and future options. Our exhibitors offered lots of useful information, advice and answered questions. It was a very successful event with lots of positive feedback from pupils, parents, and our exhibitors.

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>

An assembly for all Year 10 pupils and a parents information session on apprenticeships will take place early in March. 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.

Platinum Jubilee Craft Day - St Martin's Church, Saturday 30th April 2022

We are excited to be involved in the proposed craft day which is being organised at St Martin's Church. Once we have more details of the day, we will share them with you. Please save this date for your diary.

Academy uniform

We have continued to speak to all pupils about our uniform expectations and have been very clear about the need to have dark grey school trousers and skirt, along with the requirement to wear school shoes. Please see our website for the full details [Uniform](#) and visit our Uniform supplier [Schoolwear Solutions](#)

We continually remind all pupils of our uniform requirements around jewellery, hair and false nails. If pupils are having piercings over the half-term break they will need to be removed (other than a single stud earring in each ear) for the return on 1 March. Therefore, it is very important to consider the length of time that any such jewellery needs to be left in place to ensure that this can be removed during the school day.



Warm clothes

We are looking forward to warmer weather after half-term. 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 any 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 ensure all pupils test on Monday 28 February prior to returning on Tuesday 1 March. 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 2 March	Year 9 Parents Evening, 4-7pm, Main Hall
Thursday 10 March	Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, Main Hall
Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

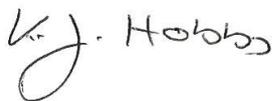
Academic Year 2021/2022

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.

Enjoy the half-term holidays and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the academy on Tuesday 1 March. It will be to a Week B timetable.

Yours faithfully



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