

Ref: KHO/160/21-22

4 February 2022



Grange Street  
Alfreton  
Derbyshire  
DE55 7JA

Dear Parents/Carers

Today we were delighted to welcome Alison Rose, CEO of NatWest Group, together with Paul Thwaite, CEO of NatWest Commercial Banking, to the academy. The visit included a Dream Bigger workshop with our Sixth Form students, which is a programme focusing on developing transferrable entrepreneurial skills, and a talk to our Year 10 and Sixth Form students from Alison and Paul about their careers, their current roles, as well as highlighting the importance of collaboration and good leadership, and how continued learning has helped them in achieving their career goals. Alison and Paul were very happy to answer questions from the students and asked them "what they would like to see in a local bank?" Local business clients were also invited into the academy for a luncheon hosted by NatWest. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to meet and hear from Alison, the first woman to lead one of the major UK banks and one of only eight female CEOs of a FTSE 100 company. A full article and photographs will be featured in our next Newsletter.

### **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.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
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. Pupils will attend the fair during school time and all parents/carers are warmly 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.

For more details please see the flyer at the end of this letter or email Mrs Shephard [jshephard@davidnieper.academy](mailto:jshephard@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.

### **Your Priorities. Your Police.**

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Angelique Foster, wants to hear your views on crime and community safety**

Throughout the year, the Commissioner runs a survey asking for Derbyshire residents views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victims services reflect the issues that matter most to you, wherever you live in the City or the County.

Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with your concerns.

The Commissioner needs to hear from as many people as possible, from all age groups and backgrounds, to ensure the results are fair. **This is where we are asking for your help.**

To complete the survey, and to read a short statement from the Police & Crime Commissioner, please click the below link:

[\*\*Listening to You – Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner Angelique Foster\*\*](#)

If you have any questions regarding the survey or would like any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



### **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](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**

Reminder that 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 where the online consent form has been completed. It is very helpful if pupils can wear a short-sleeved shirt on this day.

## **Upcoming Trips and Events**

Monday 7 February	Covid-19 second vaccines for 12-15-year-olds
Wednesday 9 February	Curious incident of the dog in the Nighttime, Theatre trip
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

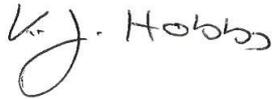
## **Academic Year 2021/2022**

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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher

# David Nieper

## ACADEMY

### CAREERS FAIR

Thursday 17th February 2022



Years 10,11 &  
Sixth Form

2.30—3.30pm

ALL Years

3.35—5pm



AND MANY MORE...