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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week at the academy. We were pleased to welcome staff from Chesterfield Royal Hospital Speech & Language Therapy department who ran a workshop with students who study research methods at GCSE and A-level, including our Health & Social Care and Sociology students. The workshop was followed by a talk on careers aspirations and roles within the NHS. The sessions were very informative and interesting. Thank you to Mrs Walters for organising this event and to the hospital staff who gave up their time to visit.

Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams

Year 11 & 13 mock exams begin on Monday 21 March and continue until Friday 1 April. It is important that students attend every day and that they have the correct equipment for each exam, to allow them to be able to demonstrate their full subject knowledge and understanding.

The mock exams also allow students to experience sitting exams in the Sports Hall and to better understand what is expected of them, so they are more prepared and confident for when the summer exams arrive.

Please continue to encourage students to use their revision strategies. Should they need any advice, guidance or additional support they can, of course, speak with their subject teachers, form tutors or the exams team who can provide support.

Exams Team

Mrs Proctor-Smith, who has been our Examinations Officer since just before the opening of the academy, is saying farewell to us. She has been a great source of knowledge and support about examinations to staff, pupils and parents. We are very grateful for her constant guidance throughout the previous two years where covid impacted on the examination process. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

Our new Examinations Officer is Mr Bradder, supported by Miss Bullock. Please continue to use the email address examsofficer@davidnieper.academy should you have any examination queries.

Year 9 GCSE options

A reminder that all of the Options material is now available online for to you view. Please visit <https://davidnieper.academy/parents/options/>

The Options taster morning will take place on Friday 25 March. Pupils will be off timetable and able to attend four sessions to try lessons in subjects of their choice. The Options form will go live on Monday 28 March, to enable pupils to begin selecting their options. All completed forms should be submitted electronically by Friday 1 April.

If you need any support, please contact Mr Endacott at cendacott@davidnieper.academy

Transition

A letter has gone out to all families welcoming them to the academy and highlighting any key dates. We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 pupils to the academy in September. For those parents with younger children who will join us in September, we will be holding two transition days, on Thursday 30 June and Friday 1 July. More details will be provided in due course.

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](#)

Covid-19 guidance update

Covid-19 remains an infectious disease and people with symptoms and/or a positive lateral flow or PCR test are still asked to isolate for up to 10 days. It is possible to stop isolating after 5 days by taking a lateral flow test on day 5 and 6, and if both are negative to cease isolating and return to school on day 6. We are very keen to continue to keep the academy as safe as possible for all pupils, staff and our families. We will continue to ensure that the building and classrooms are well ventilated and that we take all breaks outside and continue to encourage good hand hygiene.

Pupils and staff are no longer asked to test using a lateral flow test twice a week and the Government will not be providing the academy with any further test kits to issue to pupils. Please can we ask that if pupils have any spare tests that they keep these for use if symptoms are present or to test on day 5 and 6 of any Covid infection. You may wish to request further test kits individually from your local pharmacy or by [ordering online](#).

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following;

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms, you [should order a PCR test](#). You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

The latest Government guidance is available in full at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>

Thank you for your continued support with the ever-changing rules and requirements. We will continue to follow all national guidance and will keep you informed of any future changes.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Friday 22 March	Interface 22 Dance Competition
Thursday 31 March	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening
Friday 1 April	Swimming Gala, Repton school
Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April	Year 10 Geography Fieldtrip, Edale
Wednesday 27 April	Year 7 Parents Evening, 4-7pm, Main Hall
Thursday 5 May	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-7pm, Main Hall
Monday 16 May to Tuesday 28 June	Year 11 & 13 Summer Examinations

Academic Year 2021/2022

Friday 8 April	Last day of Spring term
Monday 11 to Friday 22 April	Easter holidays
Monday 25 April	All pupils return (Week B timetable)
Tuesday 17 May	Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
Friday 27 May	Last day of half-term
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June	Half-term holidays
Monday 6 June	All pupils return (Week A timetable)
Monday 20 to Friday 24 June	Year 10 & 12 Mock Examinations
Friday 22 July	Last day of term

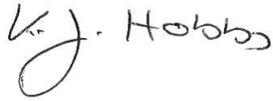
Academic Year 2022/2023

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September	INSET – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 5 September	All pupils return for the new academic year

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr K Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "K".

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher