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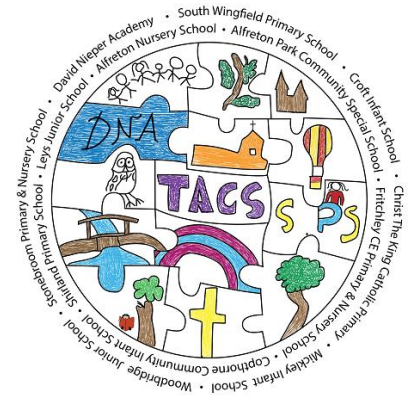
Dear Parents/Carers

Local Schools Joint Concert

This week we were delighted to host the annual Joint Concert with local schools, with over 250 children performing over two evenings. Last year's concert had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions and it was wonderful to welcome local schools back into the academy.

David Nieper Academy students were joined by Copthorne Infants, Leys Juniors, Stonebroom Primary, Shirland Primary, Croft Infants, South Wingfield Primary and Woodbridge Junior School, with each school performing their own individual musical item, including boom-wacker drums, beautiful contemporary dance, and uplifting songs. Rehearsals took place in the afternoon and between rehearsals children took part in a variety of activities, including Art, Dance, Sport, French and Duke of Edinburgh and even had time for tea before the performances began at 5.30pm, when family and friends were invited to attend.

At the end of each evening, all children from all schools took to the stage to sing 'Raise My Voice', 'The Rainbow Connection' and a lovely rendition of 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'. This year's rainbow theme was in recognition of the NHS and their fantastic work throughout the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the evenings. A full report will be included in the next edition of our Newsletter.



Apprenticeship Event

An Apprentice Parents Information evening took place on Monday after school. James Lund from Learning Unlimited explained about apprenticeships as a career route after students have completed their GCSEs and/or A-levels and the many benefits that apprenticeships can offer. Both students and parents who attended found the evening very informative.

For more information on apprenticeships please go to <https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/>

Year 9 GCSE options

Option materials are now available online <https://davidnieper.academy/parents/options/>

On Wednesday 16 March, online meetings will take place between 4-6pm, via our online parents evening system. Please click here <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment. This is an opportunity where parents can speak to subject teachers before pupils make their final selections, with an Options taster morning taking 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

Year 9 Teenager Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY

Final reminder that the NHS Immunisation team will be in school on Monday for this year's immunisation programme for Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY. If you would like your son/daughter to receive the vaccine, please provide consent. Details below.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We will be continuing to use the e-consent for the Teenage Booster, and Men ACWY vaccination programme and will be offering vaccination to girls and boys in Year 9.

Please visit <https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP> to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.

Unique code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405** / Date of visit to school: **Monday 14 March 2022**

For more information about the vaccination please visit our website:

<https://www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations>

If you experience any problems, please call the School Age Immunisation Team.

Repton: 01283 707178 or **Clay Cross:** 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net



Early finish for staff training – Thursday 17 March, 2pm

Please be reminded that on Thursday 17 March, the academy will close at 2pm to all pupils due to staff training. Early buses, including the Wessington bus, have been arranged. If you would prefer your son/daughter to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please email info@davidnieper.academy if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

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

Monday 21 March to Friday 1 April	Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
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

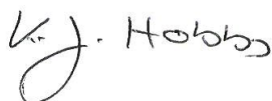
Academic Year 2022/2023

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September	INSET – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 5 September	All pupils return for the new academic year
Friday 21 October	Last day of half-term
Monday 24 to Friday 28 October	Half-term holidays
Monday 31 October	All pupils return (Week B timetable)
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of Autumn term
Thursday 22 December	INSET – academy closed to all pupils

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