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25 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Bishop Malcolm

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Malcolm of Repton to the academy on Tuesday. Pupils took him on a tour of the academy, he was introduced to the pastoral team and heard about the work that our Academy Chaplain, Rev. Julian Penfold undertakes with us, and spent time with pupils in a Year 7 Religious Studies class. The Year 7 pupils who are currently working on a unit on Christianity had the opportunity to ask Bishop Malcolm about his role as a Bishop in the Church and about some of the joys and challenges of his faith. Many thanks to Bishop Malcolm for giving us an insight into the work of the Church and furthering our pupils' understanding.

Unstoppable Teen



Our Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to continue their work with Kevin Mincher of Unstoppable Teen. Kevin has visited the academy on several occasions and provides seminars on aiming high and how to maintain motivation.

Year 11 & 13 Mock Exams

The first week of the mock exams have gone well. It has been great to see pupils confidently walking into and out of the exam room. Mocks will continue next week. It is important that students attend every day and arrive to school prepared for their exam, to allow them to be able to demonstrate their full subject knowledge and understanding. Please encourage them to continue to use their revision strategies to revise and ask for additional guidance or support from teachers should they need it.

Year 9 GCSE options – taster morning

All Year 9 pupils took part in Options taster sessions today. Pupils were off timetable and attended 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. Should you need any support with the selection process please contact Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy



Year 9 Teenager Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY

The NHS Immunisation team will return to school on Wednesday 6 April to offer Year 9 pupils the Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY vaccine, if they missed out on the opportunity when the team visited earlier this month. If you would like your son/daughter to receive the vaccine, please provide consent in advance of 6 April. 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: **Wednesday 6 April 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



Archery, Cheerleading and Fitness

Following the success of our sports festival at the start of the academic year, we are pleased to announce that we are able to offer free sessions for archery, cheerleading and fitness. Please see the separate letters from Mr Clarke with full information, which will be issued shortly. These are fantastic opportunities, and we look forward to as many pupils as possible taking part in these sessions.

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

Thursday 31 March	Year 12 & 13 Parents Evening
Friday 1 April	Swimming Gala, Repton school
Wednesday 6 April	Year 9
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
Friday 1 July	Year 11 Leavers' Prom

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

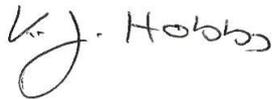
Academic Year 2022/2023

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 and enjoy the sunshine.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher