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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome everyone back after our half-term break. Our Year 11 and 13 students are very focused on their final preparations for the GCSE and A-levels and are busy preparing for the final mock exams starting on Monday 21 March. Our Year 9 Options process has started with the Year 9 parents evening this week when staff had the opportunity to discuss pupil progress. The option videos and booklets will be available on Monday.

Apprenticeship Event, Years 10-13 – Monday 7 March, 5-6.30pm

Learning Unlimited will be providing a Parents Information evening on Monday 7 March, 5-6.30pm, here at the academy. The session will explain more about apprenticeships as a career route after students have completed their GCSEs and/or A-levels. There are many benefits that apprenticeships can offer, including training on the job rather than full time study and earning a wage, whilst completing the qualification.

Letters about the event have been sent out via email and pupils have also received a paper copy. Please confirm your attendance by returning the reply slip at the bottom of the letter. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Year 9 GCSE options

On Monday we will be sharing Option materials with pupils in tutor time, and with parents online.

On Wednesday 16 March, online meetings will take place between 4-6pm, via our online parents evening system, where parents can speak to subject teachers before students 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 students to begin selecting their options. All completed forms should be submitted electronically by Friday 1 April.

Joint Concert

Next week we are looking forward to holding our Joint Concerts with local infant and primary schools, on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For those primary children who are performing, tickets are available from the child's school, free of charge. Tickets are also available to academy pupils who are performing; please complete and return the reply slip on the letter from Miss Pell.

Unfortunately, due to limited space in the Main Hall, we are unable to offer tickets to the wider academy community. We shall, of course, report on the event and performances in the next edition of the academy Newsletter.

Year 9 Teenager Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY

Please see letter below from Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS with regards to this year's immunisation programme for Teenage Booster (DTP) and Meningococcal ACWY. The letter contains all the information you need to book an appointment to have your son/daughter vaccinated.

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 school code for **David Nieper Academy** is **DD142405**

Date of visit to school: **Monday 14 March 2022**

For more information about the vaccination and the date we are due into your school 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

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 inform Form Tutors or 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 7 March	Year 10-13 Apprentice Information Evening, 5-6.30pm
Thursday 10 March	Year 11 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, Main Hall
Monday 14 March	Year 9 Teenage Booster & Men ACWY Vaccines
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

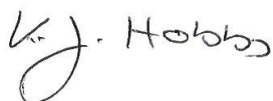
Academic Year 2022/2023

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