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29 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back

It was lovely to welcome all pupils back into the academy after the Easter break.

The Year 11 Easter subject revision sessions were well attended. We do hope that students found them useful as they continue with their revision in the run up to the summer exams. Many thanks to the staff who organised and lead the revision sessions.

Daily Mail

We were delighted to welcome Ruth Sunderland, Group Business Editor of the Daily Mail, to the academy yesterday. We introduced her to our Employability Behaviours and Benchmarks, and she met with a group of Key Stage 3 Enterprise pupils, who spoke about their recent project on Careers in the NHS. Ms Sunderland also met with a group of Year 10 English and Media Studies pupils, where she spoke about the role as a journalist, her upbringing and the interesting career path she followed to be where she is today, our pupils were then able to take part in a follow up question-and-answer session. Ms Sunderland commented on the interesting questions which our pupils asked.



It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and thank you to Ms Sunderland for taking the time out of her very busy schedule to visit our academy.

Year 7 & 8 Maths Challenge

The junior Mathematical Challenge took place yesterday, which is a 60-minute, multiple-choice challenge, which encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. Well done to all pupils who took part in the challenge. We are looking forward to receiving the results.



Year 7 Parents Evening – Thursday 5 May (online)

Our second evening for Year 7 Parents Evening takes place online on Thursday 5 May. If you were unable to join us on 27 April and have not yet booked appointments, the link to our booking system is <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 8 Parents Evening

The invite letter to book appointments for the Year 8 Parent Evenings has been emailed home to our Year 8 Parents/Carers. The dates are either:

- Tuesday 17 May, 4-6pm - online appointments
- Monday 23 May, 4-6pm - face-to-face appointments in the Main Hall

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

This year our Year 11 Leavers' Prom takes place at Morley Hayes on Friday 1 July. Student tickets are available to purchase; a £10 deposit will secure your son/daughter's place, which is non-refundable. An additional £25 will need to be paid by Friday 27th May 2022. Please note the final deposit will be adjusted and any monies will be refunded if your son/daughter has received signatures from revision sessions.

The Prom is a fantastic celebration of our student's achievements and is very much looked forward to during the academic year by both students and staff. We do hope that as many Year 11 students as possible are able to attend.

Outward Bound Residential Trip

If your son/daughter is going on the first Outward Bound trip, please ensure that they are at the academy for **8.45am** latest on Monday 2 May.



Group A – Monday 2 to Wednesday 4 May

Group B – Wednesday 4 May to Friday 6 May

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](#)

Academy uniform

A reminder that hoodies should not be worn in the academy, with the exception of PE hoodies when in PE lessons. Hoodies should not be worn with blazers and pupils will be asked to remove them if so. As we are moving into the summer months there is no reason why pupils should have non-academy sweatshirts or hoodies with them, and we ask that these are not brought into the academy.

Please also be reminded that pupils should not have chewing gum on site. Chewing gum can cause a huge amount of damage and inconvenience to others, and we work hard to keep our wonderful facilities in good order. If pupils are chewing gum during the school day, they will receive a sanction.

Lost Property

We have a large number of outdoor coats (some brand new) in lost property. Please check that your son/daughter has their coat and please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled so these can be returned promptly if mislaid. For pupils who have lost an item of property, this is kept near Main Reception.

Vacancies

We currently have staff vacancies on our website. Please do have a look and share with family and friends if you know anyone who may be interested <https://davidnieper.academy/about-us/vacancies/>

Alfreton Craft Fair – Saturday 30 April, 10am-4pm, St Martins Church, Alfreton

Everyone is invited to attend the craft fair which takes place at St Martins Church tomorrow, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Entry is free and the fair will include lots of exhibits, demonstrations and stalls selling home made products. Refreshments will be available.

Upcoming Trips and Events

w/c. 2 May
Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 May
Wednesday 4 May
Thursday 5 May
Tuesday 17 May
Monday 23 May
Monday 16 May to Tuesday 28 June
Friday 1 July

Outward Bound residential trips
Year 7 assessments
Year 12 visit to Bletchley Park
Year 7 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, online
Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, online
Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, face-to-face
Year 11 & 13 Summer Examinations
Year 11 Leavers' Prom

Academic Year 2021/2022

Monday 2 May
Tuesday 17 May
Friday 27 May
Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Monday 6 June
Monday 27 June
Monday 20 to Friday 24 June
Friday 22 July

Bank Holiday – Academy closed
Early close for pupils at 2pm (Staff training)
Last day of half-term
Half-term holidays
All pupils return (Week A timetable)
INSET day – academy closed
Year 10 & 12 Mock Examinations
Last day of term

Academic Year 2022/2023

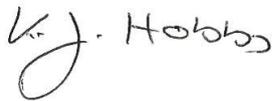
Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September
Monday 5 September

INSET – academy closed to all pupils
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.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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