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8 April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

End of Term

As we break up for the Easter holidays, we look back on a busy term. It has been wonderful to see our routines return to normal. Staff have continued to organise a number of trips and events to support pupil learning, providing interesting and challenging opportunities. We are looking forward to ensuring that all pupils have the opportunity to take part in such events as we can start to plan next academic year with much greater certainty.

We hope that you and your family have a restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back into the academy on Monday 25 April, to a Week B timetable.

Edale Geography Trip

This week our GCSE geographers took a fieldtrip out to Edale in the Peak District, where they collected data on river processes along the River Noe, as this topic will be examined as part of their final exams. The pupils enjoyed their trip out despite the very wet and windy weather!



Easter subject revision sessions

During the Easter break we are running the following revision sessions for Year 11 students. (am sessions from 10am-12pm / pm sessions 12.30-2.30pm). Pupils will have been invited by their class teachers and should have all of the necessary information about each session. If your son/daughter has signed up please encourage them to attend as their teachers will be expecting them.

Date - April	Am, pm or both	Subject	Room
Mon 11 th	Both	English*	B11, B12
Mon 11 th	Both	Health and social care	B06
Mon 11 th	Am	Y10 sociology	C10
Tues 12 th	Both	English*	B11, B12
Weds 13 th	Both	English*	B11, B12
Thurs 14 th	Both	Art	A03
Tues 19 th	Both	Biology	C16
Weds 20 th	Am	Physics	C14
Weds 20 th	Both	Chemistry	C13
Thurs 21 st	Both	Maths	B01, B05
Fri 21 st	Both	Maths	B01, B05

*Targeted pupils

Students can collect signatures from attending these revision sessions and each signature is worth a 20% discount from the price of this year's Prom ticket.

Academy uniform

As we return from the Easter break, we are looking forward to all pupils being in full Academy uniform. We continue to speak to all pupils about our uniform expectations and have been very clear about the need to have dark grey school trousers or pleated dark grey skirt, along with the requirement to wear polishable black school shoes. Please see our website for full [Uniform](#) details and visit our Uniform supplier [Schoolwear Solutions](#) if additional items are needed.

We have also reminded all pupils of our uniform requirements around jewellery and hair. If pupils are having piercings over the Easter break these will need to be removed (other than a single stud earring in each ear) by the start of next term. Therefore, it is very important to consider the length of time that any such jewellery needs to be left in place to ensure that this can be removed during the school day from the start of term. Any nail extensions and nail art will also need to be removed for the start of term

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.



Year 7 Parents Evening – Wednesday 27 April & Thursday 5 May

Due to an unprecedented demand for the Year 7 parents evening slots, we are aware that some parents have been unable to make all the appointments that you would like. We are delighted with the levels of support shown by parents and are now offering a second date of Thursday 5 May for an online evening as well as the current date of Wednesday 27 April, which will be face-to-face in the academy. You will now be able to make appointments for either the first OR second date and if you would like to transfer your appointments to 5 May, please cancel the original appointments and re-book on the new date. For people on the waiting list for 27 April appointments, these will be filled for you as appointments become available. Please only book one of the dates to allow as many parents to attend as possible. The link to our booking system is <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 8 Parents Evening – change of date

In order to ensure that there are sufficient places for all Year 8 parents who wish to attend, the Year 8 parents evening will now move to two dates (one online and one face-to-face). We will get full information out to all Year 8 parents straight after the Easter break.

26,000 free Easter holiday activity places available at 95 venues across Derbyshire

This Easter, Derbyshire County Council is providing 26,000 free holiday activity places at 80 venues across the county for local schoolchildren aged 5-16. The free sessions include a healthy meal at breakfast or lunchtime and seasonal activities, sports, craft clubs, drama, gardening and more. The sessions, available throughout the Easter holidays, are all free for families who claim benefit related free school meals. Places may also be available to children in other vulnerable

groups, including children with SEND, who are not currently in receipt of benefit related free school meals.

Places are available on a first come, first served basis, with a limited number available to any school age child living in the county. Sessions will run during both weeks of the Easter school holidays, starting from Monday 11 April.

To find out more about the activities on offer and details about venues, please visit our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities which lists the organisations taking part, dates and times of sessions and contact details.

For any further details, please contact our team by email: HAF.Enquiries@derbyshire.gov.uk.

In addition, children and families can find online activities and ideas for low-cost activities to take part in at home on the It's About Me website: <https://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk/>

Covid-19 guidance update

The Government and DfE have updated their guidance in relation to covid and isolation. Lateral flow tests are no longer freely available and asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. For children and young people aged 18 and under with a positive COVID-19 test result, the advice is to stay at home and isolate for 3 days.

Therefore, if your son/daughter has Covid-like symptoms you should make an assessment of how well they feel and if they have a temperature, in the same way that an assessment is made for all other illnesses that may keep a child off school. If you need any specific advice, please contact our Attendance Team on 01773 832331 or ehopewell@davidnieper.academy or billiard@davidnieper.academy

We will continue to follow all Government & DfE guidance.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Wednesday 27 April	Year 7 Parents Evening, 4-7pm, Main Hall
Thursday 5 May	Year 7 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, online
Monday 16 May to Tuesday 28 June	Year 11 & 13 Summer Examinations
Friday 1 July	Year 11 Leavers' Prom

Academic Year 2021/2022

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 27 June	INSET day – academy closed
Monday 20 to Friday 24 June	Year 10 & 12 Mock Examinations
Friday 22 July	Last day of term

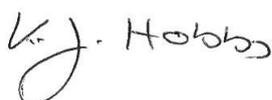
Academic Year 2022/2023

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.

Enjoy the Easter holidays.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher

Alfreton Craft Fair

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Bell
Ringing
Demonstrations

Free
entry!

Do you have a skill to share?

If you have a hobby, skill or interest you would like to share, or if you would like to learn new skills or start a new hobby please come along to our event.

All are welcome!

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