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6 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Outward Bound Residential Trip

This week two groups of our Year 8 & 9 pupils have visited Aberdovey in Wales, to take part in our Outward-Bound residential trip. They have had an amazing time and have taken part in various outdoor activities including canoeing, orienteering, raft building and abseiling.

It is important that young people experience learning outside of the classroom, and this trip has given them the opportunity to work as a team, building self-confidence and developing life-long skills.

Thank you to Mr Brankin who has organised the trip, and for the staff who have supported with this. Special thanks to Equip Outdoor Technologies UK Ltd for their wonderful support in sponsoring the trip enabling us to offer the opportunity to some of our pupils.

A full write-up from the trip will be included in our next edition of the academy Newsletter.



We are very much looking forward to our Enterprise week in July where all pupils will have the opportunity to work with a number of our employer partners and to take part in a range of activities, trips and/or events.

GCSE & A level Exams

We will be providing final information to all Year 11 and 13 students next week on the expectations and requirements for the GCSE and A level examinations. We will forward all information to parents and carers. Please do contact our examination team via email at examsofficer@davidnieper.academy if you have any questions or require further information.

Year 11 Leavers' Prom

This year's Prom takes place on Friday 1 July at Morley Hayes. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the end of the exams and the beginning of a new chapter for our students. A reminder that 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 27 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 leavers assembly will also take place on Friday 1 July at 9am in the academy. More information will follow.

Year 11 Photos

Tempest Photography will be visiting the academy on Friday 13 May to take year group photos and friendship group photos for our Year 11 students. Please see separate letter with full information which will be emailed home to all Year 11 Parents/Carers.

Traffic and start of the school day

There appears to be particularly heavy traffic in the Alfreton area at the moment. We would like to encourage pupils to walk to the academy if it is safe and practical for them to do so. However, if it is essential for children to be dropped off, please allow plenty of time for them to arrive at the academy by 8.30am. The academy site is open from very early in the morning and pupils are welcome to arrive and complete any homework or to read a book while waiting for the start of the school day. We are hoping that we can start to offer a breakfast service again in the near future.

Year 8 Parents Evening

If you have not already done so, please book appointments for the Year 8 Parent Evenings via our booking system <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The dates are either:

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

Early finish for staff training – Tuesday 17 May, 2pm

Please be reminded that on Tuesday 17 May, 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](#)

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/>

Upcoming Trips and Events

Tuesday 3 to Friday 13 May	Year 7 assessments
Tuesday 17 May	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, online
Monday 23 May	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-6pm, face-to-face
Monday 16 May to Tuesday 28 June	Year 11 & 13 Summer Examinations
Friday 1 July	Year 11 Leavers' Prom

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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

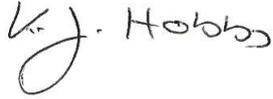
Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September
Monday 5 September

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@dauidnieper.academy and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'K'.

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher