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1 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Grease – The Musical & Matinee

Rydell High came to the academy on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, as 60 of our pupils put on a wonderful performance of 'Grease'. It was a delight to see so many pupils taking part and to have the treat of drama, singing and dancing throughout the whole show.

We were able to invite a group of Year 6 students from the local primaries to watch the matinee performance on Tuesday afternoon, and this was the first time our pupils had had the chance to have a full-dress rehearsal and calm any last-minute nerves before the main show.

Thank you to family and friends for buying tickets and supporting the evenings. Both evenings were a sell-out. A big thank you also to Miss Pell, Mrs Turner, Miss Gregory, Miss Rennie, Mr Dohan and Mr Cook who have worked tirelessly with our pupils to put on such a fantastic show. Well done to all pupils involved. A full write up of the evening will be in the next edition of our academy Newsletter which will be issued before the end of this term.



Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition – Wednesday 6 July 5-7pm

On the evening of Wednesday 6 July, 5-7pm, you are invited to attend our Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition. The evening is a fantastic showcase of items pupils have made during their subject lessons of Art and D&T. We do hope that you can visit the exhibition and look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Changes to the School Day – From Tuesday 28 June 2022

The changes to the school day have worked well and pupils have adapted to the new Key Stage 4 timetable with ease, together with the new brunch and lunch system

We will monitor things over the few weeks leading up to the summer holiday to trial the single day. We are embedding the changed lesson times for Year 7 & 8 and ensuring that everyone is happy with the choices to eat at **either** brunch **or** lunch. We do hope that pupils will enjoy the greater flexibility of eating times and that this will allow our queuing system to run effectively. Pupils can place a pre-order for any sandwich and cold items including the sandwich meal deal which can be ready for them at either brunch or lunch. This means that the food is ready and waiting at the required time and that there is then no need to queue for cold food. Order forms are available from 7.50am in the morning and also at brunch.

Please can we remind everyone that a breakfast service is now available, including low priced items such as toast. All pupils are welcome to join us for breakfast starting at 7.50am until 8.20am each morning.

These changes do not impact on our start time of 8.35am or our finish time of 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 2.50pm finish on a Friday. We are looking forward to a number of additional lunchtime clubs starting in September to work alongside the timings of the school day.

Year 10 & Year 12 mock exams

Well done to all of our Year 10 & 12 students who have now finished their mock exams; results will be shared in due course. They have approached the exams well and it has been a good way to experience the exam hall, the routines and expectations of external examinations ready for the final GCSE and A level exams.

Transition days

It was lovely to welcome children into the academy this week who will be joining us in September as new Year 7s. Their visit provided an opportunity for them to meet their peers, find their way around the academy and experience subject lessons. We look forward to welcoming them back during the summer holidays for the House Team building day on Friday 26th August and at the start of the new academic year.

Enterprise Week – 11 to 15 July

Our Enterprise Week is fast approaching, and we are busy finalising the arrangements for all of the activities and trips which will take place during the week. Year group letters have been emailed home which provide full details. Please do return any consent forms and pay any monies requested as soon as possible. It will be an amazing week. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the named member of staff on the individual letter for your child.

Lockers

A letter has been issued to all current pupils in Year 7 & 8 who currently have lockers to ask if they require their locker for next year. If they do not need a locker, then we will be able to refund the deposit and allocate this locker to another pupil for next year. As the Year 9 pupils move into Key Stage 4, we are requesting the return of their lockers. All Year 9 pupils with lockers have received a letter asking for the emptying of their locker and return of their key by Friday 8th July. The deposits will be refunded as soon as possible via the previous payment method.

Uniform / Shop

For our new Year 7 pupils who will join us in September, we have arranged for our uniform provider Schoolwear Solutions to be open between 4.30-7pm on both 26 July and 3 August, so items of uniform can be purchased ready for the start of the new academic year. The shop will also be open on 21 August between 10am-4pm, for all other year groups. All events are being held at the Schoolwear shop in Mansfield and booking is required.

Please visit their website to book your place <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>
Full details of our uniform can be found on our website
<https://davidnieper.academy/parents/>

School Ties - A reminder that all pupils should be wearing a tie of their house colour. This is an integral part of our uniform and our house system. New ties can be purchased at a cost of £6.99 from the Main Office. From Tuesday 28 June this will be on all ParentPay accounts to use as and when you require a new tie. Alternatively, cash can be sent to the Main Office.

If pupils come to school without their tie, they will need to borrow a plain blue one from the Main Office. From Tuesday 28 June, pupils will be asked to hand in an item such as their mobile phone or similar as a deposit. This will be kept safely in the Main Office and returned to them at the end of the day when they return the tie.

Enrichment Update

Please do keep checking our website for the latest enrichment opportunities which is updated weekly and can be found by clicking here [Enrichment Opportunities](#)

Upcoming Trips and Events

Monday 11 to Friday 15 July

Monday 18 July

Tuesday 19 July

Wednesday 20 July

Enterprise Week

Tutor Review Afternoon Year 7-10 & 12

(Pupils will depart the academy at 2pm)

Sports Day

Prize Giving

Academic Year 2021/2022

Friday 22 July

Last day of term

(Pupils will depart the academy at 2pm)

Academic Year 2022/2023

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September

Monday 5 September

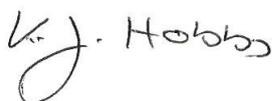
INSET – academy closed to all pupils

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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