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15 July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Enterprise Week – 11 to 15 July**

What an amazing week! The academy has been a hive of activity, with all pupils off normal timetable and taking part in Enterprise Week which offers a wide and varying range of challenges, trips and exciting new learning opportunities.

Our Year 7 pupils have enjoyed working on an extended project exploring the advertising and creative marketing industries, Year 8 pupils have experienced working towards a new marketable product which they then pitched to local employers, including a showcase of their work throughout the week, Year 9 have focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and have taken part in a range of different themed challenges and competitions, Year 10 have taken part in the World of Work, which has supported students with future career planning and employability skills and Year 12 have had the opportunity to think hard and experience different options for life after Sixth Form.

Trips out this week have included Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Universities of Nottingham, Leeds Beckett and Nottingham Trent, Go Ape and a reward day to the beach.

External visitors to the academy have included staff from the Army, the Grenadier Guards, Derbyshire Police, Owen Taylor & Sons Ltd, Equip UK, David Nieper Ltd, Futures Housing, Pentaxia and Bowmer & Kirkland. A big thank you to them all for supporting the academy and running projects with our pupils, who have thoroughly enjoyed the whole week.

Our A-level Geography students have visited the Blencathra Field Studies Council Centre, situated near Keswick in the Lake District. As part of the A-level Geography specification, all students are required to complete at least four days compulsory fieldwork. This fieldwork will support students in writing their coursework projects, worth 20% of their final A-level grade.

Enterprise week is very heavily subsidised to enable all pupils to access the trips, activities and events. Many thanks to all staff who have put in lots of hard work to make this week a wonderful success. A full report on the week will be included in the next edition of our Newsletter which will be issued before the end of term.





### **Blazers & Ties**

Due to the extreme weather predictions, pupils do not need to wear ties or blazers on Monday and Tuesday. All pupils must bring a bottle of water (no fizzy pop). Water is available in school but pupils will need a bottle to refill. This will be reviewed daily.

### **Tutor Review Afternoon face to face meeting – Monday 18 July, 2-6pm**

A reminder that our Tutor Review Afternoon takes place on Monday 18 July, between 2-6pm at the academy. All appointments can be booked via <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk> Please see the separate information letter about how to book appointments.

School will be finishing for all pupils at 2pm. Lunch will be provided before pupils leave site and school buses will arrive early. If your son/daughter is unable to leave the academy at this time, they are welcome to stay in our school Library until the end of the day. Please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) to inform us that they will remain in school.

This review meeting gives you the opportunity to meet with your son/daughter's form tutor or other member of staff to discuss your son/daughter's final report for the academic year including progress, assessment week results, attendance and attitude to learning in preparation for September 2022. Here you will also have the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns you have, ensuring your son/daughter makes a smooth start back to school after the summer break.

### **Sports day – Tuesday 19 July 2022**

On Tuesday 19 July we are hosting our annual House competition sports day for all pupils.

The weather is looking good, and we will speak to all pupils to remind them:

- To come to school in full PE kit and that they will stay in this for the day; House T-shirts will be provided.
- To bring **sunscreen/ water bottle** with a supply of water (water will be available to top up bottles if required) and a **sunhat**.
- Not to bring fizzy drinks or aerosols.
- They will be in lessons Period 5&6 so will need their resources for this.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Sports Day and House competition and to present this year's winning house with the academy Sports trophy. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend Sports Day but we will report on the event in our Newsletter.

*NB: Due to the current predicted heatwave, Sports Day may move to either Wednesday or Thursday next week, if the forecast for Tuesday continues to be very hot. We will confirm to pupils and parents/carers on Monday.*

### **Prize Giving – Wednesday 20 July**

This is a wonderful evening celebrating the achievements of our pupils. We look forward to welcoming invited pupils and parents on the evening. If you have not already done so, please kindly confirm your attendance to Mrs Hackett via email [mhackett@davidnieper.academy](mailto:mhackett@davidnieper.academy) as per your invitation letter. We ask that pupils wear academy uniform on the evening, with any current Year 11 and Sixth Form students asked to wear business attire.

## School lunches

We have been informed by Derbyshire County Council that it has been necessary to increase the cost of a school lunch to £2.60. This price increase will take effect from 1 September 2022.

## Lockers

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 before the end of this term. Lockers will be emptied and cleaned over the summer, so it is important that any belongings are collected early next week. The deposits will be refunded as soon as possible via the previous payment method.

Please remind pupils to return their locker key to Main Reception if they no longer wish to have a 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.

## 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/uniform-correct/>

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.



As you are looking ahead to purchasing any new uniform items for the new academic year please can we remind you that black, polishable school shoes are required. No trainers or trainer-type shoes will be allowed to be worn as part of our academy uniform. This will include both branded and unbranded versions. As guidance, we observe that boy's shoes tend to have a small heel, whereas trainers do not. In addition, any trousers or skirts must be dark grey, and skirts are pleated not straight.

If any parents/carers require any support with uniform please contact Mrs Gibson, in the Finance Office, via email [cgibson@davidnieper.academy](mailto:cgibson@davidnieper.academy) We also do have a number of second-hand items that are available for purchase at minimal cost, again please contact Mrs Gibson.

If pupils are having piercings over the summer holidays these will need to be removed (other than a single stud earring in each ear) by the start of next term. Therefore, if any additional piercings are planned 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.

### **Lost Property**

We continue to have a large amount of lost property in the academy. If items are named, we can return these to pupils very promptly. Unfortunately, many items, some very expensive, are not named. Please can all items of property and clothing be named. Any lost property is kept at reception.

### **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 18 July	Tutor Review Afternoon Year 7-10 & 12 (Pupils will depart the academy at 2pm)
Tuesday 19 July	Sports Day (date may change depending on the weather)
Wednesday 20 July	Prize Giving 5.30 for 6pm

### **Academic Year 2021/2022**

Friday 22 July	Last day of term (Pupils will depart the academy at 2pm)
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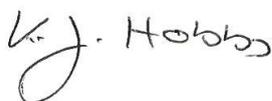
### **Academic Year 2022/2023**

Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September	INSET – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 5 September	All pupils return for the new academic year, Week A.

If we can help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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