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Dear Parents/Carers

End of Year

We have arrived at the end of the summer term, and the academic school year, with what has been another very busy and productive half-term. Our Sports Day, which was planned for Tuesday, had to move due to the extreme weather; this took place on Thursday and we are pleased to announce that Trent House won overall. Well done to all pupils and staff in the winning house and to everyone for taking part.

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Mrs Marie Garside CBE to our Prize Giving event, as keynote speaker. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate student successes, and we were able to hold the event outside – the rain held off for us, just!



Newsletter

The latest edition of our academy newsletter is now available for you to download from our website

<https://davidnieper.academy/newsletters/>

It has been another action-packed half-term, with lots of trips, events, and of course our wonderful Enterprise Week. We do hope you enjoy reading all about our student activities and achievements.

The Academy

David Nieper
ACADEMY

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End of year

It has been wonderful to have completed a full academic year with everyone face to face and the majority of our activities and events returning to usual. This Newsletter will give you a flavour of the very many things that we have completed alongside our studies this half-term.

It was a joy to watch the fantastic academy production of Grease which involved so many pupils from across the year groups. Well done to everyone who took part. We were also treated to the delight of a musical evening to show off the talents of our children taking music lessons and a Creative Arts and Design & Technology showcase evening where all of the children's recent work and GCSE work was displayed to great effect.



We have also continued to expand our employer links and have made links with Pentaxia in Derby, a Composite and Tooling manufacturer, along with A.I.M Commercial Services Ltd, a

transport and logistics company and we are continuing our work with Equip UK, a local employer who are supporting with our Outward Bound programme. We are looking forward to developing our working relationship with these companies over the next year.

Our employability work this half-term has included our Year 7's working with Alfreton Leisure Centre to create their own mini Olympics, as well as Year 5 pupils from our local primary and junior schools joining us for an Enterprise Week. All leading up to our fantastic Enterprise Week. Many activities had been scaled up and we saw over forty employers working with us over the week on a very wide range of activities, trips, visits and presentations. We are very grateful to everyone who has supported with Enterprise Week and as ever I am exceptionally grateful to my colleagues who work so hard to ensure that the week is as action packed and as productive as possible.

Sports day is one of my favourite days of the year. Despite the very variable weather, a great time was had by all. It is always wonderful to see everyone supporting each other to take part, earn House Points and also to break academy records. Well done.

We were delighted that Mrs Marie Garside CBE, one of our founding Trustees, was able to join us as our keynote speaker and to present the prizes at our annual Prize Giving. We realised last year that an outside Prize Giving using our amphitheatre works very well and we took the decision to continue this tradition. Mrs Garside gave an interesting talk and took the time to speak to many pupils, parents and staff during the course of the evening.

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Student Leaders

We are delighted to announce our Year 11 student leaders for September, as below.

Heads: William Saxton & Rachel Nash

Deputies:

Andrei Pana, Konrad Frydel, Aimee Farrow & Leonie Tissie

Student Leaders:

Lyndan Keeling

Corey Walker

Ella-Louise Hare

Ophix Lofley

Alfie Cooper

Oliver Wakefield

Hannah Minshull

Adesope Adegoke

Mille Hemsley

Edie Preston

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 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.

Academic Year 2022/2023

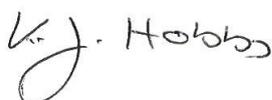
Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September
Monday 5 September

INSET – academy closed to all pupils
All pupils return for the new academic year,
to a Week A timetable

If we can help or support in any way over the summer, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email info@davidnieper.academy which is being monitored during the holidays or call the academy on (01773) 832331.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher