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Dear Parents/Carers

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

We are very much looking forward to our Enterprise Week which takes place next week. Final arrangements have been made and it will be a very busy week, with all pupils off timetable taking part in lots of interesting and exciting activities and trips. Please ensure that pupils do bring a water bottle and sun cream/hat, as the weather forecast for the week is very warm. Please see the individual year group letters for the itinerary of events for each day. Any outstanding consent letters and payments must be made ASAP to ensure that all trips can get off to a prompt start. If you have any queries please contact the named person on the year group letter or [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy)

We look forward to reporting on the wonderful events of the week in our next edition of the Newsletter which will be issued before the end of summer term.

### **Creative Arts and D&T Exhibition – Wednesday 6 July**

On Wednesday evening we held our Arts and D&T Exhibition. The evening was a fantastic showcase of items pupils have made during their subject lessons of Art and D&T along with a display of our dance group. The displays were amazing and our pupils have clearly worked very hard during their lessons to create some wonderful items. The standard of pupil work was very high and it was lovely to see parents looking at their children's work with great pride.

A big thank you to staff who helped put the exhibition together, especially to Mrs Thorpe and the Technology faculty. Thank you also to the pupils who stayed behind to help and support and to our dancers who put on a wonderful display throughout the evening.

### **Musical Showcase – Thursday 7 July**

A massive thank you to Miss Pell, Miss Rennie and our singing teacher Mrs Radford for putting together last night's musical showcase. The pupils (and staff!) did a fantastic job during their performances. It was great to see some of the usual faces, alongside those who were taking to the stage for the first time. Another great event.

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

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.

### **Lockers**

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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> July. The deposits will be refunded as soon as possible via the previous payment method.

### **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 **sun screen/ 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.

### **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.



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 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

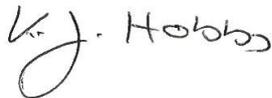
INSET – academy closed to all pupils

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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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