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23 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that we now have over 50 extra-curricular clubs and activities running at lunchtime and after school. Please see the timetable later on in this letter, which will be updated with some additional clubs next week. I am also exceptionally pleased that our Sixth Formers are taking leadership roles and helping to run and organise a number of our clubs. The expectation is that every pupil will attend at least one club on a weekly basis, however, pupils are free to join as many as they would like. Reward points will be allocated for attendance. Please do talk with your son/daughter about which clubs they would like to join. If you have any queries about our extra-curricular programme please contact either Mrs Speed [lspeed@davidnieper.academy](mailto:lspeed@davidnieper.academy) or Miss Perry [fperry@davidnieper.academy](mailto:fperry@davidnieper.academy)

### **Geography Fieldtrip**

All Year 11 GCSE geographers visited Nottingham earlier in the week for their compulsory fieldtrip as part of their studies. They collected data for their study of "Dynamic Urban Areas" in the Meadows and West Bridgford areas. Students will be examined in their final exams on their fieldwork projects based around this trip.

### **Year 7 & 12 – ‘Coffee & chat’, Monday 26 September, 4-5pm**

On Monday 26 September our Year 7 & Year 12 Parents/Carers are invited to attend our drop-in 'coffee & chat' session which will take place in the Dining Hall at the academy. The session starts at 4pm and will finish by 5pm. This is an opportunity to meet with and hear from our Year 7 and Year 12 tutors and members of the Senior Leadership Team, to discuss how your child is settling into their new year group, and to discuss any issues. To confirm your attendance please email [jshephard@davidnieper.academy](mailto:jshephard@davidnieper.academy)

### **Year 10 & 11 Art & Design – Yorkshire Sculpture Park**



On Tuesday 27 September, our Year 10 & 11 GCSE Art students will visit Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where they will be able to gather research toward their coursework and spend the day walking around the park, touring the grounds and galleries to view sculptures and artwork, collecting photographic evidence, sketches, and making notes along the way.

The opportunity will also allow them to understand the subject area as well as highlighting potential career pathways within art and design.

### **Year 5/6 - Open Evening – Wednesday 28 September, 4.30-6.30pm**

We look forward to welcoming families to the academy on Wednesday for guided tours of our wonderful academy building and to view subject workshops. Please email [jshephard@davidnieper.academy](mailto:jshephard@davidnieper.academy) to book an appointment (limited spaces available).

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

In support of the fantastic work Macmillan Cancer Support provide, we are organising a House Competition bake-off where pupils can bake cakes, cupcakes, cookies and other wonderful bakes, and bring into school on Friday 30 September. Cake sales will take place at brunch and lunch on the day after judging of the House prizes. All monies raised are for this worthwhile charity. Thank you for your support.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE MORNING**

## Early finish for staff training – Monday 10 October, 2pm

Please be reminded that on Monday 10 October, 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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see below our schedule for lunchtime clubs and after school extra-curricular activities.

Lunchtime:

### Monday

Netball
Girls Active Leaders
DNA Voices
Film Club
Year 9 Dance Club
Card Games
Maths Through Stories

### Tuesday

KS3 Boys Football
Benchball KS4
Quiet activities (Reading, art etc)
School Band
Archeology Club
Year 8 Dance Club
Maths Challengers
Harry Potter club

### Wednesday

Volleyball
Musical Theatre
Horse Care
Year 7 Halloween Masks
Science club
Acting for Television

### Thursday

Football Y10 and 11
Benchball Y7 and 8
Samba Band
Year 7 Dance Club
Maths of Sports

### Friday

Friday Club (Invite only)
Girls Football
Year 10 Dance Club
Boomwhacker Band
Creative Writing
Computer Club
Maths Murder Mystery
Pom Poms
CAD CAM CLUB (Y8,9)

After school:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Music	Rock band	School Production	Composition Club
Girls Football	DofE Bronze	Sports club	DofE Silver
	DNA Dance Company		Sweat Fest
	Girls Sport		Indoor Hockey

## Academy uniform

We are very proud of how our pupils look in their academy uniform and for our Sixth Form their dress in business wear. The start of the new academic year is the ideal time to ensure that all pupils arrive to the academy dressed correctly. We have reminded all pupils about our uniform expectations, including the need to have dark grey school trousers/ or pleated skirt, along with the requirement to wear the correct school shoes. Expectations around piercings, jewellery, hair and nails have also been spoken about.



Please see our website for full [Uniform](#) details and visit our Uniform supplier [Schoolwear Solutions](#) to order any items needed. Please can we ask that all PE kit and uniform are labelled with pupil names. This will allow us to promptly return any lost items. Please contact us if you require any help or support with uniform issues.

Our uniform expectations are an important part of academy life and culture, and we thank you for your support with this.

## Mobile Phones

A reminder that mobile phones are not to be used on the academy site by pupils in Years 7-11 (this includes the outside areas at the beginning and end of the school day). Devices must be switched off and kept in lockers/school bags. If mobiles are used during the day they will be confiscated and kept in the main office, which pupils may collect at the end of the school day.

Our Mobile Phone and Electronic Device policy is available on our website for download. Click here to view the [Policy](#)

## Dates for the diary

Monday 26 September	Year 7 & 12 coffee & chat, 4-5pm
Tuesday 27 September	Year 10 & 11 Art & Design, Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Wednesday 28 September	Year 5/6 Open Evening, 4.30-6.30pm
Friday 30 September	Macmillan House bake-off competition
Monday 10 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm
Wednesday 12 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
24-28 October	Half-term holidays
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of term

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Hobbs". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher