

16 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Monday 19 September

The State Funeral of Her Majesty The Queen will take place at Westminster Abbey on Monday 19 September. The day will be a Bank Holiday and the academy will be closed. We will reopen as usual on Tuesday 20 September.

Mr White led our assemblies this week remembering and celebrating the life of Her Majesty the Queen.

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

On Wednesday 28 September, the academy will be holding an Open Evening to give Parents/Carers of Year 5/6 children the opportunity to visit our fantastic academy. The evening will include tours of the academy by members of staff, together with interactive subject displays and workshops. To attend on the evening appointments can be booked by emailing Mrs Shephard jshephard@davidnieper.academy (last appointment 6pm). Please do let your friends and family know about this evening.

Road Safety

Can we please ask that Parents/Carers and visitors to the academy do not park on the double yellow lines on Grange Street. It is a busy road, especially at the start and end of the school day, and traffic congestion is becoming a problem. We want to keep everyone safe and your support with this is appreciated.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted with the number and range of clubs that are on offer this half-term. Many thanks to all staff for putting these on. We have also been delighted with the number of pupils choosing to attend the clubs. 72 pupils attended the Friday club, one of only nine clubs on offer this lunchtime. The intention is that every pupil takes part in at least one club (and could even take part in one each day!) 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 or Miss Perry fperry@davidnieper.academy

Please see below our schedule for lunchtime clubs and after school extra-curricular activities. Students have made an excellent start and rewards will be handed out to those who have attended the most sessions.

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](#)

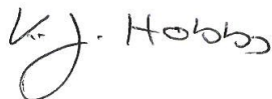
Dates for the diary

Tuesday 20 September	GCSE Geography fieldtrip
Monday 26 September	Year 7 & 12 coffee & chat, 4-5pm (Separate letter to follow)
Wednesday 28 September	Year 5/6 Open Evening, 4.30-6.30pm
Monday 10 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm (further details to follow)
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 and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher