

12 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Welcome back

I hope you and your families have all enjoyed the recent good weather and a lovely summer. It was wonderful to welcome back all pupils to the start of the new academic year. In my first assembly of the year, I took the opportunity to explain to the pupils how proud I am to be the Headteacher of David Nieper Academy and how proud I am of the work of our academy and our amazing pupils. This year we are expanding even further the range and number of extra curricula activities and clubs that we have running at lunchtime. Clubs will be advertised via tutor notices as well as on the TV screens around the academy. We have also included the initial timetable in this weekly letter. We are looking forward to as many pupils as possible taking up these opportunities. We will keep you informed of all activities as more are added. Please do encourage your child to take up at least one new activity (and could even be one each day if they would like to!) I am very grateful to Mrs Speed and Miss Perry for leading on our extra curricula activities and to all staff who are running our clubs.

As the academy continues to grow, we have welcomed a number of new staff for the September start and will share full details of who has joined our team in the next edition of our half-termly Newsletter.

### Pupil briefing



Both first thing in a morning and after lunch, all Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 & 5 pupils' join together in tutor groups for a briefing prior to attending tutor time. This allows us to meet together, share key messages and notices and ensure that all pupils are equipped for learning, in the correct uniform and ready to engage with their lessons. These briefings proved to be very successful last week and have allowed for a very positive start to the morning and afternoon sessions. It is lovely to be able to meet as larger groups and for all staff and pupils to share in these daily briefings.

### Canopy

During the summer, the installation of our new canopy on the front quad took place. The canopy provides outdoor seating for our pupils and has created a really useful extra space; the pupils are already making good use of it.

Brunch and lunch times have gone smoothly, even though we now have an additional 100 pupils in the academy this year. Thank you to all pupils for helping us to make this happen. Please remind pupils that 'Grab & Go' bags are available to order for both brunch and lunchtimes. This means that pupils can pre-order a sandwich which will be ready for them at their chosen time of brunch or lunch and will mean that pupils do not need to queue for their lunch.



## Extra co-curricular

Please see below our initial schedule for lunchtime clubs and after school extra-curricular activities. Contact Mrs Speed via [lspeed@davidnieper.academy](mailto:lspeed@davidnieper.academy) if you need any further information.

Lunchtime:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Netball	Harry Potter club	Volleyball	Football Y10 and 11	Friday Sports (Invite only)
Girls Active Leaders	Running Club	Musical Theatre	Benchball Y7 and 8	Year 10 Dance Club
DNA Voices	Quiet activities	Horse Care	Samba Band	Boomwhacker Band
Film Club	School Band	Year 7 Halloween Masks	Acting for Television	Creative Writing
Year 9 Dance Club	Archeology Club	Practical science club	Year 7 Dance Club	Computer Club
Fun Card Games	Year 8 Dance Club		Maths of Sports	Maths Murder Mystery
Maths Through Stories	Maths Challengers			Pom Pom making
				Computer Aided Technology

After school:

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

## Summer School

During the summer we invited our new Year 7 pupils into the academy for a House Day, which provided an opportunity of meeting their peers and getting to know their way around the academy. They all took part in lots of activities, which included a climbing wall and archery. They were all very excited about starting secondary school and it has been wonderful to welcome them into Year 7.

## 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](#)

### **Pastoral Support Managers**

Each year group is supported by one of our Pastoral Support Managers:

Year 7	Mrs Sheridan	<a href="mailto:hsheridan@davidnieper.academy">hsheridan@davidnieper.academy</a>
Year 8 & 9	Miss Fullylove	<a href="mailto:efullylove@davidnieper.academy">efullylove@davidnieper.academy</a>
Year 10	Mr Artliff	<a href="mailto:sartliff@davidnieper.academy">sartliff@davidnieper.academy</a>
Year 11, 12 & 13	Mrs Howard	<a href="mailto:lhoward@davidnieper.academy">lhoward@davidnieper.academy</a>

Please do not hesitate to contact them if they can provide any information or support.

### **No-smoking site**

Please be reminded that the academy building and grounds are a no-smoking area and all visitors to site must adhere to this.

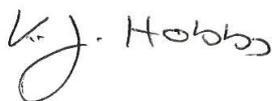
### **Dates for the diary**

Tuesday 20 September	GCSE Geography fieldtrip
Monday 26 September	Year 7 & 12 coffee & chat, 4-5pm (Separate letter to follow)
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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

We are looking forward to another successful academic year at David Nieper Academy.

Yours faithfully



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