

30 September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Ofsted Inspectors visited the academy, our previous inspection taking place in May 2019. We were delighted to have the opportunity to show off our wonderful academy, pupils, and staff. It was great to see pupils keen to show and discuss their work with inspectors and to hear how proud they were of their work, clubs and the academy. May I take the opportunity to thank all of you who completed the parental questionnaire, your feedback is very important to the inspection process. It was lovely to see on Parent View such positive feedback about the work of the academy and the development of the academy since we opened in 2016.

We will share the final judgement with you as soon as the report is published. This is likely to be just after half-term.

Bake-off for Macmillan Cancer Support

What an amazing array of cakes and goodies our pupils baked for our house competition bake-off in support of Macmillan. We had an amazing selection of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cheesecakes, tray bakes, scones and so much more.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING

We raised in the region of £500 on the day. Our showstopping prize winning cakes are shown below and we will share more details of our bake-off in the next edition of the academy Newsletter.

Well done and thank you to all pupils who baked in support of this worthwhile cause. Our prize winners are....



1st Prize
Erewash
Grace Gregory-Rhodes



2nd Prize
Erewash
Amelia Vardy



3rd Prize
Trent
Amelia Meakin



4th Prize
Lathkill
Harry Jones



5th Prize
Wye
Evie Collyer



6th Prize
Derwent
Daniel Hall



Erewash
Max Ingham



Joint 7th Prize
Trent
Dolcie Munnely

Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening & Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 12 October

On Wednesday 12 October 5-7pm we will be holding our Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening and Sixth Form Open Evening.

The GCSE revision session will provide parents and pupils with practical advice on how to approach the final year of GCSEs and how parents can support and encourage throughout the year. We are aware that GCSEs are a demanding time for students and for parents. During the evening we will be presenting a number of revision strategies in order to consider how revision can be made into an active and regular event.

As part of this event we will also be discussing Post-16 destinations and will be holding our Sixth Form Open Evening which gives current Year 11 students the opportunity to find out about the exciting A-level and BTEC courses which are on offer for enrolment in September 2023.

Our new prospectus will be available on the night, detailing further the courses available which have the potential to open doors in a variety of career paths. All courses include the opportunity for employer engagement which allow students to apply their learning in a real-world context.

Year 11 pupils at other schools are very welcome to join us on this evening. Full details will be on the website or please contact Mr Dixon cdixon@davidnieper.academy

We are looking forward to welcoming all Year 11 parents to this important evening. We will also be running our Revision Evening prize draw for all Year 11 attendees – more information to follow in the invite letters that will be sent to all Year 11 families.

Year 7 & 12 – ‘Coffee & chat’

Thank you to those Parents/Carers who joined us on Monday evening to meet with our Year 7 & 12 tutors. It was an opportunity to discuss how pupils are settling in and ensuring they have a positive start to academy life.

Year 5/6 - Open Evening

It was wonderful to welcome so many families to the academy on Wednesday evening, to tour the building and meet our staff. We have had some lovely feedback and visitors enjoyed the experience of touring our fabulous facilities and seeing our displays and workshops in each of the subject faculties. Many thanks to the David Nieper Academy pupils who stayed behind to help with the catering, tours and with the subject displays – you were a credit to the academy. We take great pride in our academy and welcome all admission applications.

Laptops – Year 7

If parents wish to borrow a laptop to support their child's learning at home, please contact Mr Endacott cendacott@davidnieper.academy or Mr Shepherd dshepherd@davidnieper.academy who will be able to arrange this for you.

Bus Service 150

We have been informed by Derbyshire County Council that there will be some local bus changes from Sunday 2nd October 2022 and this includes the 150 local bus service to David Nieper Academy. Timings remain the same.

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 if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

Year 7 – Megazone Laser Tag, Derby

A reminder that all consent forms and monies for the Year 7 trips to Megazone in Derby need to be returned by Wednesday 12 October. Please return forms to form tutors and pay via ParentPay. This activity is House based and so will be accompanied by Heads of House and by Form Tutors. Please see the trip letter for full details. The dates are as follows:

- Monday 17 October, Erewash and Wye
- Tuesday 18 October, Amber and Derwent
- Thursday 20 October, Lathkill and Trent

Lost property

To enable us to return any items of lost property, it is important that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled with pupil names. Lost items can be collected from the Main Office.

Coats

As the weather is now turning colder, we recommend that pupils bring a coat or rain jacket to school. Pupils are also welcome to wear a David Nieper Academy jumper under their blazer. Hoodies under or over blazers do not form any part of our uniform and are required to be removed prior to entering the building, therefore we recommend that pupils do not bring hoodies to school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are delighted that we now have over 50 extra-curricular clubs and activities running at lunchtime and after school. Please see the timetable below. 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 or Miss Perry fperry@davidnieper.academy

Lunchtime clubs:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Netball | KS3 Boys Football | Volleyball | Year 10 & 11 Football | Friday Club |
| DNA Voices | Bench ball | Musical Theatre | Year 7 & 8 Bench ball | Girls Football |
| Film Club | Quiet activities | Creative Writing | Samba Band | Year 10 Dance Club |
| Year 9 Dance Club | School Band | Horse Care | Year 7 Dance Club | Boom whacker Band |
| Card Games | Archaeology Club | Year 7 Halloween Masks | Maths of Sports | Art Club |
| Maths through Stories | Year 8 Dance Club | Science Club | | Computer Club |
| | Maths Challengers | Acting for Television | | Maths Murder Mystery |
| | Harry Potter Club | | | Pom Poms |
| | | | | Model Making – Architecture Club |
| | | | | Chess Club |

After school clubs:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| Music | Rock Band | School Production | Composition Club |
| | DofE Bronze | Sports Club | DofE Bronze |
| | DNA Dance Company | | Sweat Fest |
| | Girls Sports | | Indoor Hockey |

Dates for the diary

Monday 10 October

Wednesday 12 October

24-28 October

Wednesday 21 December

Early finish for pupils at 2pm

Year 11 GCSE Revision Evening & Sixth Form Open Evening 5-7pm

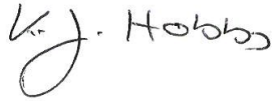
Half-term holidays

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr K Hobbs'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher