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14 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We were pleased to welcome our Year 11 students to the GCSE Revision Evening & Sixth Form Open Evening which was held on Wednesday. On arrival our Year 11 students each received a raffle ticket, and one lucky winner won the prize of a £100 Amazon voucher.

A presentation was held in the Main Hall where we shared with parents and carers the upcoming events and opportunities planned to support our Year 11 pupils towards success in their final exams. Additionally, the evening provided the opportunity to speak with the Sixth Form team, academy staff and find out about the exciting A-level and BTEC courses which are on offer for enrolment in September 2023. If you would like more information about the Sixth Form, please see our website and contact

[sixthform@davidnieper.academy](mailto:sixthform@davidnieper.academy)



### **Parent Local Governor**

We currently have two vacancies for the post of Parent Local Governor and the term of office is 4 years. Nicola Bettison, one of our current Parent Governors, is eligible to re-stand for a second term and will be seeking re-election. A separate letter has been sent to all parents/carers via email today which provides full details. Nominations are now open, and applications should be submitted to Mrs Hackett, [mhackett@davidnieper.academy](mailto:mhackett@davidnieper.academy) by Friday 4 November 2022.

### **Year 13 UCAS**

On Thursday we held a UCAS/Application evening which provided an opportunity for parents/carers to find out more information about the UCAS process and deadlines. The evening also provided an opportunity to discuss apprenticeships and other post-18 destinations with our Sixth Form members of staff.

If students have any questions about Sixth Form or need further support with the application process please contact Mr Dixon, via email [cdixon@davidnieper.academy](mailto:cdixon@davidnieper.academy)

### **The Lion King – Residential trip to London**



A group of 40 Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to visit London this week, to watch the West End performance of The Lion King, at the Lyceum Theatre. During their trip they also visited Buckingham Palace and The Victoria and Albert Museum, where they were able to explore the Theatre and Performance collection, which includes dance, drama, music and set design artifacts. They had dinner at Pizza Express before heading to the theatre to watch the show. Day two included a visit to Covent Garden and a sightseeing tour of the capital. A full report will be included in the next edition of our Newsletter. It was an amazing experience, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their trip. They were a credit to the academy. Thank you to the staff who organised and led this wonderful trip.

## David Nieper Academy Family Support Update

David Nieper Academy work hard to provide Early Help to families in our community. Mr Matthews is the academy's Family Support Manager and is happy to provide support and advice to families that may need extra help. We recognise that currently we as a community are facing difficult times with rising energy bills and the cost of living. We want to make sure that our families are aware of the support that is available in our community. Mr Matthews has developed a good relationship with local foodbanks and charities to be able to support those in need. If any of our families feel they would like a discussion or need support, then please contact a member of our pastoral team or Mr Matthews directly [bmatthews@davidnieper.academy](mailto:bmatthews@davidnieper.academy) We have included some links below that may provide useful information for you.

Cost of living - Derbyshire County Council <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living/cost-of-living.aspx>

Derbyshire Directory for support <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/derbyshire-directory/welcome-to-the-derbyshire-directory.aspx>

## Vacancies

As the academy continues to grow, so do our staffing requirements. Vacancies are always shown on our website <https://davidnieper.academy/about-us/vacancies/> Please do share with family and friends if you know someone who may be interested in joining us.

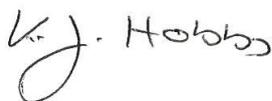
## Dates for the diary

Saturday 15 October	Duke of Edinburgh practice walk
24-28 October	Half-term holidays
Monday 31 October	All pupils return
Wednesday 9 November	Year 11 Parents Evening – separate letter to follow
Monday 14 November	Early finish for all pupils due to staff training – 2pm depart
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of term
Monday 9 January 2023	All pupils return

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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Headteacher