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14 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy and productive half-term. We have been delighted at how quickly our new Year 7 pupils and Sixth Form students have settled into the academy. It has been lovely to see our new routines and systems such as our morning and afternoon briefings being embedded and seeing the positive impact that these are having on the running of the academy. We were very proud to be able to show all of the amazing work at our academy to the Ofsted team that joined us. We are still waiting to receive the final report from Ofsted and will share this with you as soon as we can. The next edition of our academy newsletter will be issued during the first week back after the half-term holiday. It will be packed full of articles and photos, showcasing the events and activities which have taken place this half-term, including our co and extra-curricular clubs. We look forward to sharing this with you.

I wish everyone a restful half-term break. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 31 October 2022 – when we return to a Week B timetable.

DNA Voices

Alfreton Male Voice Choir presents the Power of Music with guests Alfreton Treble Clef Choir and DNA Voices, here at the academy on Saturday 22 October, 7pm. Our choir are very much looking forward to taking part in the event and thank you to Miss Pell who has been working hard with the pupils in preparation.

Duke of Edinburgh

On Saturday Mr Nolan organised a practice Duke of Edinburgh day walk as part of the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. The objective of the walk was to check map reading and navigation skills of the groups in the field, and ready students with experience of walking as a group before their final expedition in Spring 2023.

The weather was kind and students were able to explore the rural surrounding areas of West Alfreton, including South Wingfield, Oakerthorpe and Crich, in glorious sunshine. Well done to everyone who took part.



Laser Tag

Our Year 7 students went on an exciting trip to Megazone in Derby this week, which is a futuristic laser tag game played in a themed multi-level playing arena, which includes a labyrinth, maze and smoke swirls. All pupils had a wonderful time and enjoyed their house-based activity. Thank you to Miss Perry for organising the trip and to our Heads of House and Form tutors who accompanied them.

Alfreton Town Council – Litter Pick



Tomorrow there will be a litter pick in Alfreton, 10am by the TA/RAF cadet hut and the Green. We do hope that as many people as possible are able to take part in support of this great initiative.

Remembrance Day



As has now become a tradition in the academy, we will be holding our Remembrance assemblies during the week of 7 November, which all pupils will attend. Year 7 & 12 will be handed a poppy pin to keep, and other pupils will be able to buy a poppy from Main Reception, in support of the Royal British Legion. We would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to wear a poppy, either the poppy pin presented by the academy in previous years or by giving a small donation for a poppy. As usual pupils from David Nieper Academy will be taking part in the Alfreton Town Remembrance Parade and service. Further details to follow.

Parent Local Governor

A reminder that we have two vacancies for the post of Parent Local Governor and the deadline for nominations is Friday 4 November. Please address applications for the attention of Mrs Hackett, or send via email to mhackett@davidnieper.academy

Academy uniform

Please can we remind everyone that full uniform is required for our return after half-term. This will include our usual academy expectations around piercings, jewellery, hair and nails. There will not be time for any new piercings to heal before we return to school so, please wait until the summer holidays. We are very proud of how our pupils look in their academy uniform and our Sixth Form in their business wear. 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.



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.

Dates for the diary

24-28 October	Half-term holidays
Monday 31 October	All pupils return, Week B timetable
Tuesday 1 November	Yorkshire Sculpture Park GCSE Art trip– see separate letter
Wednesday 9 November	Year 11 Parents Evening – see separate letter
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 and a member of staff will be in touch.

Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to the academy on Monday 31 October, which will be a Week B timetable.

Yours faithfully

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher