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11 November 2022



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Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance Assemblies

This week our year group assemblies have reflected on Remembrance Day. Year 7 & 12 pupils were offered the 2022 poppy pins and we were able to observe a two-minute silence as part of our Remembrance. Thank you to Jocelyn Trow in Year 8 who played The Last Post & Reveille on the cornet beautifully at each assembly and to Matthew Alexander, Year 12, who recited In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

As always, the pupils showed a tremendous amount of respect throughout the assemblies.

A small group of pupils will be taking part in the Alfreton town Remembrance Parade on Sunday, where we will be able to lay our poppy wreath on behalf of the academy.

Parent Local Governor

Official ballot papers on coloured paper have been sent home to all parents/carers, together with a letter explaining the process and including a copy of the personal statements from our 4 candidates. The deadline for completion and return of ballot papers is 12 noon Friday 25 November. The ballot box is in main reception. Results will be shared with you after the official count.

Early Finish for staff training – Monday 14 November, 2pm

Please be reminded that on Monday 14 November, 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 child to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please email info@davidnieper.academy if your child will remain in the academy.

Year 11 Parents Evening – Online, Monday 14 November, 4-5.30pm

Thank you to all Year 11 Parents who attended the Parents Evening on Wednesday evening. Our online event takes place on Monday 14 November, where appointments will be held between 4pm-5.30pm. To book your appointments with staff, please visit our online booking system via <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Online Safety Briefing – 15 November, 4-5pm

On Tuesday 15 November, we are holding an Online Safety Briefing, between 4-5pm. The local Police will be supporting the event and will be able to provide advice for parents with issues around online safety. It is a great opportunity to ask questions and seek advice and you are all welcome to attend. To confirm your attendance please email Mr Matthews bmatthews@davidnieper.academy

Year 10 Parents Evening - Thursday 24 & Monday 28 November

Our Year 10 Parents Evenings will take place on 24 and 28 November – a separate letter has been sent home to Year 10 Parents/Carers with full information. Please log onto our online booking system to book your appointments if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your support.

- Thursday 24 November Held face-to-face in the Main Hall from 4pm-6pm
- Monday 28 November Held online from 3.45pm-5.15pm

School of Rock – Auditions

For this year's School Musical, we will be performing the amazing "School of Rock" from 27-29 June 2023. Our Workshop Auditions will take place on Wednesday 23 November and posters will be displayed around the academy. Please encourage your child to take part in the auditions, which are open to all students across Years 7-10.

Newsletter



The latest edition of our Newsletter is now available.

We have been very busy during the last half-term and we do hope that you enjoy reading about all of the wonderful events and activities which have taken place. Click [here](#) to visit our website to download the Newsletter.

We have used this addition to showcase some of our many extra curricula activities. We are delighted that so many pupils have written contributions to the Newsletter. Thank you.

Many thanks as always to all members of staff who organise and support these amazing trips and events.

Academy uniform

Please can we remind everyone that full uniform is required at all times. This includes our usual academy expectations around piercings, jewellery, hair and nails. 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.

Coats

As the weather becomes more inclement as we head towards the winter months, please encourage your child to wear a warm, waterproof coat. Please ensure that this is also labelled with your child's name to help us return items when they are lost.

Dates for the diary

Monday 14 November

Early finish for all pupils, 2pm depart

Year 11 Parents Evening, online appointments 4-5.30pm

Tuesday 15 November

Online Safety Briefing, 4-5pm

Wednesday 23 November

'School of Rock' auditions

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.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher