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18 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another busy week of activities in and around the academy.

Duke of Edinburgh

Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award students took part in another practice walk around rural Alfreton on Saturday, further developing their map reading and navigation skills. They are now very much looking forward to their residential expedition which will take place in the Spring. Thank you to our staff and volunteers who supported the walk.

Remembrance Parade

We were proud once again to take part in the Alfreton town Remembrance Parade on Sunday. A group of our Year 11 Student leaders and Year 7 pupils took part in the parade and our Head Girl and Head Boy laid our poppy wreath on behalf of the academy. We then joined with others at the Service of Remembrance at St Martin's church.

It was lovely to see so many people from the local community supporting this wonderful remembrance event for the armed forces and their families. Thank you to the pupils who took part, they were a credit to the academy.



NHS visit the academy



We were delighted to welcome members of the NHS Dementia team to the academy this week, to launch our next Enterprise project. The project gives our Year 8 students the opportunity to learn all about the role of a dementia nurse and associated careers.

Our students are now designing their own 'distraction box' to be used with patients experiencing dementia.

We are very grateful to be able to work so closely with the NHS and thank them for visiting the academy.

Year 5 Art Day

We welcomed a group of Year 5 children from Leys, Shirland, South Wingfield, Stonebroom and Woodbridge Junior Schools to the academy today, for an art day. They were very creative and enjoyed making decorative tiles out of clay and wonderful blow fish. Thank you to Miss Bingham who organised the session.



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.

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

Alfreton Town Christmas Lights Switch On – Saturday 26 November

A group of our students will be taking part in the Christmas lights switch on which takes place on Saturday. Entertainment is taking place in and around Alfreton during the day and our students will be performing at the following times:

12:45-13:15 School Band – Inside the Market Hall. (Institute Lane)

13:30-14:00 David Nieper Academy Voices – High Street, around the Christmas tree

14:30-15:00 KS4 Pupil Showcase – Main Stage at Alfreton Town Hall (opposite Costa)

We do hope that you are able to join in with the festivities. Thank you to Mrs Harrison who has rehearsed with our students and will be there on the day.

Parent Local Governor

A reminder that the deadline for completion and return of ballot papers is 12 noon on Friday 25 November. The ballot box is in main reception. Results will be shared with you after the official count.

Behaviour

As you are aware from our behaviour policy and home school agreement, afterschool detentions are issued to students who do not adhere to our Academy expectations and to ensure a fair and consistent approach to this there will be no exemptions from the afterschool detention system.

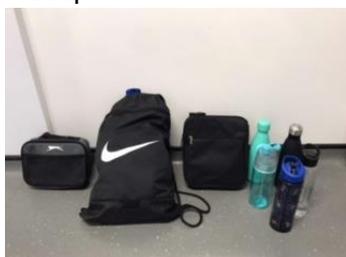
In line with the Department for Education, schools have no legal obligation to inform parents/carers that their child is being kept back after school for a detention. Nor do schools need the consent of a parent/carer to issue and detain a student for an afterschool detention.

However, as an academy, we have made the decision to continue to notify parents/carers that their child has been entered for a detention by contacting you directly at least 48 hours prior to the detention and also sending a text message reminder so alternative arrangements can be made to collect your child from school. Contact will continue to be made via email regarding any breach of our behaviour policy, or by telephone if your child has received more than a C3 (30-minute afterschool detention).

We understand that after-school detentions can sometimes be an inconvenience to parents/carers, however they are an integral part of the behaviour system, and as such we urge parents/carers to encourage their children to adhere to the rules and expectations of the academy, so that ultimately, they are not issued with a detention.

Lost Property

We continue to have a large collection of lost property items in school which are not named – see sample images below. Please remind your child that lost items can be collected from Main Reception.



Please label items with student names so they may be promptly returned to their rightful owners. Any items which are not collected by the end of this term will be donated to charity during the Christmas holidays.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 23 November

'School of Rock' auditions

Thursday 24 & Monday 28 November

Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday 25 November, 12 noon

Deadline for return of completed Parent Governor ballot papers

Saturday 26 November

Alfreton Lights Christmas lights switch on

Wednesday 14 December

Christmas Concert (more details to follow)

Wednesday 21 December

Last day of term

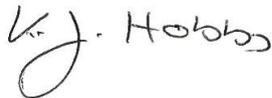
Monday 9 January 2023

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



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

SATURDAY

26TH NOVEMBER 2022

IN AND AROUND TOWN ALL DAY
LIGHTS ON AT 5.30PM BY SANTA
ALFRETON HOUSE 2-6PM

