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25 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

### Maths Week

Last week, four Year 8 students took part in a video competition to celebrate Maths Week. Their space-themed video, which discussed the perfect numbers and their relationship to the theme of this year's Maths Week, the powers of two, was announced earlier this week as the overall winner of the competition. To win a competition such as this, which was open to all schools in England, is an incredible achievement for those students and for the academy. If you would like to watch the video, you can find it on either the academy's or the maths faculty's Twitter feeds (@nieperacademy and @niepermaths).



### Repton Sports Morning

Miss Perry and Miss Speed took a group of Year 8 & 9 students to Repton school for a sports morning, earlier in the week. Activities included swimming, hockey and a workout in their state-of-art gym facilities. Our students had an amazing time and were treated to a lovely lunch, followed by a Q&A session where they asked lots of interesting questions. Thank you to Repton for providing another great day and we look forward to our next visit.



### School of Rock – Auditions

Auditions took place on Wednesday for next summer's musical performance of "School of Rock" which shows between 27-29 June 2023. Fifty-five pupils turned up to audition and there was an amazing array of talent. Some pupils have been invited to an additional call back on Wednesday 30 November and must check their school email for further details. All pupils who auditioned will be offered a part in the show. Thank you to Mrs Harrison and Mr Cakar who have taken on the challenge of organising the show and supporting our students. Please save the date of the show as it is going to be amazing!

### Parent Local Governor

The deadline has now passed for the completion and return of ballot papers. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to vote and to our 4 nominees who put themselves forward for the vacancy of local Parent Governor. We have now held the official count and are pleased to announce that the two successful candidates who have now been duly elected for the four-year term are Nicola Bettison and Alison Cope. Thank you to the other candidates for their support of the academy.

### 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.

### **Year 10 Parents Evening - Monday 28 November**

For those parents who were unable to attend the parents evening last night, our online evening will take place on Monday 28 November, 3.45-5.15pm. Please log onto our online booking system to book your appointments if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your support.

### **Year 11 & Sixth Form – Mock Exams**

All Year 11 and Sixth Form students will be undertaking mock exams for two weeks, commencing Monday 5 December. Mock exams are a great opportunity to get a feel for what taking the real exams will be like; experiencing everything from what it feels like to be in the main exam hall, doing revision and what the exam paper looks like, so everything will be a little more familiar for students next summer. Please encourage students to prepare and revise thoroughly for these mocks using all the materials that have been supplied and to speak to subject teachers if they need any extra support. Mock exams are important as they are very useful in providing information for students about where they need to focus their attention as we work towards the final exams in the summer.

### **Christmas Tree Festivals in December**

Some of our pupils are making Christmas items to decorate our Christmas Tree this year for St Martin's Church Christmas tree festival and we look forward to seeing the finished tree. It is always wonderful to visit Church at this time of year. See below for the dates/times when you can visit both St Martin's and Alfreton Wesley church.

St Martin's Church festival	Saturday 10, 10am-3pm Sunday 11 December, 11am-2.30pm (Songs of Praise at 3pm) Monday 12 December, 10am-3pm
Alfreton Wesley Church festival	Saturday 3, 10am-4pm Sunday 4, 10am-4pm (morning service at 10.45am) Monday 5, 10am-1pm

### **Christmas Concert**

The Music department is in full swing preparing for our usual programme of Christmas activities and events. We are delighted to inform you that this year's Christmas Concert is being held on Wednesday 14 December, at 6pm in the Main Hall, with a wide variety of musical items performed from students across all year groups. Tickets are on sale now at the Main reception for £3 each (which includes a hot drink & mince pie in the interval.) We hope to see you there.

### **Wet weather**

Please remind pupils to wear a warm waterproof coat to protect against the winter weather. They will be outside during brunch and lunchtimes if it is not wet, so it important that they wrap up warm.

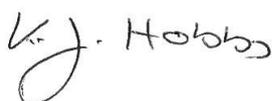
### **Dates for the diary**

Saturday 26 November	Alfreton Lights Christmas lights switch on
Monday 28 November	Year 10 Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Concert
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.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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