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3 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

A very busy and productive week as we welcomed visitors to the academy and went out on educational trips.

NatWest

Thank you to **NatWest** who met with our Sixth Form students to deliver a session on financial planning. Our Year 8 & 9 students also enjoyed a session on the history of banking, the importance of saving and the various career routes in the banking industry.



Trips

A small group of students had the opportunity to visit **Chesterfield College** as part of their life skills experiences. They thoroughly enjoyed the day and now have a much better understanding of college life and what options they have for post-16 studies.

On Wednesday a small group of students visited the University of Nottingham, as part of the **Nottingham Ambition** programme. This programme is designed to provide students with more information about university and knowledge into particular subject areas. Students also received further information about the UCAS process. It was a very informative day.

Twisted Tales

The Twisted Tales book has been delivered and is available in the library for pupils to take a look; please ask Mrs Bacon. We are delighted that the work of 8 pupils is published in the book – a wonderful achievement. Well done to all of our budding authors.

Extra & Co-Curricular Clubs

Please see the poster at the end of this letter, which details all of our current extra & co-curricular clubs. Students can see Mrs Speed or Miss Perry if they would like to join any of our wonderful activities. It has been great to see the addition of new clubs such as Chess. Thank you to all staff who make these clubs possible.

School of Rock – Auditions

Further auditions took place on Wednesday 30 November for next summer's musical performance of "School of Rock" which shows between 27-29 June 2023. Cast members will be announced soon and all students who auditioned will be offered a part in the show. Please save the date in your diary!

Alfreton Town Christmas Lights Switch On

Thank you to our wonderful students who turned up in Alfreton at the weekend for the annual lights switch on. Our school band and choir took part in the festive entertainment, and it was wonderful to see so many people in town enjoying the Christmas atmosphere. Thank you as always to our staff who also took part and supported our students. A full report will be in the end of term Newsletter.



Year 11 & Sixth Form – Mock Exams

The mock exams commence on Monday for two weeks. Please encourage students to continue to prepare and revise thoroughly 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. Results will be sent home w/c. 9 January.

Christmas Tree Festivals in December

Some of our students are busy making Christmas decorations for our tree this year for St Martin's Church Christmas tree festival and we look forward to seeing the finished result. 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.

Alfreton Wesley Church festival Saturday 3, 10am-4pm
Sunday 4, 10am-4pm (morning service at 10.45am)
Monday 5, 10am-1pm

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

Christmas Concert – 14 December

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 Main reception for £3 each (which includes a hot drink & mince pie in the interval.) We hope to see you there.



Chewing Gum

Please remind students that chewing gum is banned in the academy and the consequence of this is an immediate C3. Chewing gum causes a lot of damage to the academy building and equipment as well as being particularly horrible if someone touches it or it sticks to footwear or clothing. Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for the diary

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 and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher

Extra & Co-curricular Clubs

	Lunchtime [13:25 - 14:05]	After School [15:30- 16:30]
Monday	Card Games Mrs Williams B04 Craft Club Mrs Dziegielewska C15 DNA Voices Mrs Harrison Film Club Mrs Skermer B14 KS3 Volleyball Mr Doohan Sports Hall Maths Through Stories Mr Doohan B03 Netball Mrs Speed New Courts Year 9 Dance Club Miss Gregory Dance Studio	Music Mr Cakar
Tuesday	KS3 Boys Football Mr Brankin New Courts Benchball KS4 Mrs Speed Sports Hall Quiet activities Mrs Close Long B06 School Band Mrs Harrison A07 Archaeology Club Mrs Smithurst C05 Year 8 Dance Club Miss Gregory Dance Studio Maths Challengers Mr Doohan B03 Harry Potter Club Mrs Shephard B10	DofE Bronze Miss Acey DNA Dance Company Miss Gregory Girls Sport Mrs Speed Rock Band Mrs Cakar
Wednesday	Volleyball Mr Doohan Sports Hall Musical Theatre Mrs Harrison A07 Creative Writing Mrs Heeley-Cregan B13 Warhammer Mrs Ford B16 Science Club Mr Dinh C13 Acting for Television Mrs Turner Dance Studio	Football Mr Brankin School Production Mrs Harrison Sports Club Mrs Speed
Thursday	Benchball Year 7 & 8 Mr Brankin Sports Hall Samba Band Mr Cakar A07 Year 7 Dance Club Miss Gregory Dance Studio Maths of Sports Mr Doohan B03	Composition Club Mr Cakar DofE Bronze Mr Nolan Indoor Hockey Miss Perry Japanese Miss Curwen
Friday	Friday Club (invite only) Miss Perry Sports Hall Year 10 Dance Club Miss Gregory Dance Studio Boomwhacker Band Mr Cakar A07 Art Club Miss Bingham A02 Computer Club Mr Beal C01 Maths Murder Mystery Mr Doohan B03 Pom Poms Miss Cantrill B15 Model Making Year 8 & 9 Mrs Thorpe A11/13 Chess Club Mr Covell/Mrs Skermer B12/14	