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9 December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As Christmas fast approaches we are looking forward to our planned events. As well as our annual Christmas Concert and the visit to St Martin's Church for our carol service, we also have our Christmas concert on Wednesday 14 December. In addition, our students are holding a Christmas bake sale on Friday 16 December in support of the local charity shops in Alfreton. Students may purchase bakes at brunch and lunch time on the day.

Year 11 & Sixth Form – Mock Exams

The mock exams have gone well this week and will continue next week. Students have approached the exams in a mature and positive way, with a clear focus. Please encourage them to continue to revise and ask for additional guidance or support from teachers should they need it. Results will be sent home w/c. 9 January.

Year 11 and Year 13 Letter from Ofqual: 2023 exam and assessment arrangements

We have received a letter from the Chief Regulator of Ofqual providing information for students and parents/carers on the exam and assessment arrangements for 2023. The letter can be found on our website – [click here](#)

Message from Public Health Derbyshire

Please see separate letter from the UK Health Agency, concerning the increase in notifications of scarlet fever above seasonal expected levels. We have not had any cases in the academy population. We continue with our enhanced cleaning regime across the academy that is always required at this time of the year when there are lots of bugs circulating. We will be encouraging the pupils to regularly wash their hands and hand sanitiser is available around the building. The letter is available for download from our website – [click here](#)

Japanese Club

Some of our language enthusiasts had an exciting opportunity this week at Woodbridge Junior School, thanks to our partnership with SOAS University of London. This included Japanese food tasting, a calligraph session and an origami workshop. Our students really enjoyed the experience.

School of Rock – Auditions

The "School of Rock" cast list has now been announced which is 60-students strong; well done to all students who auditioned, they will begin rehearsing very soon. The show runs between 27-29 June 2023 and we are very much looking forward to watching the performances. More details will follow nearer the time.

Christmas Tree Festival – St Martin's Church

A small group of our students visited the church today to hang their handmade Christmas decorations on our Christmas tree as part of the festival. It is a lovely time of year to visit the Church at this time of year and the festival takes place:

- Saturday 10 December, 10am-3pm
- Sunday 11 December, 11am-2.30pm (Songs of Praise at 3pm)
- Monday 12 December, 10am-3pm



Christmas Concert – Wednesday 14 December

Please remember to buy your tickets for this year's Christmas Concert, which is being held on Wednesday 14 December, at 6pm in the Main Hall. Please buy tickets in advance to help us cater for refreshments (there will only be a limited number of tickets available on the door). The evening will be a wonderful celebration of Christmas with a wide variety of musical items performed from students across all year groups. We look forward to seeing you then.

Tickets are on sale at Main reception for £3 each (which includes a hot drink & mince pie in the interval).

Carol Service – Tuesday 20 December

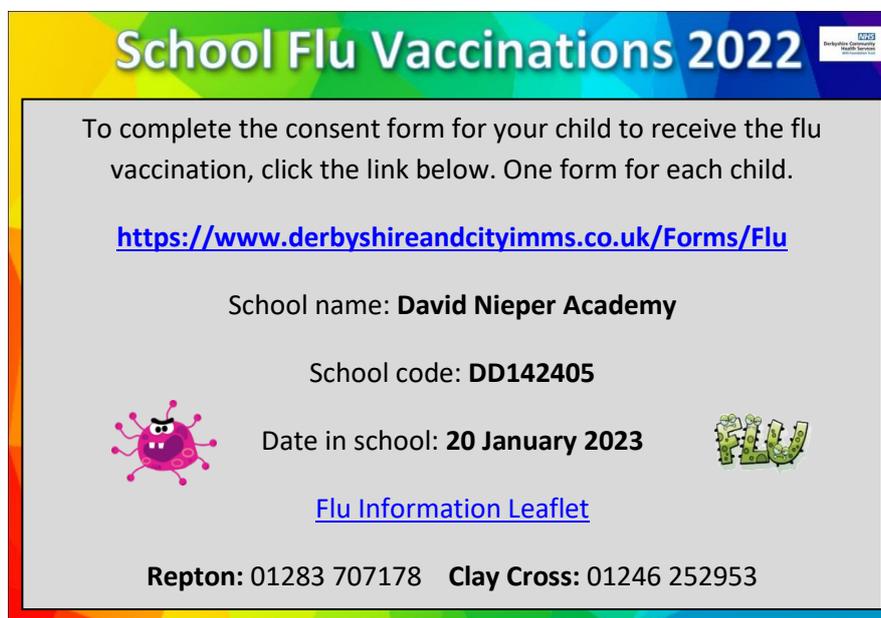
We will once again be joining together as an academy to celebrate Christmas. We are delighted that so many pupils and staff will be supporting with the event and know that this is a particular highlight of our calendar. We will be running two Carol Services and we will be walking through Alfreton to St. Martin's Church. Please remind all pupils to bring a coat on this day.

Academy Christmas Lunch – Tuesday 20 December

Following our Christmas Carol service at St Martin's Church we will once again be sitting down to enjoy a full Christmas lunch together. The two course Christmas lunch is priced at our usual £2.60. Pupils have been asked whether they would like a Christmas lunch or a 'grab & go' bag (sandwiches). Please be reminded that on this day we will not be serving hot snacks, so any pupils who have not ordered a Christmas lunch or sandwiches will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.

School Flu Vaccinations

On Friday 20 January 2023 the NHS Immunisation Team will be visiting the academy to offer all children in Years 7, 8 & 9 the flu vaccine – see details below. Please provide online consent following the link below if you wish your child to have the vaccine. Please note that consent must be given directly to the NHS not school. If you have any questions about the immunisation programme, please contact the NHS team directly.



School Flu Vaccinations 2022

To complete the consent form for your child to receive the flu vaccination, click the link below. One form for each child.

<https://www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School name: **David Nieper Academy**

School code: **DD142405**

Date in school: **20 January 2023**

[Flu Information Leaflet](#)

Repton: 01283 707178 Clay Cross: 01246 252953

The poster features a colorful rainbow gradient background. It includes a pink virus icon on the left and a green 'FLU' icon on the right. A small NHS logo is in the top right corner.

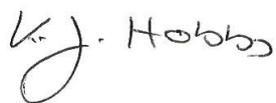
Dates for the diary

Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Concert, 6pm
Tuesday 20 December	Academy carol service St Martin's Church
Tuesday 20 December	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 21 December	Last day of term – 2pm finish (early buses arranged)
Monday 9 January 2023	All pupils return
Thursday 12 January	Sixth Form Parents Evening, 4-6pm
Tuesday 31 January	Careers Fair – more information will follow
Wednesday 1 February	2pm finish for all pupils due to staff training.
Monday 20 to Friday 24 February	Half-term holidays
Monday 27 February	INSET day
Tuesday 28 February	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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. J. Hobbs'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'K'.

Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher