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Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a lovely final few days in the academy in the lead up to the Christmas holidays, including our Christmas Concert, the Christmas Carol Service at St Martin's church and our festive lunch.

Please see the latest copy of our Newsletter for full details about our many activities and events during the last half-term which is available to download from our website <https://davidnieper.academy/newsletters/>

Return in January

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to the academy on Monday 9 January, returning to a Week B timetable.

Please can I remind everyone that full uniform is required on our return in January. All facial piercings will need to be removed. Therefore, we would like to remind you that there is not the time over the Christmas period for any new piercings to have healed. Please wait for the summer holidays. Any false nails will need to be removed ready for the start of term.

Our uniform provider, Schoolwear Solutions in Mansfield, are open in early January.

Please visit their website to buy extra items of uniform <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

Calculators

The maths faculty has noticed a sharp rise in the number of students borrowing calculators recently. Calculators are required for all maths and science lessons and may be used occasionally in other subjects as well. They should be brought to school every day. Unfortunately, several detentions have already had to be given to students who have not had their calculator an excessive number of times, and the threshold for this is going to tighten after Christmas.

David Nieper Academy is very proud of the fact that it provides **every** student with a scientific calculator when they enter the academy, whether at the start of Year 7 or later in their academic journey, which the student can keep until they leave the academy. Therefore, it is disappointing to see so many students failing to bring it with them to lessons. Any student whose calculator is lost or damaged needs to replace it at the earliest opportunity. Be careful not to replace a calculator if only the battery has stopped working. The latest calculators use AAA batteries that can be easily replaced with a small screwdriver.

Replacement calculators can be purchased from reception for the heavily subsidised price of £5. You may however prefer to buy a calculator for your child from an external source, particularly if they are intending to study maths or science at a higher level, as they will then own this permanently. The academy recommends the Casio fx-83GTX for GCSE, which retails at approximately £15 and is the model given out by the academy and sold by reception, and the Casio fx-991EX for A Level, which retails at approximately £30. If you or your child are planning to buy any other model of calculator, please seek advice from the maths office first.



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Happy Christmas

As we approach the end of this term we have been reflecting on the hard work and many achievements of our pupils. We have celebrated pupils who have achieved a very high attitude to learning throughout this term in our final reward assemblies and our first reward trips took place including our annual festive visit for Year 11 to Meadowhall.

Our Year 11 and 13 students have completed mock exams and are busy finalising the plans for next year. We are delighted that all of our Sixth Form students have clear plans for next year and are busy researching apprenticeships with a number having completed their applications to university, with some already receiving offers. We wish them all the best in their endeavours and look forward to following the progress of their applications.

Interviews for Sixth Form places at the Academy for September 2023 have all been completed and pupils have been offered places for our expanded range of courses. We are looking forward to welcoming another record number of students into our Sixth Form next year. We are still accepting applications if any of the students

from the Academy or other schools wish to apply. Please contact reception for more details or visit our website. We are again delighted by the number of applications from Year 6 parents for places in September 2023. We anticipate another full cohort of Year 7 pupils joining us as our academy continues to grow.

David Nieper Academy Christmas Card

Merry Christmas

This year our delightful Christmas card was painted by Maida Weightman, Year 11.

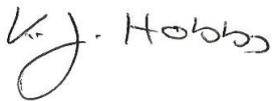
Dates for the diary

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| Monday 9 January | All pupils return |
| Thursday 12 January | Sixth Form Parents Evening, 4-6pm |
| Friday 20 January | NHS Immunisation Team – flu vaccine for all in Years 7, 8 & 9 |
| Wednesday 1 February | Early finish for all pupils - 2pm depart (for staff training) |
| Monday 20 – Friday 24 February | Half-term holidays |
| Monday 27 February | INSET day – academy closed |
| 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.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



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