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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 & 9 Rewards Trip

The rewards trip to Moorways water park on Wednesday was a great success and pupils who attended had a great time. The brand-new Sports Village in Derby features water flumes and slides and an amazing wave creator. On the suggestion of the pupils, this trip was open to invited pupils who had received a high number of reward points but also a low number of consequence points, so well done to everyone who was invited to attend. Thank you to staff who supported this trip.

Careers Fair – Tuesday 31 January, 3.45pm-5pm

Our annual careers fair will take place on Tuesday 31 January this year, in the Sports Hall. We are very grateful to all of our exhibitors who are kindly giving up their time to support our pupils and academy. All pupils in Years 9-13 will attend the fair during the school day and all parents/carers are warmly invited to attend at 3.45pm along with their son/daughter from all year groups, to see the organisations' stands and find out more about a whole host of careers and future options. Appointments are not necessary, and you are welcome to call in at any time between 3.45-5pm. We have a huge array of sixth form colleges, universities, and local employers, together with the emergency services, who will all be able to offer lots of useful information, advice and answer questions. A full list of stalls will be given to pupils ahead of the fair so that they can identify the most suitable ones for them beforehand. Please see the poster at the end of this letter. We are looking forward to welcoming as many parents/ carers and pupils as possible to this fantastic event. Many thanks to the staff who have worked so hard to put this together.

Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 1 February

To ensure that we can provide the highest quality education for the maximum number of pupils during the national teacher strike action, called by the NEU, we are asking Year 10 pupils to work from home on Wednesday 1 February. We will provide a range of work to be completed at home via our online platform Satchel one (Show My Homework). We do apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause. Please see separate letter for full details, including arrangements for Free School Meals.

All pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and Sixth form are expected to attend as usual. Pupils will follow as far as possible their usual timetable and should bring all their usual equipment. We would also ask that all pupils bring their trainers with them on this day. Please see separate letter for full details.

Early finish - An early finish had already been planned, so all pupils will leave at **2pm** on Wednesday 1 February. Early buses, including the Wessington bus, have been arranged. If you would prefer your child to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please email info@davidnieper.academy if your child will remain in the academy.

All pupils should return to the academy as usual on Thursday 2 February.

Mental Health Information Evening – ALL WELCOME – Monday 13 February, 4pm

We are excited to invite you to a FREE mental health workshop from TLC (Therapy and Lifestyle Clinic) which is available to students and parents on Monday 13 February at 4pm in our Main Hall.

Siân Spencer-Bray, Clinical Lead and COSRT Registered Psychotherapist is our guest speaker and will lead the workshop. Sian has a background in the fields of mental health spanning over 14 years and her experience has seen her working within the NHS, for charities and in the private sector.

At the workshop you will learn how to support your child with:

- Anxiety, Low Mood, Self-Harm, Stress Management

There will also be the opportunity to discuss any issues around Mental Health with our Pastoral Team. Refreshments will be available.

To book your place please email Mr Matthews on bmatthews@davidnieper.academy

Lunchtime

After consulting with Derbyshire County Council who provide our lunchtime service, we are going to change the way that pupils lend money for lunches. Canteen staff will now allow any pupil to go up to £2.60 in debt. If the pupil owes more than £2.60, they will have to go to the Main Office so parents can be contacted to check that they are happy for their child to lend more money for food. Parents do have the option to allow any child not to go into any debt, if so, please let the school know and we will ensure that their lunchtime account on ParentPay reflects this. Parents can set up alerts on ParentPay when their child's account goes into the red. We strongly encourage you to do this so that you are aware immediately if your son/daughters account goes into debt.

Should you have any queries or require any further information regarding ParentPay please contact finance@davidnieper.academy

Gates Closed

Please be reminded that the academy gates to the main entrance are closed each day for the safety of our pupils, at the following times:

Monday-Thursday – 8.15-8.45am & 3.15-3.45pm / Friday – 8.15-8.45am & 2.35-3.05pm

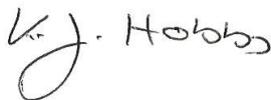
Dates for the diary

Tuesday 31 January	Careers Fair, 3.45-5pm
Wednesday 1 February	Early finish for all pupils - 2pm depart (for staff training)
Monday 13 February	Mental Health Information evening
Monday 20 – Friday 24 February	Half-term holidays
Monday 27 February	INSET day – academy closed
Tuesday 28 February	All pupils return, Week B timetable
Thursday 2 March	Year 9 Parents Evening (face-to-face) – more information to follow
Monday 6 March	Year 9 Parents Evening (online) – more information to follow

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

David Nieper

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CAREERS FAIR

Tuesday 31st January 2023



AND MANY MORE...

Years 9, 10, 11 &

Sixth Form

2.00—3.30pm

ALL Years

3.45—5pm

