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17 February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another productive and busy week at the academy as we finish for the half-term holidays. We do hope that all pupils enjoy a well-deserved break, and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the academy on Tuesday 28 February, to a Week B timetable. We are closed on Monday 27 February due to INSET.

Uniform

We appreciate that some pupils had outgrown various items of uniform and were waiting until the half-term break to purchase new items. We look forward to all pupils returning in full uniform. Please can we remind all pupils that false nails and additional piercings will need to be removed for the start of term.

Mental Health Information Evening

Thank you to everyone that was able to attend the mental health session on Monday after school. Thank you also to our guest speakers from Therapy and Lifestyle Clinic. We will be sharing the presentation from the event on the school website. Please also find links below that provide information on supporting children and young people with their mental health and well-being. If you need any further information or would like to discuss anything that was raised from Monday's session, please contact Mr Matthews or a member of our Pastoral team.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/> <https://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk/>

<https://www.therapylifestyleclinic.co.uk/> <https://charliewaller.org/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/> <https://www.kooth.com/> <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Year 2 Enterprise Day

It was wonderful to welcome Year 2 children into the academy on Wednesday who visited from our local cluster schools for our Enterprise Day. The children designed some amazing Top Trump cards and made salt dough character models. Thank you to all staff who made the event possible and to our pupils who helped to support the event.

Fashion Challenge

Well done to our Year 8 pupils who were absolutely amazing yesterday for our Fashion Challenge. Staff from the academy and David Nieper Ltd were impressed with how they approached the challenge and how they conducted themselves. The effort and enthusiasm shown overall was tremendous. Lots of prizes and house points were given out, and the final winners will be announced after half-term.

Thank you to all the staff from both the academy and David Nieper Ltd who helped throughout the day.



Year 7 Football

Well done to our Year 7 boys football team who are through to the finals of the local schools' football tournament. Good luck as they play on Tuesday 28 February at Swanwick Sports College.

Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 1 March

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 8 & 9 pupils to work from home on Wednesday 1 March. 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, 10, 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 in Years 7, 10 & 11 bring their trainers with them on this day. Please see separate letter for full details.

Community Litter pick

Please see the flyer at the end of this letter. All members of the Alfreton community are invited to support with a community litter pick on 25 February 2023 at 1pm at the Cricket Club.

World book day – 2 March 2023

Please see the flyer at the end of this letter. We are encouraging all pupils and families to get involved with World Bok day by having a photo taken reading a book in an unusual place. We look forward to sharing the winning photos.

Year 9 Parents Evening

Our Year 9 Parents Evenings take place on **Thursday 2 March** (held face-to-face in the Main Hall from 4pm-6pm) or **Monday 6 March** (held online from 3.45pm-5pm). Both evenings provide the opportunity for you to discuss your son/daughter's progress with subject teachers. Please see separate letter for full details.

NHS Vaccines – Tuesday 28 February, Year 9

Students in Year 9 are being offered their Teenage Booster (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Polio) and Meningitis ACWY vaccinations.

Please visit www.derbyshireandcityimms.co.uk/Forms/DTP to complete the consent form. The option to consent or decline the vaccination is at the end of the questionnaire so please complete the form whether you are consenting or not.

School name: **David Nieper Academy**

School code: **DD142405**

Date in school: **28 February 2023**

You can find out more information about vaccinations offered in school via the link below or on our website:

[A Guide to Immunisations for Young People](#)

www.derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk/our-services/5-10-years/school-age-immunisations

If you experience any problems, please contact the School Age Immunisation Team.

Repton: 01283 707178

Clay Cross: 01246 252953

DCHST.immunisationteam@nhs.net

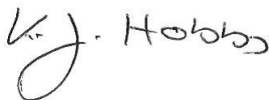
Dates for the diary

Monday 20 – Friday 24 February	Half-term holidays
Monday 27 February	INSET day – academy closed
Tuesday 28 February	All pupils return, Week B timetable
Tuesday 28 February	NHS Vaccines
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
w/c. 13 & 27 March	Year 11, 12 & 13 mock exams

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.

Enjoy the half-term holidays.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher

Community Litter Pick



COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

ALFRETON PARK

25TH FEBRUARY

IPM AT THE CRICKET

CLUB

Finishing at Snowdrop Festival St Martin's Church

2pm



Help us to celebrate

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023



GET CAUGHT READING



Have your photo taken reading a book in an unusual place

Either hand in or email your photo to Mrs Bacon
lbacon@davidnieper.academy



Competition closes
2nd March

