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Dear Parents/Carers

Snow

We had the excitement of snow in Alfreton this week! The pupils hoping to make snowballs and snowmen earlier in the week got their wish on Thursday and Friday when we had far more snow than originally predicted. I hope that everyone was not inconvenienced too much and that all pupils did get to enjoy some time in the snow. The bad weather did cause some disruption and we unfortunately had to close the school however the academy will be open on Monday to all pupils as normal. If this does change we will advise you accordingly. Despite the weather we were however still able to go ahead with our wonderful annual Joint Concert on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Joint Concert

We were delighted to host our annual Joint Concerts with local schools, where we had over 250 children performing over two evenings. David Nieper Academy students were joined by Stonebroom Primary, Woodbridge Junior, South Wingfield Primary, Fritchley Primary, Christ the King Voluntary Academy, Croft Infants, Shirland Primary, Leys Junior, Copthorne Community Infants and Alfreton Park Special School.

Each school performed their own individual musical item, including songs from Joseph, beautiful contemporary dance, and instrumental band pieces. Rehearsals took place in the afternoon of each concert and between rehearsals children took part in a variety of activities with Academy staff and pupils, including Art, Dance, Sport, Maths, Geography and Computing and even had time for tea before the performances began at 5.30pm, when family and friends were invited to attend.

At the end of each evening, all children from all schools took to the stage to join together as a joint choir to sing three numbers 'I'm Gonna Sing', 'Any dream will do' and 'Sing'. The joint choirs were amazing and the last item "Sing" was a beautiful and moving way to round up our wonderful evenings. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the evenings. Special thanks to Mrs Harrison who lead the performances on each evening. A full report will be included in the next edition of our Newsletter.



Royal Institution – School in Science – Friday 10 March - Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to the bad weather our visitors from the Royal Institution for the Science in Schools event have had to postpone and the Community Show this evening will not go ahead. A new date will be arranged and as soon as we have more details we will share this with you.

Mock Exams – Year 11 & Sixth Form

Mock exams take place w/c. Monday 13 March and w/c. 27 March. 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. They do have a copy of the mock exam timetable. 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.

Teachers' Industrial Action – Wednesday 15 & Thursday 16 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 7 & 10 pupils to work from home on Wednesday 15 March and Year 8 & 9 pupils to work from home on Thursday 16 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.

Easter Holiday activities

Please see poster at the end of this letter, with details of free holiday activities from Derbyshire County Council.

Lost property

To enable us to return any items of lost property, it is important that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled with pupil names. Lost items can be collected from the Main Office.

Coats

As the cold weather continues, we do recommend that pupils bring a coat or rain jacket to school. Pupils are also welcome to wear a David Nieper Academy jumper under their blazer. Hoodies under or over blazers do not form any part of our uniform and are required to be removed prior to entering the building, therefore we recommend that pupils do not bring hoodies to school.

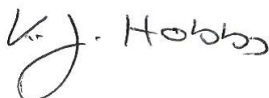
Dates for the diary

w/c. 13 & 27 March	Year 11, 12 & 13 mock exams
Monday 3 to Friday 14 April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 April	Pupils return to Week A timetable

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 and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity
and Food Programme

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WITH FOOD



Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, you are also entitled to access FREE holiday clubs during spring, summer and winter holidays?

It's About Me is a FREE Holiday Activity and Food Programme funded by the Department for Education, designed for children and young people across Derbyshire to have healthy, active, fun-filled school holidays.

It's About Me believe that everyone deserves a good break and that school holidays are better when children and young people are active, having fun, being entertained and learning new things.

If your child is aged between 4-16 and is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, then they are entitled to access the It's About Me holiday clubs for free! There are a huge range of activities available including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes vary depending on the type and location of each local club and each holiday club will give your child a nutritious meal too!

We hope you will take advantage of these fantastic FREE holiday clubs across Derbyshire so your child/children can have a fun-filled and safe holiday!

HOW TO BOOK

To book your activities and to find out more information go to:





www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
or speak to your school office.

The **spring** holiday clubs will take place from:

Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April

Bookings open Monday 13th March



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