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24 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Derbyshire Big Sings Event**

On Friday 17 March DNA Voices attended the first Derbyshire Big Sings Event at County Hall in Matlock. The event was organised by the Derbyshire Music Partnership, which saw secondary schools across Derbyshire join together to perform a joint concert. Well done to all pupils involved and to Mrs Harrison and Mr Cakar for supporting the event. It was a great experience and a wonderful evening.



### **Mansfield Rotary Junior Showtime Final**

Very well done to our dance group who were successful in making it through to the final of the Junior Showtime competition at the Mansfield Palace Theatre, which took place on Sunday. We were the only school competing against dance schools, so it was a fantastic achievement to make it to the final. We didn't win but the experience was amazing. Thank you to Miss Gregory, who has worked with our dance group to put our performance together.

### **Year 13 – trip to London**

Our Year 13 students took an educational trip to London on Wednesday, to find out more about careers, employability and degree apprenticeships. They enjoyed a tour of the London Institute of Banking and Finance and the financial district, together with seeing some of the popular London sites. It was a very informative day, supported by Mr Dixon.

### **Year 9 Options**

Our Year 9 pupils have experienced taster sessions this morning in GCSE subjects, to help them make their final decisions for options. The options form will go live on Monday 27 March and needs to be submitted electronically by Friday 31 March. Please do get in touch if you have any queries.

### **Mock Exams – Year 11 & Sixth Form**

The second week of mock exams takes place next week. Please encourage pupils to continue to revise and ask for additional guidance or support from teachers should they need it. Teachers have been working with pupils to discuss the best ways to approach these next mocks in order to maximise their time and outcomes in the exam hall. Results will be shared with pupils in the week commencing Monday 24 April.

The Ofqual student guide 2023 for summer examinations is now available on our website <https://davidnieper.academy/pupils/examinations/>

### **Year 8 Parents Evenings**

You are invited to attend our Year 8 Parents Evening. To book appointments with staff please visit our online booking system via <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>  
*Wednesday 19 April* – Held face-to-face in the Main Hall from 4pm-6pm OR  
*Wednesday 10 May* – Held online from 3.45pm-5.15pm  
Please see the individual letters sent to Year 8 Parents for full information.

### **Uniform expectations**

Please can I remind everyone that full uniform is required on our return after the Easter holidays. All facial piercings will need to be removed. Therefore, we would like to remind you that there is not the time over the holiday 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.

Please visit the shop or website of our uniform provider Schoolwear Solutions in Mansfield, to buy extra items of uniform <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

### **Easter Holiday activities**

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

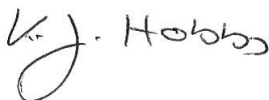
### **Dates for the diary**

w/c. 27 March	Year 11, 12 & 13 mock exams
Friday 31 March	Submission of Year 9 options form
Monday 3 to Friday 14 April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 April	Pupils return to Week A timetable
Wednesday 19 April	Year 8 Parents Evening, 4-6pm Main Hall
Wednesday 10 May	Year 8 Parents Evening, 3.45-5.15pm (online)

If we can help or support in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs  
Headteacher

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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](http://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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