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3 March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We do hope that you had a good half-term break. It was lovely to welcome back all pupils to the academy on Monday.

### Outward-Bound

This week a group of pupils have had the fantastic opportunity to visit Ogwen Cottage, Gwynedd in Wales for the week with the Outward-Bound Trust, which is an educational charity that uses the outdoors to provide life-changing educational courses and unique experiences for young people. Our pupils have experienced 'learning outside of the classroom' activities such as canoeing, orienteering, raft building and abseiling. Being able to take our pupils into a different environment, encourage them to work as a team and build self-confidence is an outstanding opportunity for them to develop life-long skills. We look forward to sharing our full visit report with you in the next edition of our Newsletter. A big thank you to Equip UK who have generously supported this trip and to Mr Artliff and Miss Turner who have accompanied our pupils.



### Year 7 Football

Congratulations to our Year 7 boys football team who were successful in the final match of the local schools' football tournament – what an amazing achievement. The new trophy will take pride of place in the trophy cabinet. A full match report will be in the next Newsletter. Thank you to Mr Wiesztort and Mrs Speed.



### Year 9 Parents Evening

Thank you to those Parents who attended our Parents evening last night. For those who were unable to attend, our online evening takes place on **Monday 6 March** (held between 3.45pm-5pm). Please book your appointments if you haven't already done so by visiting <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

### Year 9 Options

Please see the timeline below for our Year 9 options process. The process will begin on Monday when material packs will be shared with pupils and parents.

Date	Activity
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Options material to be shared with students and parents online and in tutor period.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Online options meetings (4-6pm) to take place via our online parents evening system where parents can meet specific staff to ask any questions.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Face to face taster morning P1-P4. Students will be off timetable and able to attend 4 sessions to try lessons in subjects.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Options form to go live so students can start picking options.
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Options forms to be submitted electronically.

### **Royal Institution – School in Science – Friday 10 March**

On Friday 10 March we are looking forward to the Royal Institution visiting the academy to deliver their fantastic Science in Schools show. The Royal Institution are a leading independent charity dedicated to connecting as many people as possible with the world of science. Their show 'Explosive Food' will explore the incredible amount of energy contained in the food that goes in our mouths, packed with exciting chemistry and physics demonstrations.

As part of their visit, they will be holding a community show, 6-7pm, in the Main Hall which is suitable for KS1, KS2 and KS3, although older students and siblings are welcome too. The show is free of charge and if you would like to join us please let us know the number of people who wish to attend and the name of the student you wish to make the booking under. This can be done via ParentPay and we ask for responses by Wednesday 8 March.

### **Early finish – Tuesday 21 March**

Please be reminded that on Tuesday 21 March, the academy will close at 2pm to all pupils due to staff training. Early buses, including the Wessington bus, have been arranged. If you would prefer your son/daughter to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please inform Form Tutors or email [info@davidnieper.academy](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

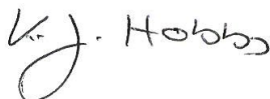
### **Dates for the diary**

Monday 6 March	Year 9 Parents Evening (online)
Friday 10 March	Royal Institution – School in Science community show, 6-7pm
w/c. 13 & 27 March	Year 11, 12 & 13 mock exams
Tuesday 21 March	Early finish, 2pm
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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



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