

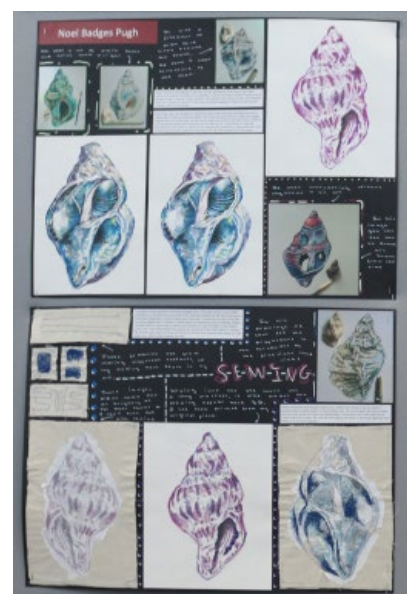
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14 July 2023

Dear families

Art Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who visited our wonderful Art & Art Technology Exhibition on Tuesday. The exhibition was a showcase of artwork from our students in Year 7-10, together with delicious samples of food from our students studying Food & Nutrition. Thank you to Mrs Thorpe and the Design & Technology faculty for putting on this display, and to the students who stayed behind to help.



Sports Day

Next week we are hosting our annual House competition sports day for all pupils. Due to the current unsettled weather it will take place on either Tuesday or Wednesday and we will advise as soon as we have a more settled forecast.

We will speak to all pupils to remind them:

- To come to school in full PE kit and that they will stay in this for the day; House T-shirts will be provided.
- To bring **sunscreen/ water bottle** with a supply of water (water will be available to top up bottles if required) and a **sunhat**.
- Not to bring fizzy drinks or aerosols.
- They will be in lessons Period 5&6 so will need their resources for this.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Sports Day and House competition and to present this year's winning house with the academy Sports trophy. Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents to attend Sports Day but we will report on the event in our Newsletter.

Prize Giving – Wednesday 19 July, 5.30pm arrival

We look forward to our Prize Giving evening on Wednesday and thank you to all invited award winners who have confirmed their attendance. We are planning on holding the event outside in the grounds of the academy if the weather is nice, so please do bring a picnic blanket/cushion/chair if you wish to sit on the grass bank (additional chairs will be available). If the weather looks poor, we will move into the Sports Hall.

Lockers

A reminder that as pupils currently in Year 9 reach the end of Key Stage 3, they should have emptied their lockers and returned keys to the Main Office to enable us to return all locker key deposits and clean all of the lockers prior to the summer holidays. In September we hope to be in a position to offer a small number of lockers to Key Stage 4 pupils.

Reward Shop

Over the year pupils have been collecting Rewards for meeting expectations, displaying Employability behaviours, achieving 100% attendance, making outstanding contributions in lessons, having outstanding homework and a positive Attitude to Learning. Well done to all pupils who have gained Reward points and particularly to those who gained enough points to be eligible to "purchase" items from the Reward shop. A number of Reward activities that pupils have requested such as Rounders on the field and a lunchtime Movie will be running in school next week and pupils are aware of which activities they have been able to apply for. Thank you to Mrs Turner for overseeing and organising our Reward shop.

Early finish – Last day of term

Please be reminded that on Friday 21 July, the academy will close at 2pm to all pupils for the summer holidays. 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 if your son/daughter will remain in the academy.

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 September are INSET days and all pupils will return on Wednesday 6 September for our usual 8.30am start, following the summer holidays.

Uniform / Shop

For our new Year 7 pupils who will join us in September, we have arranged for our uniform provider Schoolwear Solutions to be open between 4.30-7pm on both 26 July and 3 August, so items of uniform can be purchased ready for the start of the new academic year. The shop will also be open on 20 August between 10am-3pm, for all other year groups. All events are being held at the Schoolwear shop in Mansfield and booking is required. Please visit their website to book your place <https://www.schoolwearsolutions.com/>

As you are looking ahead to purchasing any new uniform items for the new academic year, please can we remind you that black, polishable school shoes are required. No trainers or trainer-type shoes will be allowed to be worn as part of our academy uniform. This will include both branded and unbranded versions. As guidance, we observe that boy's shoes tend to have a small heel, whereas trainers do not. In addition, any trousers or skirts must be dark grey, and skirts are pleated not straight.

If any parents/carers require any support with uniform please contact Mrs Gibson, in the Finance Office, via email cgibson@davidnieper.academy We also do have a number of second-hand items that are available for purchase at minimal cost, again please contact Mrs Gibson.

If pupils are having piercings over the summer holidays these will need to be removed (other than a single stud earring in each ear) by the start of next term. Therefore, if any additional piercings are planned it is very important to consider the length of time that any such jewellery needs to be left in place to ensure that this can be removed during the school day from the start of term. Any nail extensions and nail art will also need to be removed for the start of term.

Lost Property

A reminder to help us return any items of lost property, it is important that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled with pupil names. We currently have many lost items which can be collected from the Main Office. If items are not collected, they will be donated to charity over the summer.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 19 July

Prize Giving (by invitation only)

Academic Year 2022/2023

Friday 21 July

Last day of term (Pupils will depart at 2pm)

Academic Year 2023/2024

Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September

Wednesday 6 September

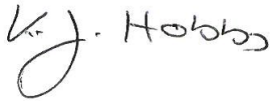
INSET – academy closed to all pupils

All pupils return for the new academic year
(to a 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.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher