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21 July 2023

Dear families

End of Year

We have arrived at the end of the summer term, and the academic school year, with what has been another very busy and productive half-term. It has been an absolute privilege to be Headteacher of the academy as it has grown in both size and achievement since September 2016, achieving Ofsted Good early in this academic year. The academy has come a long way in the last 7 years, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all pupils, families, staff, Governors and Trustees, and Employer Partners for their support and belief in the academy, and for helping to make this happen.

Mr White becomes Head of School in September, as I move full-time to the role of CEO for the Christopher Nieper Education Trust, and I am really excited about what the future holds for both David Nieper Academy and the Trust.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day and House competition took place on Thursday, and we are pleased to announce that Lathkill House won overall. Well done to all pupils and staff in the winning house and to everyone for taking part. Pupils in Lathkill enjoyed strawberries and cream as their reward and were presented with the Sports Day trophy.



Prize Giving

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Mr Christopher Nieper OBE to our Prize Giving event, as keynote speaker. It was a wonderful evening to celebrate student successes and all of our award winners should be very proud of their achievements – we certainly are of them.



Ofqual – Year 13

Ofqual and UCAS have written to students who will receive their results on 17 August 2023. In the letter they outline important information about results this year, the amount of options available to students and what support there is to help students make informed decisions about their future.

Please see the letter by clicking on the link here [A letter to students from Ofqual and UCAS - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

A-Level and GCSE Results

The academy will be open between 9am and 11am for Year 13 & Year 11 students to collect their results.

- A-Level Results Day - Thursday 17 August 2023
- GCSE Results Day - Thursday 24 August 2023

Derbyshire Catering Service

Derbyshire Catering Service has reluctantly made the difficult decision to increase the charge of school meals. We are aware that this is unwelcome news at this time. We, along with other organisations, have expressed our unhappiness with this increase. If anything changes, we will let you know. Effective from 1 September 2023, the cost for pupils will increase to £3.55.

Free Holiday activities

Derbyshire County Council are once again offering holiday activities for children in receipt of Free School Meals – please see full information contained in the posters at the end of this letter.

Newsletter

The latest edition of our academy newsletter is now available for you to download from our website.

<https://davidnieper.academy/newsletters/>

It has been another action-packed half-term, and we do hope you enjoy reading all about our student activities and achievements.

As we look back over the year, it is amazing to reflect on just how many wonderful trips, events and activities have taken place.

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.

Academic Year 2023/2024

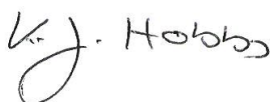
Monday 4 & Tuesday 5 September INSET – academy closed to all pupils

Wednesday 6 September All pupils return for the new academic year (to a Week A timetable)

If we can help or support in any way over the summer, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. Please email info@davidnieper.academy which is being monitored during the holidays or call the academy on (01773) 832331.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer.

Yours faithfully



Dr K Hobbs
Headteacher



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?

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.

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!

Remember, each child is entitled to 16 spaces across the summer and when booking you will need to enter the child's name, date of birth, school they attend and a Free School Meal (FSM) Code.

Your FSM code is: IAM2023DCC

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

We appreciate that plans may change and there may be occasions where your child can't attend. If your child is no longer able to attend a session, please cancel their place as soon as possible by using the booking system. This allows another child the opportunity to attend the club.

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 **summer** holiday clubs will take place from:

Monday 24th July- Friday 1st September

Bookings open Monday 3rd July.

Please Note: If your child fails to attend two or more booked sessions without a cancellation, all further bookings will be cancelled.



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HOW TO BOOK

STEP 1

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity
and Food Programme



1. Go to www.itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**
2. Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**
3. Once you've found a holiday club you like, click **BOOK NOW**
and choose a date and time that works for you
4. Enter your child's details along with your FSM code - you can
add more than one child. Repeat to add more sessions!

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STEP 2

1. Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
2. To complete your booking you will need to
create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add
any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

Create a Log-In

- Add your details
- Sign up for session reminders
- Enter your child/s details
- Sign up to our It's About Me newsletter



STEP 3

1. Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

No longer able to attend your session?

Please contact the organiser if you are unable to attend one of your booked activities. Places are limited and the venue will be able to open up the space for other children and young people.