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7 July 2023

Dear families

### Enterprise Week

This week has been amazing, with all pupils taking part in Enterprise Week which offers a wide and varying range of challenges, trips and exciting new learning opportunities. The purpose of Enterprise Week is to develop students' employability skills whilst having fun and challenging themselves in a different context to their usual classroom environment. Throughout the week, students have taken part in various employer challenges, meeting employers and developing the transferrable skills associated with the world of work.

Our **Year 7** pupils have been working with the English faculty on an extended project exploring the advertising and creative marketing industries whilst working on a branding project related to Alfreton. This included a visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park to gain inspiration for their sculptures representing Alfreton Town.

**Year 8** pupils have taken on the 'Denby Pottery Challenge' and experienced working towards a new marketable product which they then pitched to our Employer Partner, Denby Pottery. The pupils have engaged with activities surrounding local history, design, manufacture and the marketing of Denby products. On Thursday they visited Cromford Canal and Black Rocks for canoeing/ scrambling/ abseiling/ climbing/ bushcraft and teambuilding activities.

**Year 9** have focused on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and have taken part in a range of different themed challenges and competitions throughout the week, working in teams, to introduce them to a range of different STEM careers. The week has included a visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park, together with team building and engineering activities with the army and a CSI investigation.

**Year 10** have taken part in the World of Work, which has supported them with future career planning and employability skills. This has included a visit and tour of Nottingham University. Pupils have also been supported to produce CVs and application letters which were then put to good use in the employer mock interviews. A key part of the week is the Owen Taylor Burger challenge. Our Employer Partners at Owen Taylor & Sons Ltd support the year group to work in groups to design, create and produce a new flavour of burger along with the packaging and marketing details. The week culminated in the pupils going on a day trip to London to experience the many sites and experiences within our capital city. Many thanks to the many local employers who have supported with our World of Work week.



**Year 12** have had the opportunity to think about life after Sixth Form with visits to the University of Coventry and Nottingham Trent University, together with time spent in workshops understanding how to apply to universities and apprenticeships. Their week culminated in a trip to the seaside.

Other external visitors to the academy have included Derbyshire Police, Equip UK, David Nieper Ltd, Futures Housing, Pentaxia and Bowmer & Kirkland. A big thank you to them all for supporting the academy and running projects with our pupils, who have thoroughly enjoyed the whole week.

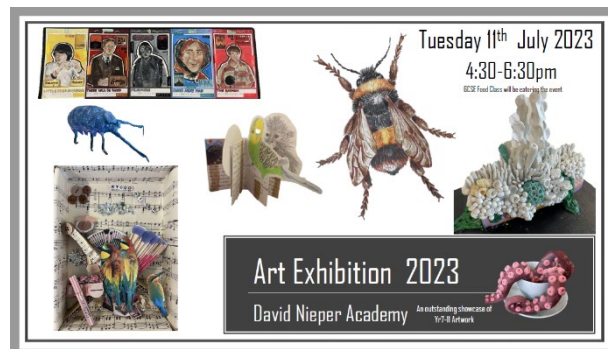
Many thanks to all staff who have put in lots of hard work and planning to make this week a wonderful success. A full report on the week will be included in the next edition of our Newsletter which will be issued before the end of term.

Please note that next week all pupils return to a **Week A** timetable.

### Art Exhibition

On Tuesday 11 July our Art Exhibition will take place in the academy, 4.30-6.30pm, and everyone is warmly invited to attend. The exhibition will be a showcase of all artworks from our students in Years 7-10.

We do hope that you are able to visit.



### Prize Giving – Wednesday 19 July

Letters of invitation have been sent home to the winners of this year's subject and special awards. If invited guests have yet to confirm their attendance, please do so to Mrs Hackett via email [mhackett@davidnieper.academy](mailto:mhackett@davidnieper.academy) by Monday 10 July latest; we will then be able to allocate spare seats to those families who have requested extra tickets. We look forward to a wonderful evening of celebration.

### Lockers

A reminder that as pupils currently in Year 9 reach the end of Key Stage 3, we are requesting all lockers to be emptied, and keys returned by Friday 14 July. This will 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.

### 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](mailto: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

Tuesday 11 July

Art Exhibition, 4.30-6.30pm

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

INSET – academy closed to all pupils

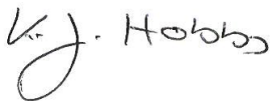
Wednesday 6 September

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

If we can help or support in any way, 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.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



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