

15 September 2023

Dear families

Last week I shared with you the four things that I have asked all pupils to do. These were:

1. Be in school and be on time,
2. Participate in lessons,
3. Do your homework,
4. Get off the bench!

Although we are only two weeks into the new school year, I can already share with you progress in each of the areas.

Pupils' attendance has been very good and changes to our routines have supported the vast majority of our pupils to be on time to every single lesson – Well done! This week, Mr Brankin has led assemblies about updates to our House system, which will include all pupils being given a House lanyard. In addition to displaying our House colours, pupils will be given a mini version of their timetable to place in their lanyard, helping even more of them to be on time to all their lessons.

Mr Ruddy has led staff training which has included strategies to support all pupils to take a full and active role in class; helping your children to learn more during every single lesson. I'm already looking forward to the next instalment.

Mr Endacott has produced letters for the parents/carers of all pupils in Years 7 to 11 with details about logging into the Satchell One App. This App (formerly known as Show My Homework) allows parents/carers to see all the homework set for their children on a daily basis. Personal organisation is often the greatest barrier to children doing their homework, so I ask all parents to please use this, helping your child to organise their workload, and ultimately to succeed.

An unprecedented number of our Year 11 pupils have 'Got off the bench' this week by getting in their applications for today's deadline to be student leaders. I can't wait to read through them all and get the interview process underway to appoint our new pupil leadership team.

Communication

I was disappointed to learn about an alleged incident in school, reported through social media this week that was entirely untrue, and I would ask all parents/carers to contact the academy about any concerns that they may have in the future. Communication between home and school is integral to supporting your child's success and helping us to make continuous improvements in the work that we do.

Therefore, on the evening of Wednesday 4 October we will be holding our first Parent Forum. The focus of this first meeting will be Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). If you have any questions or points that you would like to be discussed through this forum, please can you email them to mhackett@davidnieper.academy by Thursday 21 September. I will then share the agenda for this forum in next week's letter and invite parents/carers to attend.

Year 10 Revision Day & Parents Information Evening – Thursday 21 September

All parents/carers of Year 10 pupils are invited to attend this information evening, which runs from 4.45pm to 6pm, for a presentation and discussions surrounding the Key Stage 4 programme, and how best to support pupils at home through their studies. To confirm your attendance please email mhackett@davidnieper.academy See separate letter for full details.

Year 7 & 12 – Tutor Review Evening – Monday 25 September

This review meeting provides parents/carers of Year 7 & 12 pupils the opportunity to speak with tutors to discuss how they are settling into the academy. Appointments can be booked via the parents' booking system <https://davidnieper.schoolcloud.co.uk/> Please see separate letter for full details.

Open Evening – Wednesday 27 September, 4.30-7pm (Appointment only)

On Wednesday 27 September we will be holding our Open Evening to give parents/carers of Year 5/6 children the opportunity to visit our fantastic academy. The evening will include tours of the academy by members of staff, together with interactive subject displays and the opportunity to meet some of our Employer Partners. To attend on the evening please book appointments by emailing Miss Li via wli@davidnieper.academy - the last appointment being 6.30pm. More information is available on our website.

Uniform

We are very proud of how our pupils look in their academy uniform and our Sixth Formers in their business wear. The start of the new academic year is the ideal time to ensure that all pupils arrive to the academy dressed correctly and this does include bringing to school the correct PE kit for those pupils in Years 7-11. We have reminded all pupils about our uniform expectations, which are an important part of academy life and culture, and we thank you for your support with this.

Please label all items of uniform and PE kit so lost items can easily be returned to pupils. Lost property can be collected from the Main Office.

Book Fair – Wednesday 20 September

On Wednesday 20 September everyone is welcome to visit our Book Fair which will take place in the Main Hall between 3.45-4.30pm.

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 20 September	Book Fair
Thursday 21 September	Year 10 Revision Day & Parents Information Evening
Monday 25 September	Year 7 & 12, Tutor Review Evening
Wednesday 27 September	Open Evening
Wednesday 4 October	Parent Forum (SEND)
Thursday 5 October	Year 11 & Sixth Form – Parents Revision Evening
Wednesday 11 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 16 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm
30 October-3 November	Half-term holidays
Friday 22 December	Last day of term

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 great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr R White
Head of School

David Nieper
ACADEMY

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BOOK FAIR

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3.45pm - 4.30pm
in the Main Hall



Over 200 books to choose from.



Follow the QR code to pre pay for your child's books.

Book vouchers can also be purchased through the Scholastic website

Cash will be accepted at the fair.



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David Nieper Academy is one of Derbyshire's most ambitious and innovative schools. In September 2016 our school started a new chapter with a new name, a new sponsor, a brand new £15 million school building and a smart new uniform. We have a distinctive culture and ethos based on employability behaviours and opportunities, along with a very clear focus on ensuring the safety, well-being, and happiness of our pupils. Come and find out what makes us different.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Mr Richard White
Head of School

David Nieper
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