

8 September 2023

Dear families

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer and that you have had time to enjoy some quality time with your children.

As I am sure you can imagine, staff have been working hard to plan for the new school year and have been looking forward to all of our pupils returning to start the autumn term. This has included 155 pupils who we have welcomed into Year 7 and 38 students who have joined our Sixth Form – the most ever!! It was wonderful to see them all arrive on Wednesday morning looking so smart in their new uniforms, and for that I would like to thank you in getting them ready for the new year.

That morning, I led assemblies to all year groups, welcoming them back and explaining what they could expect from me as the new Head of David Nieper Academy. I explained that in my new role, I will bend over backwards and do everything within my power to ensure that they receive the very best care, teaching, support and wider opportunities.

I explained that in return, I would like them to do four things:

Be in school and be on time – We could create the best school in the world, but it would be a waste of time if pupils were not here to benefit from it. Make sure that they don't miss out.

Participate in lessons – Just being in lessons is not quite enough. To learn well, I need pupils to make sure that they are playing an active part by asking and answering questions, joining in with group work and sharing ideas.

Do your homework – Unfortunately, there is no way round this or any easy short cuts. The reality is that pupils who do not complete their homework do not achieve their full potential, so make sure that it isn't them.

Get off the bench – Because the game is more exciting when you are on the field! Our Academy provides countless opportunities through lunchtime and afterschool extracurricular activities, student leadership, peripatetic music lessons and of course through the House system. I want everyone to find the thing that interests them and go for it.

As the week has progressed, I have been delighted by the positive start that our pupils have made and truly appreciate their effort, hard work and commitment – even on a hot Friday afternoon!

New members of staff

As the academy continues to grow, we are delighted to welcome new members of staff in various roles across the academy. We look forward to working with them and will share full details in the next edition of the academy Newsletter which will be published at the end of this half-term.

- Assistant Headteacher, Achievement – Mr N Wadsworth
- Teaching Assistants – Miss R Badesha, Miss J Chawner-Wright, Miss K Hibbs, Miss J Scott and Miss E Sharp
- Teachers – Mr M Conway, Mrs J Jackson & Miss C Richards (Humanities), Mr D Owusu-Ansah (Maths), Miss S Richardson & Mr M Douglass (Science), Mrs L Frost-Briggs (Head of PE) and Miss L Crisp (Music Assistant)
- Academic Mentor – Miss D Wetton
- Senior IT Technician – Mr K Bearton

Dates for the diary

Wednesday 20 September	GCSE Geography fieldtrip
Thursday 21 September	Year 10 Revision Day & Parents Information Evening
Monday 25 September	Year 7 & 12, Tutor Review Evening
Wednesday 27 September	Open Evening, 4.30-7pm (by appointment only)
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
24 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.

I look forward to sharing our progress over the year ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr R White
Head of School