

13 October 2023

Dear families

After a thorough process of applications, interviews and presentations in assembly by our final four, we are delighted to announce that the following Year 11 students have been appointed to student leadership roles.

Ruby Bradford - Head Girl
Dolcie Munnelly - Deputy Head Girl

Levi Rowe - Head Boy
Riley Radford - Deputy Head Boy

Student Leaders

Ellie Farndon Lily Bowskill Isabelle Kirk Willow Hart
Isla Gardom Macy Bond Ellen Boulton Trinity Boxall Lexi Bradshaw

Democracy was very much alive in the academy, as all staff and pupils got to vote on our head girl, head boy and their deputies. We look forward to them actively participating in academy life and taking on leadership responsibilities throughout this academic year. Well done and congratulations to all of them; a great achievement and a perfect way to 'Get off the bench'.

Theatre trip to London

On Wednesday and Thursday this week, a group of Year 8 students visited London's West End to watch the performance of Matilda the musical. During their visit they also had the opportunity to visit the Victoria & Albert Museum, have dinner at the Hard Rock Café and enjoy a sightseeing tour of Buckingham Palace and Leicester Square. Thank you to Mrs Turner for organising the event. There will be a full report in the next edition of our Academy Newsletter which will be issued before the end of this half-term.



Macmillan Bake-Off

As promised, we are delighted to share with you the first placed prize winners for:

Best House Themed cake - Amy Parnell (Amber), Alayna Whitmore (Derwent), Miranda Willett (Erewash) and Isabella Throup (Trent).

Best Presentation - Dolcie Munnelly (Amber), Max Ingham (Derwent), Amelia Ablett (Erewash) and Isabella Radford (Trent).

Overall winners in these two categories were Amy and Max whose cakes were amazing.



Amy's prize-winning cake



Max's prize-winning cake

Early finish for staff training – Monday 16 October, 2pm

Please be reminded that on Monday 16 October, the academy will close at **2pm to all pupils** due to staff training. Early buses, including the Wessington bus, have been arranged. If you would prefer your child to remain at the academy until the usual finish time a supervised area will be provided. Please email info@davidnieper.academy if your child will remain in the academy.

Parent Forum

If you would like to join us for the SEND Parent Forum on Thursday 19th October, 4.30-6pm, please email Mrs Hackett, mhackett@davidnieper.academy

Also, our second forum of the year will be on the evening of Monday 13th November. The focus will be **Improving communication between school and home**. 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 26th October. I will then share the agenda for this forum in the final letter of the half-term.

Dates for the diary

Monday 16 October	Early finish for pupils at 2pm
Tuesday 17 October	Year 8 Fashion Challenge
Wednesday 18 October	UCAS Parents Evening, 5-6pm
Thursday 19 October	Parent Forum
30 October-3 November	Half-term holidays
Wednesday 8 November	Year 11 Parents Evening (letter to follow)
Friday 22 December	Last day of term, 2pm pupil finish

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