

10 November 2023

Dear families

During this week our year group assemblies have reflected on Remembrance. Thank you to Jocelyn Trow in Year 9 who beautifully played The Last Post on the trumpet. It takes incredible courage to stand in front of your peers and perform in this way.

A small group of pupils will be joining me to take part in the Alfreton Town Remembrance Parade on Sunday, where we will be able to lay our poppy wreath on behalf of the academy.

French Trip

Our recent excursion to Normandy in northern France was an amazing experience. The trip included visits to the town of Bayeux, its war museum and war cemetery, an excursion to Ouistreham beaches, a workshop at a traditional French chocolatier and visit to la Fougères Castle and Mont Saint Michel.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the opportunities which it offered. For some it was the first time travelling abroad and it gave them all the chance to practice their language skills and learn more about French culture, history and their way of life.

Thank you to Miss Curwen for her hard work in planning and organising the visit, and to other staff who supported our students whilst in France. A full report and photos will be shared with you in the next edition of our Academy Newsletter, due out at the end of this term.



Unifrog

All students in Years 7-13 have access to Unifrog our careers platform, which brings all the available information about careers, universities, apprenticeships, and all other post 16 and 18 pathways into one user-friendly platform. Unifrog are requesting consent to have parental email addresses to send you weekly summary email reports. Consent can be provided via ParentPay. Please see separate letter which has been emailed to you for full details.

Parent Forum – Monday 13 November, 4.45-5.45pm

Our next forum takes place on the evening of Monday 13 November, 4.45-5.45pm, which will focus on **Improving communication between school and home**. If you have any questions or points that you would like to be discussed through this forum, and to confirm your attendance, please email mhackett@davidnieper.academy

Year 11 Parents Evening (online) – Thursday 16 November

Thank you to all Year 11 Parents who attended on Wednesday evening. Our online Parents evening takes place on Thursday 16 November. To book appointments with staff please visit our online booking system via <https://davidnieper.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Year 10 Parents Evening – 23 & 29 November

Parents evening provides an opportunity to discuss your son/daughter's progress with subject teachers. Please see separate letter which has been emailed to you.

The dates are:

- Thursday 23 November – Held in the Main Hall, 4-6.30pm.
- Wednesday 29 November – Held online 3.45-5.15pm.

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Alfreton Town Lights Switch On – Saturday 25 November

A group of our students will be taking part in the Christmas lights switch on which takes place on Saturday 25 November. Entertainment is taking place in and around Alfreton during the day and our students will be performing at the following times:

12:45-13:15 School Band – Inside the Market Hall. (Institute Lane)

13:30-14:00 David Nieper Academy Voices – High Street, around the Christmas tree

14:30-15:00 KS4 Pupil Showcase – Main Stage at Alfreton Town Hall (opposite Costa)

Family/friends are very welcome to watch and support the academy during these performances.

Early finish for staff training – Tuesday 5 December, 2pm

On Tuesday 5 December, 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.

Dates for the diary

Monday 13 November	Parent Forum – Improving Communication
Thursday 16 November	Year 11 Parents Evening (online)
Thursday 23 & Wednesday 29 November	Year 10 Parents Evening (face-to-face & online)
Saturday 25 November	Alfreton Christmas Lights Switch On
Tuesday 5 December	Early finish – 2pm depart (due to staff training)
Friday 22 December	Last day of term, 2pm pupil finish
Monday 8 January 2024	All students return to Week B timetable
Friday 12 January 2024	INSET – academy closed to all pupils

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 good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr R White
Head of School

@alfretontowncouncil



2-6pm

2023 **Alfreton**
LIGHT
Switch On

FREE ENTRY

Main Event
@ Alfreton House

STAGE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS
SANTAS GROTT
SMALL RIDES / PONY RIDES
KIDS MASCOTS
STILT WALKERS
FIRE ENGINE
STREET FOOD
FREE FACE PAINTING

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NOV

**LIGHTS
ON
5.30PM**

*Join us early...
Throughout the town
from 11am .. Brass
Band, Choir, Balloon
Modelling &
More!*

Taking stall bookings now!
Please email:
office@alfretontc.co.uk