

1 December 2023

Dear families

This week I have had the pleasure of interviewing Year 11 pupils who have applied to join our sixth form in September 2024. It was inspiring to hear the passion and excitement with which they spoke about the courses that they are looking forward to studying, and also hearing about their plans beyond the sixth form. Pupils have shared with me a wide range of aspirational career plans, including aerospace engineering, midwifery, psychiatric medicine, ethical hacking and criminal defence law.

In response to the question 'What three adjectives best describe you?', I was very impressed by how confidently the pupils were in sharing with me their personal qualities; as quite often, people can be reluctant to sing their own praises. However, they did not hold back in telling me how enthusiastic, supportive, motivated, ambitious, disciplined and resilient they are – qualities which will certainly allow them to thrive in the years ahead.

I know that if they remain focused and continue to work hard, they will achieve their goals, and so I look forward to seeing how their career plans progress.

Details of how to apply to our Sixth Form can be found on our website or students can speak with Mr Dixon to find out more - <https://davidnieper.academy/sixth-form/admissions/>

### **Alfreton Town Lights Switch On**

It was lovely to see so many people in Alfreton enjoying the town's Christmas light switch on event at the weekend. Pupils (both past and present), parents, staff and governors all braved the cold to enjoy excellent performances by pupils from the academy. The DNA Voices delighted the shoppers at the indoor market, whilst the school band took to the main stage during the afternoon to wow the crowds that had gathered. Well done to everyone who took part, and a huge thank you to Mr Cakar and Miss Crisp who supported our students on the day, and with rehearsals in the run up to the event.



### **Year 7 Christmas Disco, Monday 4 December, 4.15-5.30pm**

We have a Christmas disco planned for Monday afterschool, which is for our Year 7 pupils, and all are welcome to attend. This will take place in the Main Hall, 4.15-5.30pm. The cost is £3 each and refreshments are included. Parental consent and payment should be made via ParentPay.

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

Please be reminded that 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](mailto:info@davidnieper.academy) if your child will remain in the

academy. (NB: The Year 7 football team who are playing against Ripley Academy after school will remain in the academy).

### **Christmas Concert, Thursday 14 December, 6-8pm**

We are delighted to confirm that our annual Christmas Concert this year will take place on Thursday 14 December. The evening will be a wonderful celebration of Christmas with a wide variety of musical items performed from students across all year groups.

Tickets are now on sale at Main Reception for £3 each (which includes a hot drink & mince pie in the interval). Please buy tickets in advance to help us cater for refreshments (there will only be a limited number of tickets available on the door). We do hope that you can join us.

### **Extra-curricular activities**

A reminder that a full list of clubs and activities on offer at lunchtime and afterschool can be viewed on our website <https://davidnieper.academy/about-us/extra-curricular-activities/> Details are also available on the TV screens around the academy and if pupils have an idea for a club which is not listed they can speak with Mrs Speed or Miss Perry.

### **Dates for the diary**

Monday 4 December	Year 7 Christmas Disco
Tuesday 5 December	Early finish – 2pm depart (due to staff training)
Thursday 7 December	NHS Immunisation nasal flu vaccine (Years 7-11)
11-15 December	Mock Exams, Year 11 & Sixth Form
Thursday 14 December	Christmas Concert
Friday 22 December	Last day of term, 2pm pupil finish
Monday 8 January 2024	All students return to Week B timetable
Thursday 11 January	Sixth Form Parents Evening, 4-6pm (face-to-face)
Friday 12 January	INSET – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 29 January	Parent Forum, Pupil Wellbeing

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.

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr R White  
Head of School

*David Nieper*  
ACADEMY

# *Christmas Concert*

**THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**18:00 - 20:00**

**DAVID NIEPER ACADEMY**

**ACADEMY ORCHESTRA**

**DNA VOICES**

**ROCK BAND**

**& MUCH MORE**

**TICKETS: £3**

**\*INCLUDES HOT DRINK & MINCE PIE**