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July 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

At the end of a very busy yet hugely rewarding year, it's always important to reflect on the wonderful events that make our Academy such a great local school for our community. There has been much to celebrate this year as we firmly establish Newark Academy as a great local school for our community and beyond. It has been amazing to see so many of our fantastic students achieve success across a range of areas and our summer newsletter is always a great way to share these achievements with parents, carers and the wider community. I do hope that you enjoy reading about them.

Many parents and carers will know that we were recently visited by OFSTED who inspected the quality of education at our Academy on the 9th and 10th of July 2019. The two days were hugely positive and whilst I am unable to share the outcome of the inspection with you due to the quality assurance processes that follow, I am delighted to inform you that the inspection was a hugely positive experience for everyone concerned with the Academy. I would also like to thank parents and carers for contributing to the OFSTED online survey which attracted over 115 responses which were overwhelmingly positive. Indeed, over 96% of parents and carers would recommend our academy to another parent which was commented on by the lead inspector as hugely supportive and highly impressive. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and we are well placed to confirm our place in our community as a 'great' local school in the very near future.

Indeed, it was an enormously busy week as whilst dealing with the small matter of an OFSTED inspection, we had to prepare for our annual 'Celebration of Success' evening which was a triumph yet again alongside our sports day which was also a roaring success. The results of which can be viewed a little later in this newsletter.

Following on from such a positive week, this year has seen our Academy become oversubscribed for places in Year 7 for the first time in its history. As a result of such demand, the Academy has opened its doors to an additional 30 Year 7 children for September 2019 and will welcome the biggest ever cohort joining the Academy in the Autumn. Due to this rapid expansion, we have appointed over 16 new members of teaching staff to meet this unprecedented demand with some wonderfully talented appointments being made in English, Maths, Science, Food, Technology, PE, Law, Sociology, Dance, Geography and RE. We have also increased our pastoral team by appointing new leadership to this area as well as a new Pastoral Leader. You will find more

information about the exciting developments in the pastoral team later on in this newsletter.

As we look forward to September, we are excited about the developments that have been taking place in the classroom with teaching and learning being at the centre of our ongoing development plans. Our '5 golden threads' as well as our use of knowledge organisers and recall and retrieval starters and activities all help students develop their long-term memory so that they are able to 'know more and remember more'. Our students, as always, will be provided with every opportunity to achieve their full potential intelligent curriculum planning designed to provide the highest level of challenge as well as the development of 'powerful' knowledge and 'cultural capital' which helps prepare them for the world at large.

To complement the excellent practice that takes place in the classroom, we are delighted to be able to confirm that our enrichment offer for September will be our biggest and best yet. From September, we will expect that every student across the Academy will undertake at least one enrichment activity per week which aids the development of the whole person away from a formal classroom setting. A full menu of activities is available from our Academy reception, but I am particularly delighted to see that there are many more sporting activities than ever before alongside a broad and rich range of extracurricular activities delivered by both staff and external partners. Please do encourage your children to take up as many of these additional opportunities as possible as they enrich their everyday experience here at our Academy and compliment classroom based learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for helping us maintain the highest standards of uniform and presentation here at the Academy. Our students are, by and large always immaculately presented and wear their uniforms with pride. However, there are the very rare occasions where a very small proportion of students do not follow our Academy policy and fall short of the very high standards we set. I would ask therefore, that parents and carers familiarise themselves with our Academy uniform policy found on our website prior to purchasing school uniform for September 2019, as our very high standards of uniform will continue to be stringently upheld.

Please also note that piercings, hair colouring and gel nails are not part of our Academy dress code and as such, we do not accept students into our Academy who do not present in the correct way for learning.

As a reminder for parents and carers of Year 11 students, GCSE results day is Thursday 22nd August 2019 between 9.00 am and midday. Students have worked exceptionally hard this year and we are very much looking forward to sharing in their success on results day and welcoming many of our amazing Year 11 students into our newly formed Newark Academy Sixth Form which opens with its first ever cohort in September. More on our amazing NA6 can be found in this newsletter.

As always, we are enormously grateful for the continued support of parent, cares and the wider community. Thank you once again and on behalf of us all here at Newark Academy and I wish you a happy, healthy and restful summer break.

Andy Seymour
Headteacher

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY TRIP



A select group of year 10 students were taken to a workshop at Lincoln University with the outgoing Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. She read through and explained many of her poems, and the students were able to ask her questions. Matthew Hough asked her an insightful question about whether her political views influence her poetry, which led to an interesting moral debate.

FIRST LIVE BROADCAST

The Radio Club ran their first ever live broadcast on Radio Newark recently. A great deal of preparation went into this from the group. They are hoping to do three broadcasts per year.



Congratulations and well done!

POETRY WORKSHOP

Year 9 had the opportunity to benefit from a professional poet, Jamie Thrasivoulou, coming in to work with them for two days in June. Students listened to various poems, explored the language used and wrote their own poetry. Year 9 engaged well with the workshop and produced some wonderful pieces. Jack Bailey especially wrote a powerful piece about Newark.



NEWARK CIVIL WAR MUSEUM



Year 7s had an amazing couple of days at the Newark Civil War Centre. Pupils put their military skills to the test and handled 17th century weaponry and armour and battled each other using Pike tactics. Pupils experienced the trial and execution of Charles I and toured Newark's Civil War history. It was a fantastic

couple of days, Year 7 made us all extremely proud of their maturity, engagement and resilience (especially on the walk back to school).

THE PASTORAL LEADER TEAM

September 2019 will see some exciting developments within our Pastoral Leader team. Mr Reece Stevenson will be joining us to further develop the outstanding practice that we deliver to support the learning of our young people. Mr Stevenson currently works within Newark Academy as a Behaviour Support Worker and as such has already begun to build strong relationships with students, staff and parents/carers.

We are also fortunate to welcome Mrs Ali Brown as a full time team member of Newark Academy. Ali was recently appointed into a new role in school as our Student Experience and Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Coordinator. Many students and parents are already aware of the tremendous work that Ali does in the academy and our primary schools. The Pastoral Leaders are looking forward to working alongside Ali in her new position. We know that she will be a fabulous addition to our academy and further compliment the support we offer our students in school and as they enter the next stage of their education.

A huge welcome to you both!

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all the parents who have supported us this year by echoing our vision and values to your children. As we are often the first point of contact for parents we place great importance on the strong relationships we continue to build with you. We are only able to be as effective as we are by utilising the support parents provide.

The contact information below can also be found on our website.

Pastoral Leader year group allocations for the academic year 2019-2020 are as follows;

Year 7 and transition – Mrs L Ness – lness@newarkacademy.co.uk

Year 8 – Mr R Stevenson – rstevenson@newarkacademy.co.uk

Year 9 – Mrs S Taylor – staylor@newarkacademy.co.uk

Senior Pastoral Leader – Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 – Mrs A Rae – arae@newarkacademy.co.uk

[Other useful contacts](#)

[SENCO – Mrs G Willis – gwillis@newarkacademy.co.uk](#)

[Behaviour Intervention Lead and Anti-Bullying Coordinator](#)

[– Mrs S Goodman - sgoodman@newarkacademy.co.uk](#)

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

EMASA Regional Championship 2019



Marija competed at East Midlands Championship 2019 in Corby, where she won the bronze medal in 100 Freestyle and became East Midlands Junior Champion in 50 Freestyle.

She was the youngest in her age group, but her result pleasantly stunned all the judges of these competitions, she swam this distance 0:28.91 sec.

Lithuanian Winter Championships

Marija achieved 2 silvers and a bronze for Lithuania in the U15 European Championships held in March this year.

Well done to Marija – what an amazing achievement!



National Boxing Championships

Sam Hardy won the National Boxing School Championships in London in May. To win this title Sam had to fight twice making him the two times Champion. Well done Sam a fantastic achievement.

Sam has also been selected by the England boxing to go to Georgia on the 31st July for 12 days to represent England to compete in a boxing event.

Chloe Davies



Chloe is attending the England Boxing Camp at Sheffield in late July. She is coming second in the School Girl National Championships for her age and weight. Chloe also represented the Tri Nations and came second.



Indoor Bowls Competition



On Saturday 30th March a team of our students entered an under 16s knock out competition at Indoor Bowls at Erewash. The team came first and won a silver trophy. Pictured are the winning team receiving their trophy.

Ice Hockey

Owen Crowder plays goalkeeper for Nottingham Ice Cats under 15s (and he's only 13!) Ice Hockey team. After a fantastic season winning the league undefeated Owen was awarded with the most consistent player for the season. The club described Owen as dependable, punching above his weight constantly, most improved and best goalkeeper statistics in the under 15s B league. Well done Owen everyone is so proud of you!



Netball

Two of our talented netballers have been selected for Loughborough Lightning U15 Performance Pathway. On the hottest day of the year a large group of netballers set out to trial for the Performance Pathway of Loughborough Lightning. 210 girls trialed for a number of different hubs across the East Midlands Region. Katie Beardsmore and Katie Mills were both selected for the Nottingham Hub for the season 2019-2020. The journey of high performance netball starts now for the girls as they embark upon a programme that will enhance their netball and everything about being a top class performer. Good Luck on your journey and many congratulations to you both.



Nottinghamshire School Games



A great tournament for the year 7 tag rugby team really showing our motto of work hard be kind and winning the spirit of the games trophy. Well done girls!

Sports Tour – Disney Land Paris

An amazing experience had by 50 students, 4 netball teams and 1 football team, on our 2nd International sports tour in April this year. A jam packed 5 days of International Sporting competition wrapped around 3 fantastic half days in Disney. The atmosphere on the Netball courts and Football pitches was fantastic. All teams played well in their respective competitions, some playing for the win and other teams just playing for the sheer enjoyment.

The results:

Netball

U12 – 6th showdown international cup

U14a – 2nd showdown shield

U14b – 4th showdown plate

U14c – 6th challenger vase

Football

U14 – 6th showdown plate

The time spent in Disney itself was full of fun and laughter with lots of rides for those who dares. Mickey and his gang were out in force to give the students a wonderful time on Sports Tour.

Just a few photographs of our amazing students from their recent Sports Tour to Disney Land Paris.





KS1 Sports Festival

PE Ambassadors organised a primary KS1 festival in July and 6 teams attending and competed. It was a great event and our PE Ambassadors did an amazing job organising and running the event on the day. It was also great to see so many wonderful primary students enjoying being active and having a go at new things. Watch out next year for a bigger and better event!!



Sports Day

Sports Day 2019 was a fantastic whole school event that the house system really shone through. Events in the morning of 1500m and high jump were really well represented and the competition was high. After an extended lunch it was time for tutors to prepare their tutor groups for the main track and field events. The field was electric with everyone in high spirits cheering on each race as the houses gathered down the finish straight. The results were changing throughout the competition and it was the team who fielded the most athletes in the most events that brought home the trophy.

Sports Day Results

House	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Overall Points	Overall Position
Kenilworth	179	129	158	174	640	5
Ludlow	205	147	128	204	684	3
Pembroke	190	229	147	102	668	4
Richmond	180	184	161	111	636	6
Stirling	152	222	181	175	730	1
Warwick	164	198	197	129	688	2

Inter-house Dodgeball Competition

Our first ever inter-house dodge ball competition was held this year. All 6 Houses competed over the course of the week, culminating with a staff V 6th form match on the Friday. Such a fun event and the PE Ambassadors did a great job organising this, whilst raising money for the British Heart Foundation.



ENRICHMENT



David Usher, one of the first students at the Grove school and a lifelong community member has returned to share his passion of woodworking with Newark Academy's Enrichment students. Harrison is proudly showing his achievement. Students are encouraged to design and create their own projects, which have included clocks, boxes and stools.

Tom Dale Company

This term NewArts contemporary dance group attended a 2 day workshop with The Tom Dale Company, working on a collaboration project with



professional dancers. They had an amazing time and gained many skills from this experience. Black Thunder also performed at this event at the end of the second day. These groups work tirelessly on their dance routine and are truly a credit to Newark Academy.

Beaumont House



The Newark Academy Choir and Community Art Club attended Beaumont House this term, to perform and entertain their day patients. It was such a pleasure to be asked. Choir sang their medley from The Greatest Showman, whilst choir helped day patients to create their own wonderful work of art that sits on display at Beaumont House.

NEWS FROM THE RS DEPARTMENT



The RS department recently ran a successful project all about developing understanding of ourselves and mindfulness, RS



ambassadors worked alongside other year 9

students to think about their vices and virtues and reflect on what their goals are for the future. We also thought about our school, our strengths and areas they would like to see change over the next few years. The final stage of the project combined art and deep thinking with a graffiti session run by a local artist. Each canvass combines two students ideas and showcases their understanding of themselves and our community.

Thank you to all the students involved who helped make this a successful project – Lizzie Gibson, Jacob Furniss, Lucy Eagles, Amy-Jay Mellors, Molly Smith, Kobe Baker, Tola Olusi-Mason, Joshua Miller, Rachel Birch, Callum Leahy and Emily Wales.

The RS department recently went on a successful trip with year 9 and 10 students to South Minster, a fantastic opportunity to visit a local place of beauty, history and inspiration. All students had the opportunity to learn about the history of the Minster, go on a guided tour and see how art work interweaves into the life of the Minster. Students were shown sacraments by one of the local retired Priests who helped enable students to understand different Christian practices but more importantly the purpose of these practices for Christians. Students showed off their impressive understanding of Christianity and their ability to reflect and pose deep philosophical questions such as 'why would an omnibenevolent God allow suffering' and tricky ethical questions such as 'what do you think about the Palestinian Conflict, 'Should Euthanasia be allowed' and 'What are your views on secularism' to a Nottinghamshire Priest who tackled these with great reflection and insight. The afternoon session proved enlightening, poignant and educational and certainly had gave the Priest, George White, some thoughtful discussion.

Thank you to all the students involved who helped make this a successful trip, your behaviour and questioning was outstanding, you really impressed the staff and Priests.

Ms Daw

STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT KEY EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS



During work related learning week, 22 year 10 students look part in an exciting new Employability Skills programme. Each student spent 12 hours over the course of one week working towards the HABC Certificate in Personal Development for Employability Level 1.

The students have learnt how to write a CV, complete a job application form and prepare for an interview. The students said:

“It’s been very fun. It’s helped me to understand more about the world of work and how to apply for a job” (Amelka Nowatkowski)

“It’s helped us understand our strengths and weaknesses and step out of our comfort zone” (Harry Bradshaw)

“It’s helped me understand how interviews work and what sort of skills you need to get a job” (Leilani Munn)

“We learnt how to construct CVs and how to present ourselves in the best way and make a good impression” (Damon Dorozynski)

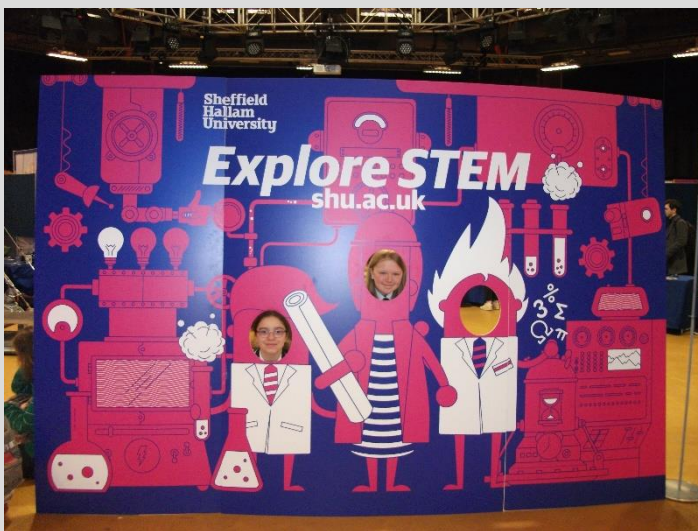
Suzanne Dale from Deere Apprenticeships delivered the programme with high levels of energy and expertise which kept the students engaged all week.

STEPPING INTO THE WORLD STEM

I hope I am not too bold in saying that STEM learning is the future of education. STEM enables our pupils to become better problem solvers to lead the world to a better future.

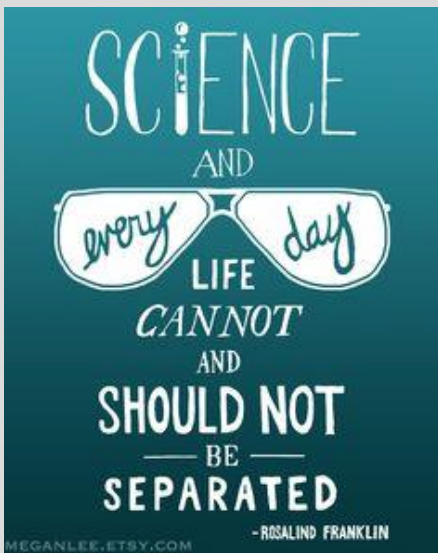
Hence, I am delighted to share with you some insight from two successful trips we have had in science this year. Our ambition in the science department is to get more pupils engaged and inspired to consider a future career in STEM, and where better to start than our first trip to the Big Bang Fair at the NEC in Birmingham. The Fair is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths for young people in the UK and in March a group of year 8 pupils and science ambassadors were exposed to explosive chemistry, marine biology, robots, crime-solving (to name just a few activities). Our pupils really enjoyed themselves and many embraced the opportunity to take part in interactive workshops, mini challenges and virtual reality. They also mentioned how inspired they were to talk to scientists and engineers that are working on important and extremely relevant projects!

Later that month I was also fortunate enough to lead a trip for a group of Year 9 and 10 girls to the University of Sheffield, the event was called 'Exploring STEM for girls' the ladies had a fun-filled afternoon of candyfloss, a photo booth, dancing with a robot; and one student even won a hoody!





But of course, it gave our pupils opportunities to meet and talk to students and lecturers from the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Hallam University, discover real world applications, investigate subject choices beyond Year 11 and explore the huge variety of career routes that STEM subjects have to offer. So it seems that last year, March was the month to focus on STEM, and well the next academic year will be no different, please make a note of British Science Week: 6th – 15th March 2020 . We hope to provide



our students with the same opportunities as last year, but making sure that the whole school gets the chance to embrace science week with some activities for everyone! We will also try to spread our passion for STEM throughout the year, so keep your eyes out for more trips in science as we are hoping to cater for all years next year, including a spectroscopy workshop at the University of Nottingham for Year 13 students and potentially a trip for Year 7 to the science museum in London. And for those pupils who are very interested in STEM and their science lessons aren't enough to fulfil their inquiring minds, then you'll be pleased to hear that we will also be offering a STEM challenge club next year, these sessions will provide a platform to extend learning, and more importantly have fun outside the curriculum. Students could be saving the world with STEM, surviving a zombie apocalypse or building a lego robot.

I look forward to rallying an army of STEM students in September; after all, they could be the ones literally shaping the world around us in the not so distant future!

Miss Langford

AMAZING SHOWCASE



In July, we held our Summer Showcase, to raise money for next years school production. The students were absolutely incredible!! The amount of dedication and commitment show by these students was mind-blowing. We look forward to the big show next year, but we're not spilling the beans on what it's going to be just yet!

"It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such wonderful, talented students who performed in this year's summer showcase. Their commitment to the rehearsals and tenacity really shone through and I'm really excited to start our rehearsals for next year's musical. Well done everyone!" Miss Morris.

SLOVAKIA 2019

On Monday 17th of July, 5 intrepid explorers and aspiring business leaders left the safety and comfort of Newark Academy to travel to Bratislava, Slovakia for an EU fully-funded two week work experience contract with YouNG and NGi. Below you'll find a summary of all of our experiences, please see our twitter feed for more photos and information.

Work experience included:

A trip to Jaguar Landrover.

A meeting with the British Ambassador and Head of Corporate Affairs.

Market day at Nitra Business Academy.

Market day at Gymnazium Viliama Paulinyho Totha.

Work experience at Lavardedigital – a social media and marketing company.

Work experience at Brandtner Environmental Services.

Cultural excursions included:

Solstice festival and campfire.

Slovenské Národné Muzeum.

Tatra mountain hike.

Turčianska Galéria visit.

Vienna Prater Theme Park.





Newark Academy Sixth Form

'Dare to Excel'

Here at NA6 we aspire for all crew members to secure amazing academic achievements, but we also aspire for them to have opportunities to foster their self-belief as mature, assertive and engaged young members of society who are determined to make a difference and are fully aware of their social responsibility towards others. Here's what we have been getting up to recently.

Applying to university is a daunting task and so NA6 attended a lecture on Thursday 6th June from NTU about the UCAS process. In this session the students had the time to discuss any queries that they had about the process too. It is encouraging to think that destination data for NA6 suggests that 77% of students are applying to go to university. It is also fantastic to see that 35% of these students are also aspiring to study at one of the Russell Group universities!



On Monday 1st July NA6 visited Nottingham University Trent for a research day. The university has just been named as 'University of the Year' but the Guardian and NA6 had the opportunity to use the research facilities and produced a series of videos about teaching and learning methods at university. The visit was incredibly useful at dispelling any myths students had about university but the experience had a significant impact on three students in particular. These students were unsure about whether university was the right thing for them and, as a result of this visit, they are excited about applying to university to commence their studies in 2020.



It is astounding to think about how much NA6 have achieved this half term! Students have also had the opportunity to visit Lincoln University for a lecture led by the outgoing Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, and take part in a Biology research trip to Bristol.



NA6 also took the lead with a Raising and Giving week in the final week of school for the Children's Bereavement Centre in Newark. Various activities took place such as a bake sale, football tournament and an opportunity to vote and gunge a teacher - a teacher's worst nightmare! All of these events were taken in good spirit and were well supported by staff and other crew members too!



Students from years 7 and 8 created their final designs on the Laser cutter and the pieces are now complete! Lots of beautiful and colourful ear phone wraps and photo frames. Year 7's started their 2D Design journey with Mr Quint and were able to begin learning the software whereas the year 8's have been developing and mastering their craft. Some fantastic designs showing that hard work and resilience pays off! Very well done to all!





We are the Change Project

We have invited 10 year 7 students to take part in a 6 week project with YMCA & Green Scene.

The horticulture project focused on environmental and social issues, using a variety of multi-media skills, such as photography, blogging and graphic design.

At the end of the project, staff, peers and parents/carers were able to try their produce grown throughout the project at a market stall style event.

End2End Challenge

The Princes Trust group at school have set up a bike challenge to coincide with the End2End challenge that is being undertaken by Mike White in aid of the Sam White Legacy. Mike and a group of fellow riders are biking from John O'Groats to Land's End over 14 days. Each cyclist is riding for a child that the legacy has been able to send on a respite break to Center Parcs with their family members.



The students have done this as part of their community project work and are hoping to cover the same distance as the ride being undertaken by Mike and his team of riders. The boys have set up that under 16's pay 50p to ride as far as they can in 2 minutes and over 16's do the same but have 3 minutes for the challenge. There is a prize for the student who can bike the furthest.

The bike is set up in reception of the school and creates quite a buzz at break times as students compete against each other to win the prize.

Year 10 Work Experience

Over a two week period at the start of July, 120 Year 10 students took to the local community on their work experience to gain those key skills and knowledge that is essential for any career. The insight gained throughout each of the placements students visited was invaluable and the feedback received from employers was amazing to hear. The students that we had in school working at part of either site team, admin or in departments were credits to us. Lexus Beckford in particular was amazing on our reception and I'm sure has been sorely missed since returning back to lessons. To have Lexus and Oliver



Wolfenden practically begging to stay on with us from another week was testament to the experiences that we provided them with. They were worked so hard throughout the duration of all of the work experience placements – many of our students reported to being in bed before the street lamps came on and even missing 'Love Island'.

Many of our students since going out on work experience have made so much of positive impact have since been offered part-time work when they turn 16 and some even promises of apprenticeships when they finish Year 11. Jake Beall is one of our students has been asked to return as a potential apprentice at Staythorpe Power Station as an engineer and Carl Green another at Pneutherm. The vast majority of our students were a credit to us and true ambassadors for this academy.

A big thank you finally goes to our colleagues at Deere Apprenticeships who were in all week taking 24 of our students through their HABC Employability Skills Award Level 1. All of the students were engaged fully in these sessions throughout the week and are now fully equipped with full CV's and the interview skills, amongst other things, that will be invaluable in years to come.