



Dear parent/carer(s),

At Newark Academy we are passionate about supporting our students to become lifelong learners who have the skills and attributes to achieve ongoing success. Our 'Attitude to Learning' (ATL) programme is a key aspect of this work and helps us to understand where your child is excelling, but also where they need to improve, and we are keen to inform you of their early success through our upcoming ATL progress checkpoint.

We expect all students to demonstrate our GREAT values (Gratitude, Responsibility, Excellence, Aspiration, Tenacity) on a daily basis and this, in combination with our ATL strategy this provides students with the platform to challenge themselves and develop as confident independent learners.

Teachers and students have worked incredibly hard together since we re-opened to all students in September. We are immensely proud of our students and the way in which they have adapted to the current situation and adapted to the routines of learning. Our teachers have been carefully monitoring how students have responded to these challenges and will shortly provide each child with their first ATL score of the year.

As you may know, our ATL process involves providing students with a score, 1 to 4, across all subjects, where 1 equates to outstanding. We then combine these scores across student's subjects before calculating an overall average score. We have recently updated our criteria to raise our expectations even further for those students who demonstrate strong attitudes to learning.

Once this initial process is complete we will share a short report with parents to enable you to see how your son/daughter is progressing so far in each subject. This information will further enable us to work closely with students, alongside the support from parents, to ensure they are well placed to make continual improvements across the academic year. You will be able to access your child's report using our new parent portal, 'My Child At School'(MCAS). We will be writing to you separately regarding your access to this portal and will provide a simple overview of its main features so that you are able to access what you need.

In addition to this first reporting window there will be two further collection points across the academic year. These will enable us to closely monitor your child and provide a holistic overview of their progress

The following table outlines our anticipated checkpoints for each year group. Please note however that these are subject to change:

Year group	Progress Check 2	Progress Check 3
Year 7	26/1/2021	14/7/2021
Year 8	26/1/2021	14/7/2021
Year 9	26/1/2021	14/7/2021
Year 10	3/2/2021	30/6/2021

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Year 11	18/1/2021	16/4/2021
Year 12	27/1/2021	23/6/2021
Year 13	13/11/2020	26/3/2021

Under normal circumstances we would hold 'Achievement Evenings' where we provide face to face opportunities between families and teachers to discuss your child's progress. The current challenges are going to make this difficult but we endeavour to provide opportunities to replicate this in a safe way and will be in touch throughout the year with further details.

I hope you find this information useful and we'll be in touch again in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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