

 **Newark Academy**  
London Road  
Balderton  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire  
NG24 3AL

 +44 (0) 1636 615000  
 [www.newarkacademy.co.uk](http://www.newarkacademy.co.uk)  
 [office@newarkacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@newarkacademy.co.uk)  
 @NewarkAcademyUK

**Head Teacher**  
Chris Fisher *BSc (Hons), PGCE*

**Executive Head Teacher**  
Andy Seymour *BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQH*



July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As the end of term approaches at pace, I wanted to write to outline our plans for the end of term whilst also providing some useful updates.

### Staffing Updates

Mr Taylor – Senior Deputy Head. Mr Taylor will be leaving us at the end of the year, taking on a senior leadership post within another Trust. Steve has been an excellent support to me personally as Headteacher and I cannot thank him enough for his commitment to our students. Mrs Hamilton-Smith, a very experienced leader and someone who has been an integral part of Newark Academy's improvement journey, will be taking on the role of Deputy Head and will lead on Rewards, Behaviour and Personal Development across the Academy.

Mr Nelson – Associate School Leader. Mr Nelson will be taking a 12 month secondment at another one of our Trust schools. Mr Nelson is an excellent practitioner and has supported students across Geography to achieve amazing outcomes.

There are several other staff members who leave us at the end of the year to seek new challenges. I am proud of our teachers who have worked incredibly hard over the past 4-5 years to develop into exceptional practitioners and will go on to be fantastic middle leaders in their new roles across the County. I am sure families will join me in wishing them the very best of luck on the chapters of their journey.

I am pleased to have secured excellent teachers who were desperate to come and work with our students and will be able replacements for those who leave us.

### Uniform Updates

A reminder of the changes to our school uniform policy which I consulted on last summer and also shared more recently. Our new school skirt and ties are readily available to students via our uniform provider and all details relating to our uniform policy are available on our [website](#). We would like all students to carry a rucksack for school books and equipment rather than draw string or handbags. Rucksacks are much more practical and are easier to carry around the busy school corridors.

It has been great to see students taking advantage of our summer uniform adjustments and wearing shorts. I hope they have felt more comfortable as a result. A reminder that this summer adjustment covers the months of May through to July.

A reminder if families require financial support with school uniform please do get in touch with us ([office@newarkacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@newarkacademy.co.uk))

### End of Term Plans

I am pleased to be able to offer our students with a day of fun activities on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Final details of our Alton Towers and onsite Fun Day will be communicated with students and parents/carers in the coming days, and we are incredibly excited to celebrate with all students

on this day. We will also be holding a number of Reward Assemblies throughout the week where students will receive several exciting and fun awards.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, our last school day of the year, we have decided to give students a non-uniform day as an additional reward! We will also be **giving away two laptops** in a draw which will include all students who attend school every day during the last week of term. On Friday, students will leave the Academy early at 12.35. The Farndon 683 bus has been rescheduled and will leave at 12.45. The Stagecoach community buses cannot be rescheduled, so students who use No. 2 Winthorpe will need to catch the Stagecoach service 3 outside Lidl and transfer to service 2 at the bus station. Students who use the 686 Barnby in the Willows service will be required to make alternative travel arrangements. If this presents any issues to families please do get in touch and we will do what we can to support.

### **September Return**

All students will return to the Academy on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September following three days of staff inset/preparation. Our new Headteacher, Miss Inma Pena is very excited to be joining our Academy and to welcoming all students back to school.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> all students will go straight to their Crew Leaders classrooms where they will be registered. There will be a number of key activities to support students return prior to moving into the first lessons of the year. Parents/Carers will receive specific information, via email nearer the time, as to which Crew Leader and classroom your child/children will need to go to. A reminder our Academy day commences at 8.25am and all students must be through the bottom pedestrian gate before this time.

All new year 7 children will be required to bring a packed lunch to the Academy across the first week whilst we set-up their cashless Squid accounts. Those children who are eligible for free school meals will be provided for from 4<sup>th</sup> September and will not be required to bring a packed lunch with them.

### **Thank you**

At the end of a long academic year, I want to recognise our students who I continue to be in awe of. Our students have tackled the challenges of the year with resilience and excellence and I am incredibly proud of what they have achieved. Be that our new year 7s who have quickly got onboard with our Crew ethos and GREAT values; year 8s who continue to mature as they prepare for the final year of key stage 3; year 9s who have grown in responsibility and who are now ready to embark on the first year of GCSEs; year 10 who are a fantastic year group and have worked so hard to prepare for their recent mock assessments and are poised to take on the final year of KS4; year 11 who have navigated GCSE examinations and now prepare for further education; year 12s who have been so supportive of their younger peers and consistently role model excellence to them; and finally our year 13s who have diligently prepared for A Level examinations and epitomise what *work hard, be kind* really means and looks like – thank you to you all.

As my time at this amazing Academy draws to an end, I also want to acknowledge and appreciate the support of our families. The success of our Academy and its young people are grounded in the strength of partnership between home and school. I am eternally grateful to

those parents/carers who have always supported the work we do and the ambitions we have for our children. For me, it has always been about *unashamedly high expectations* and a culture of *ambition for all* – a journey which I am so proud to have been a part of and one I am confident the Academy will continually strive to achieve.

I wish our families, students and staff happiness, health and success for the future.

Very best and warmest wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Fisher', with a stylized, cursive script.

Chris Fisher

Head Teacher