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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It has been another successful year at our Academy and it has been wonderful to see so many of our fantastic students achieve success both in and outside the classroom and our newsletter is always a great way to share these achievements with parents, carers and the wider community. We hope you enjoy reading about them.

This year has seen a significant increase in the number of students who wish to join our flourishing Academy and as such, we have over 15 new members of staff starting with us in September. We have appointed some wonderfully talented colleagues to our Academy team in English, Maths, Science, Food, Business Studies, Dance, Drama, Geography and RE. We have also increased our pastoral team by appointing a new Pastoral Leader which ensures that we can continue to support our young people to grow, develop and achieve, both in and out of the classroom.

Unfortunately, we do say farewell to a number of colleagues who leave us for pastures new. Mrs Harrison (English), Miss Gibson (Technology), Mrs Vause (Geography/Business Studies) and Mrs Sadler all leave the Academy this summer and we send them off with our warmest best wishes and we wish them good fortune in their new adventures.

As we look forward to September, we are excited about the developments that have been taking place in the classroom and our colleagues will continue to prepare and deliver 'great' lessons so that learners make 'great' progress. Our students, as always, will be provided with every opportunity to achieve their full potential through exciting, engaging and challenging learning experiences and will be offered a range of opportunities to be successful, independent learners.

To compliment 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 and we are hugely grateful to all our external providers for offering their time to ensure such a packed and varied programme is available for our students.

I would also like to remind parents and carers to familiarise themselves with our Academy uniform policy found on our website prior to purchasing school uniform for September, as our very high standards of uniform will continue to be upheld and we thank parents and carers in advance for their ongoing support.

I would also like to remind parents and carers that piercings, hair colouring and gel nails are not part of our Academy dress code and as such, we expect students to continue to wear their uniform correctly and with pride. Please ensure that this continues and that students return with the correct appearance in line with our uniform policy.

GCSE results day is Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018 from 9.30am. 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 College which opens with its first ever cohort in September.

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, have a wonderful summer break.

## NEWS FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT

### Nottinghamshire School Game

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3 groups of students attended the Nottinghamshire School Games for three different events. Our annual Boccia leading with Pete Edwards, our year 7 tag rugby team and a Boccia team had an early start for an exciting day at Nottingham Trent University.



The year 7 girls Tag rugby team played really well drawing their first game against West Bridgford, with a win and a loss in the next games we unfortunately did not get through the group stages but a great experience for all who attended.

The Boccia team, who had not played together as a team before, played some great games coming 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

Our amazing Sports Leaders did us proud on the leadership front by officiating and organizing the primary and secondary competitions. A very warm day ended with our brilliant students trying their best in all the sports we represented.

### National School Games – Indoor Kayaking

In partnership with Newark Canoe Club and British Canoe Union we held a local round of trials for a 200m sprint on the Indoor Kayaks. As results were coming in it was clear to see that we had a number of athletes that were topping the table in the North of England. Once all results were in 7 Newark Academy students were selected to represent, or be a reserve, for team England North at the National School Games in August. Jacob Hage and Lucy Morey topped the leader board with some incredible times and joining them were George Bourke and Callum Ellwood who finished in the top four of their age group. We wish all the students the best of luck in August at the highest level of competition in the school's calendar.



The partnership with Newark Canoe Club and British Canoeing will continue into next year with some exciting opportunities in the pipeline. Watch this space for more details!

## All Schools Rugby Development

Newark Academy have been selected by England Rugby in partnership with Newark Rugby Club to become a school that delivers the highest quality rugby to both boys and girls in both the curriculum and extra curricular provision. The partnership will start to develop skills and game play in lessons and provide opportunities to use these in a series of festivals at Newark Rugby Club with high class coaches and referees. This is an exciting time for rugby at Newark Academy and the partnership with both the RFU and Newark Rugby Club will enhance the work completed in school time with transition to clubs seamlessly.

## National Schools Champion



On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May, Sam Hardy took on the country in his first ever Minors National Schools competition at the Meres in Grantham. He is undefeated and this shone through as he beat the best amateur boxers in the country in his age category.

Sam used all of his skills and listened well to his coaches to go out and deliver what was asked of him at this high level. An amazing young man with some incredible talent.

## Action Indoor Cricket England

Libby Johnson, Year 10, has been selected for the final 12 players to represent Action Indoor Cricket England in the Junior World Series in Christchurch, New Zealand. A huge congratulations goes to Libby for her hard work, commitment and dedication to ensure she succeeded. This is an amazing opportunity for Libby as she not only will play for England but she will also travel to New Zealand and have the most memorable experience. We wish her and the rest of the team all the best for the tournament. Congratulations and good luck Libby!!!

## National School Equestrian Association County Championship Finals



Amazing results for Lilly and her horse she came 15<sup>th</sup> in the National School Equestrian Association County Championship Finals. Lilly was representing Newark Academy and the County at this event. Well done Lilly – an amazing achievement.

## COMMUNITY ART CLUB INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT



The Community Art Club ran a 3 week project with The Oaks Care Home where they led and supported residents from The Oaks to create a beautiful silk banner that will be hung in their sensory garden. It was such a beautiful experience for all involved.

## NEWARTS AND BLACK THUNDER DANCE GROUPS



NewArts and Black Thunder dance groups performed with the Tom Dale Company at 'Urban Explorers' on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Nottingham Playhouse. They performed with professional dancers and did an amazing job, demonstrating professionalism and great team work.



## SMILERS

Our Peer Mentors have delivered sessions in our local primary schools on well-being for Healthy Minds Week. The mentors used the acronym SMILERS to focus on the pillars of well-being and how children can easily support their own health and happiness. They created the performance themselves and we provided schools with a follow up workshop that primary staff delivered after the performance.



## YEAR 8 STUDENT HEALTH MENTORS

Our Year 8 Student Health Mentors finished their course on smoking prevention. Trained by ASSIST Notts, the mentors role was to influence conversation with their peers, giving them lots of facts and data on the affects of smoking on a person's health. This national programme has been widely researched and proven to reduce the number of young people that try smoking. The Health Mentors worked really hard throughout their 2 days of training and follow-up sessions, having 705 conversations with their peers about smoking. ASSIST say this is the most they have ever had from a team of Student Health Mentors so great effort from the team!

## RYLA SCHOLARSHIP

Two students from Newark Academy received a scholarship from Newark Castle Rotary Club to attend a Young Leaders residential in Buxton. The students, Ethan Rice and Jacob Furniss, spent the weekend in Buxton with a group of young people from across the county to develop their leadership skills. They took part in activities such as rock climbing and raft building. The students said they took so much away from this experience so huge thanks to the Rotary Club for offering this opportunity. Newark Academy have their eyes peeled for the next round of scholarships too!



## TEAM KNOWHOW WINNERS



Team Knowhow recently teamed up with Newark Academy to help year 10 students deliver a writing paper which formed part of their English Language GCSE. The students were given the challenge of writing an article on 'Millennials have the potential to reshape the workforce at Team Knowhow'. The winning article was shared with the Team Knowhow Newark campus and the winning group were given a tour of the site.

## SUMMER CARNIVAL

Newark Academy's Summer Carnival took place in early July. A huge thanks to everyone who came especially members of our community who sang and danced in the sunshine and a special thanks to the Cheerleaders who performed brilliantly despite scorching temperatures!!



## NEWS IN BRIEF

A huge well done to Esme Fletcher in Year 7 who has passed her grade 4 in clarinet. Congratulations Esme.

Well done to Harry Wright-Spry who has gained a distinction in his grade 2 saxophone exam – many congratulations Harry.

Congratulations to Katie a Year 10 student who has been selected as a reserve for the England North Team Finals in Loughborough for indoor kayaking. Well done Katie!

RHP Under 14s football team (boys) won the Mid-Linc Cup

