



Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a very unusual academic year, I wanted to provide an important update regarding our future plans to secure our Academy as not just an 'outstanding' local school for local children and families, but an 'amazing' one. An Academy where children thrive and succeed in a highly aspirant culture focussed on world class teaching, exceptional pastoral care and access to extended enrichment that strengthens personal and character development alongside strong academic performance.

We are enormously proud of our achievements as an Academy and there are so many wonderful things to celebrate. Our popularity as an Academy has meant we are regularly oversubscribed strengthening our position as the local school of choice for our community. Our Year 11 students would have posted the Academy's best ever GCSE results where students, on average secure almost half a grade of progress per qualification as a result of expert teaching and exceptional work ethic. Our 'Work Hard; Be Kind' mantra is further demonstrated in our NA6 provision where we are due to record a 100% pass rate at A Level for the first time in the Academy's history.

We have been fortunate to belong to the wider Nova Education Trust group of schools and their support in securing our progress to date has been exceptional. As part of a Trust we are able to utilise resource, experience and expertise and we continue to work closely with all members of the Trust team, particularly our current Executive Head and Vice CEO Ash Rahman who will continue to work closely with the Academy as it enters the next phase of its development.

The benefits of Trust partnership enable local schools to develop greater synergies to ensure that educational expertise and experience benefits not just schools, but the wider community and beyond. We have always maintained that 'local children should attend local schools' and the educational partnership that exists between all secondary settings but most notably, Newark Academy and The Suthers Schools provides an exciting opportunity to provide an educational excellence that the Town demands.

I have already been working in partnership with Andrew Pettit, Head of School at The Suthers School in Fernwood to ensure that both NOVA schools provide our community with the provision and wider experience that parents and carers have come to expect. Together, we will continue to work in close partnership on a range of strategic agendas as we look to secure our collective ambition of 'amazing' education for the wider town.

As such, I will take up the position of Executive Headteacher for both Newark Academy and The Suthers School from September 2020. This will mean that I will continue to work in partnership with colleagues from the wider Trust as well as the Senior Leadership Teams across both local schools. I am incredibly excited and indeed privileged to be afforded such an opportunity and am looking forward to continuing to serve our wonderful community. As you know, we have an incredible strong and talented leadership team and governing body and following an extensive and rigorous process, I am delighted to inform you that

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Chris Fisher, current Deputy Head Teacher, will take up the position of Head of School from September 2020. I am delighted that Chris has secured this position and I will continue to work very closely with Chris and his wider team to ensure that the standard of excellence that you have come to expect will continue to be strengthened and developed over time to secure not just a 'great' Academy, but an 'amazing' Academy in the very near future.

I am sure that you will congratulate Chris on his new role and I know that the standards and expectations that we have all come to expect at Newark Academy will not only be strengthened but will be extended further as we secure the next phase of our journey to 'amazing'.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Seymour', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Seymour
Headteacher

