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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that my letter finds you and your families well.

Firstly, thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our Year 8 Achievement Evening on Thursday. It was great to see so many of you in the Academy and we hope you found the opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss and review your child's learning and progress useful. We value our partnership with families and have every confidence that occasions like these support students in setting future goals and going on to achieve their full potential.

This week our Full Crews were led by Mrs Hamilton-Smith with a clear focus on our GREAT values and the link between these and British Values. We celebrated our Crew ethos by sharing positive feedback from members of the public about the conduct of students outside of school and the significant progress made by all year groups with their Attitude to Learning scores. We also considered how we demonstrate our GREAT values when faced with challenges and reflected on how we can work collectively as a Crew to support and encourage each other to be the best version of ourselves and be proud of where we are educated.

The GREAT Rewards Shop

To further celebrate our students working hard to develop our **GREAT** attributes, we are introducing a rewards shop where they can 'spend' their positive points. This will run alongside our existing rewards auction and therefore provide even more opportunities for students to benefit from working hard and being kind. A link will be shared with students via Satchel One and this will take them to an online order form with a list of available items and how many points each would 'cost'. Students will be limited to two items and the points they spend will be recorded. Once ordered, NA6 student leaders will deliver orders to them during Crew time.

Boys like to read at Newark Academy

A huge congratulations to the following boys for encouraging others to read for pleasure: Alfie Roach, Caleb Mayle Mitchell, Edward Greenhow, Finley Collier, Joe Kirby, Kurt Mayle, Noah Pattison, Riley Hazledine, Ryan Mckiegue and Thomas Knock.

We are very proud of these boys who have started their own Book Club at Newark Academy. They meet every Tuesday and Thursday at break time in the Library and I am delighted to say that Mrs Horner, our Librarian, reports that this group is growing every week. Through activities like this, students develop character, communication, social and leadership skills which not only help them in their daily school life but are skills future employers also value. Moreover, the book clubs demonstrate how reading for pleasure provides an escape from everyday concerns.



Finally, I would like to ask for any support you might be able to provide with Year 10 work experience placements. We are trying to place our final 26 students and are enquiring whether anyone has any contacts they would be willing to share or ask directly, to help place this final group of students.

Key Events for Half Term 3 and Half Term 4

Wednesday 12 th February	School Production – Buggy Malone
Thursday 13 th February	School Production – Buggy Malone
Friday 14 th February	End of Spring half term 1
Monday 24 th February	Start of Spring half term 2
Thursday 27 th February	Y7 Achievement Evening (1)
Thursday 6 th March	Y7 Achievement Evening (2)
Thursday 27 th March	Y12 and Y13 Achievement Evening
Thursday 3 rd April	Y11 Achievement Evening
Friday 4 th April	End of Spring term

I hope your children have had a productive and enjoyable week at school.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,



Inma Peña
Headteacher