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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this email finds you and your families well.

We have had another very positive week at Newark Academy with 82379 positive behaviour points awarded to our students for displaying excellent standards of work, attitudes to learning and behaviour. Furthermore, our overall school attendance is above 95% which is very encouraging as it means the vast majority of our students have accessed education every day this week.

### **Year 9 and 11 Crime and Safety Awareness Days**

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming 15 facilitators from the charity Prison Me No Way into the Academy. They delivered a series of high quality sessions, providing our students with real-life learning experiences, that were aimed at reducing risky behaviour and preventing young people from being involved in crime. Throughout the day, our students were engaged, attentive and asked many insightful questions. Their conduct and attitude were excellent and they were an absolute credit to themselves, their school and their families. You can see more photographs of the day on our Instagram and X accounts .

Instagram

- Whole school = [newarkacademy2](#)
- NA6 = [newarkacademysixthform](#)

X

- [@NewarkAcademyUK](#)



## **Assemblies**

This week's full crew assemblies with students had a teaching and learning focus – talking to learn. Miss Elsey asked each student to consider whether they get actively involved in classroom talk, how confident they feel to do so and what the benefits are to being able to talk well. It isn't something that everyone finds easy and it is a life skill we are committed to helping our students develop during their time with us. The assembly explored the role good communication plays in being able to express ourselves clearly, build relationships, solve disagreements and how it gives us the confidence to stand up for what we believe. Communication skills support our personal wellbeing and are also one of the key skills employers look for. This year, teachers will be building in more meaningful opportunities for students to think, shape their thoughts and opinions, discuss and answer questions and the assembly ended by providing students with the framework teachers will follow.

## **Governor Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor and therefore an opportunity for you to be more involved in our relentless drive to improve the educational provision and outcomes of our students. We are particularly keen to recruit a governor with experience in education.

If you would like to find out more about being a governor for our school, please contact the Chair of Governors care of Karen Barber ([kbarber@newarkacademy.co.uk](mailto:kbarber@newarkacademy.co.uk)).

## **Professional Development for Parents**

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to support understanding of some key issues relating to the mental health and wellbeing of young people. They also offer a range of other qualifications that may be of interest in supporting your own career development. The qualifications are designed to be completed within a 6–12 week period at your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C (4/5). You can take as many courses as you like, however you can only do one at a time. Here are some of the most popular subjects available:

Neuroscience in the Early Years - Children and Young Peoples Mental Health - Understanding Autism - Specific Learning Difficulties - Nutrition and Health - Adverse Childhood Experiences - Bullying in Children and Young People - Distressed Behaviour in Children - Mental Health Awareness - Counselling - Team Leading - Business Administration - Customer Service - Safeguarding and Prevent - Functional Skills English & Maths

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q50000QpONT>

## **Key Dates for the Half Term**

24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	NA6 and Y7 Meet the Crew Leader evening
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Y11 Welcome Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Y5/6 Open Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Y13 Achievement Evening
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Music Recital 1

Finally, I would like to thank those parents/carers who responded to my previous communication and have supported the Academy by not parking on-site yesterday afternoon. It did make a significant difference and enabled us to supervise students safely off-site. If you do need to collect your child from school, please arrange to meet them at a safe place away from the Academy site.

I hope your children have enjoyed their second week back at school and I am looking forward to meeting you in person soon at the various school events.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



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