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Dear Parent/Carers

I hope that you and your families are well.

Thank you to our Year 12 parents/carers for their attendance at the Achievement Evening last night. It was a very productive and positive evening, providing an opportunity to review the progress of our students in readiness for their mock exams, starting next week.

We have now hosted Leavers' Assemblies to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 13 students and our great Year 11s. In these assemblies, students and staff enjoyed sharing memories of their time together at Newark Academy. There were tears of joy and much laughter! We wish our Year 13s the very best for the future as they head off to university, apprenticeships and the world of work. We now look forward to the Year 11 prom next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all teachers, support staff and our amazing Pastoral Team at Newark Academy for their unwavering commitment and determination to ensure our students fulfil their potential.

### **Full Crew**

This week's Full Crew assemblies covered the basics of how elections work in the UK and specifically looked at the different political parties who are standing for election in Newark. There was also information about voting trends in the UK and how Newark has voted over time. The overall thesis of the assembly was the importance of voting and how it can impact us in our everyday lives with regards to climate change, health care, schools etc.

Following from these assemblies, on 4<sup>th</sup> July, we are holding a mock election in school to provide our students with a meaningful insight into how the democratic process works. This is a great way to teach young people more about elections and democracy and bring the principles and practices of our political system to life. Furthermore, we believe that encouraging students to take part in election activities can foster a greater understanding of citizenship, civics, and responsibility to their community.

### **Year 6 Transition**

Starting secondary school is an exciting phase in a child's life and education and we very much look forward to welcoming all our new Year 7 students and their families next week on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

As part of our transition programme, this week we have had the pleasure of meeting and welcoming a group of Year 6 SEND students. These students have met key members of staff from our inclusion, SEND and pastoral teams. They have also enjoyed taking part in lessons and touring the Academy to help to familiarise themselves with the building ahead of next week.

## **End of Year Assessments**

Our end of year assessments are now well underway with many taking place next week. We have been very pleased with how seriously students are taking these assessments. Just a polite reminder that revision lists can be accessed via Satchel and on the school website.

[Year 7 Assessment Revision List](#)

[Year 8 Assessment Revision List](#)

[Year 9 Assessment Revision List](#)

Following these assessments, students will engage in timely whole group feedback sessions which will support them in closing any learning gaps that exist between where they currently are and where they need to be on their learning journey.

In addition to the subjects end of year assessments, we will also be conducting reading assessments with Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students to measure their reading ability, comprehension skills and fluency. This information will be shared with you alongside the end of year reports w/c 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **Key Dates**

- Wednesday 26th June Transition Day 1
- Thursday 27th June Transition Day 2
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Additional Inset Day**
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July Summer Spectacular at 6.15 pm
- Thursday 11th July Yr8 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 18th July Celebration Evening
- Thursday 25th July End of Summer Term

Have an enjoyable weekend.



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