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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my email finds you well.

We have had another busy and productive week at Newark Academy. It has been lovely to meet so many Year 7 parents/carers at the Meet the Crew Leaders Evening event last night. It is reassuring to hear how well our Year 7s students have settled into school and how much confidence and trust you have in us.

In our full crew assemblies this week, Mr Elland and Miss Dixon have spoken to the students about online safety and students' digital footprint; the online world is ever growing and supporting the young people of Newark Academy to navigate this safely is an ongoing part of our PSHE programme. Throughout the year we will revisit the key issues related to online safety, such as online platforms, identity and relationships, to ensure that our Academy culture of 'work hard, be kind' continues online. Please see attached a leaflet with the top 10 tips for parents/carers to support their children with online safety.

This week you should have received your parental Satchel login details which gives you an additional tool to support the independent learning of our children. Students have been very positive about this App and say they are finding it helps them organise their time. If any parents have any questions about Satchel, please email Ms Rogan at grogan@newarkacademy.co.uk.

Throughout this week, we will conduct CATs tests with Year 7 students and Reading tests with Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students. Students do not need to revise or prepare for these tests. These tests will give us a snapshot of your child's potential, what they could achieve and how they learn best. The results will help teachers to set the right learning pace for each child, monitor their progress and identify areas where they might need extra support. Please see dates below.

- Monday 8.30am – Y7 CAT1
- Monday 12.30pm – Y7 CAT2
- Tuesday 8.30am – Y9 Reading Test
- Tuesday 10.30am – Y8 Reading Test
- Tuesday 12.30pm – Y7 Reading Test
- Wednesday 8.30am – Y7 CAT3

My favourite part of the week has been meeting with some KS3 students to look at their books and hear about their learning experiences in school. We are instilling into our students a genuine pride for learning and we are seeing these translated into their books. This week, I have attached some pictures from KS3 art sketch books.

We are very proud of our enrichment offer and this week, I was invited to attend the orchestra rehearsal. I was blown away by the quality of their performances. Our Academy music community has grown exponentially with feeder primary school students and their parents/carers selecting Newark Academy for its music provision. Each week, our 12-piece Stage Band, Orchestra, Choir and our new and exciting DJ club meet to rehearse; this is all driven and underpinned by our Academy ethos of #workhardbehind.

During our Personal Development sessions next week, students will focus on careers. We want students to understand the range of career opportunities there are, where their strengths lie and have fun gaining more insight into themselves and their future. All students have access to Unifrog, an online platform that aims to make learning about careers informative, interactive and insightful. To continue the dialogue at home or complete research together please see <https://www.unifrog.org/>. You will need to use your child/children login details, these have all been sent to their school email addresses.

Please remember that Friday 6th October is an Inset Day allocated for staff personal development and students will therefore not attend school.

Finally, a reminder of key dates and events for this half term.

- 5th October Year 6 Open Evening
- 9th October Year 11 Welcome Evening
- 19th October Year 9 Achievement Evening
- 26th October Spook Fest

I hope your children have enjoyed this week at school.

We look forward to meeting our parents/carers at the upcoming school events. Each will provide you the opportunity to meet our staff and discuss your children's progress and achievements.

Have a relaxing weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', written over a horizontal line.

Inma Peña
Headteacher