



20th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

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

Our seventh week has ended with a very positive Year 9 Achievement Evening which has given Year 9 parents/carers the opportunity to meet our teachers and discuss the progress their children are making. To compensate for the cancellation of the Year 8 Achievement Evening last academic year, this year our Year 9s will have a second Achievement Evening on 25th April 2024 and an Options Evening on 21st March 2024

In my letter last week, I mentioned how excited our students were to vote for their Student Leadership representatives. We are delighted to now be able to announce the names of our young leaders. They will meet regularly to share ideas about how we can make our Academy an even better.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NA6 Lead Ambassador: Harun Akyol • NA6 Senior Ambassador: Sienna Brown 				
Year 11 Vice Ambassadors	Year 10 Vice Ambassadors	Year 9 Vice Ambassadors	Year 8 Vice Ambassadors	Year 7 Vice Ambassadors
Harrison Faulkner Ana-Maria Stoiof	Olivia Edlin William Greenhow	Eli De Angelis Lewis Blackman	Faith Hudson Nevaeh Osbourne	Freya Burman Esme-Rose Leeman-Gough

In full crew assemblies this week, Heads of Crew have delivered excellent presentations on peer to peer abuse focusing on the importance of respecting personal space, staying safe online and sexual harassment. At Newark Academy, we are very lucky to have anti-bullying ambassadors who work together alongside staff to raise awareness and offer support to combat bullying. Anti-bullying ambassadors help educate their peers on bullying, lead on anti-bullying campaigns and promote a culture which celebrates and tolerates difference.

We continue to be very saddened by the devastating suffering of all parties involved in the Gaza - Israeli conflict. On Tuesday next week, during Crew we will share with our students a presentation that explains the factual and historical context behind this conflict. This will NOT be a pro-Israeli or pro-Palestinian presentation, but a presentation based on factual historical knowledge that will help students understand why the current events are happening.

Over the last two weeks our older students have been able to take part in the following two trips. The students were a credit to the school, their families and themselves.

Silver Duke of Edinburgh

Sixteen students embarked on a three-day expedition to qualify for their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award. All students navigated their way around the Derbyshire countryside walking and climbing a distance of 20k tackling a range of terrains. When faced with high winds and heavy rain fall the students were met with challenges but consistently demonstrated tenacity and resilience! Students have developed confidence and a range of lifelong skills through their engagement in this programme.

Sixth Form Geography Trip

Our sixth form geographers went in to Nottingham as part of their compulsory fieldwork. Students collected a plethora of data from assessing noise pollution to doing car surveys and assessing the accessibility of Nottingham. Students will now begin to use this data to present it in appropriate ways before going on to analyse their data and draw conclusions.



You will remember from previous communication that we are starting a PTA committee with the aim of organising events to fundraise money for school. I am delighted to attach the flyer to promote our first event on Friday, December 1st 2023 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm which will be a Pea, Pie and Quiz night. You can book your tickets via Squid.

Please see below a list of the key events for next half term.

Key Events for Half Term 2

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| • 8th November | Careers Fair |
| • 9th November | Autumn Recital 1 |
| • 16th November | NA6 Open Evening |
| • 23rd November | Year 11 Achievement Evening |
| • 30th November | X13 Achievement Evening |
| • 6th & 7th December | Christmas Concert |

I hope your children have enjoyed their seventh week at school.

Have an enjoyable weekend

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

Inma Peña
Headteacher