



12th September 2025

Dear parent(s)/carer(s)

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 in recognition of their 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.

One of the highlights of my week has been visiting lessons and seeing just how engaged your children have been in their learning. It has been a real pleasure to witness their enthusiasm, focus, and curiosity across a range of subjects, and I am incredibly proud of the positive learning environment they are helping to create.



Assemblies

This week's full crew assemblies with students had a teaching and learning focus – Engagement in Learning and Talk for Thinking. Miss Elsey asked each student to reflect honestly on how they approach their learning. She shared some of the ways their teachers will challenge, and support, them to think more deeply and explained how this would increase their enjoyment, engagement and understanding of what is being taught. Miss Elsey focused specifically on how teachers are keen to develop classroom talk and provide more opportunities for students to think, shape their thoughts and opinions, and discuss and answer questions with others. 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. The assembly ended by introducing students to a 'Talk for Thinking' framework teachers will follow.

SatchelOne

At Newark Academy we use an online learning platform, SatchelOne, to set and monitor homework. Students, staff and parents/carers can all access this. Year 8-11s and Year 13s are already familiar with SatchelOne and this week were reminded on how to access it and the importance of using the system to stay on top of their homework/independent learning. Our new students in Year 7 and Year 12s have now logged onto the system for the first time, and they will be sharing parent codes with you so you can also access it. We will monitor this closely and will, of course, provide this information if needed. Simply search via Google for SatchelOne, click on the link and then type in Newark Academy when asked to search for your school. You then select 'Parent', click 'Create an Account' and then add the code your child has given you. We encourage all parents and carers to regularly check SatchelOne, where they can view the homework that has been set for their child, track completion, and see scores achieved on quizzes and assignments. This visibility helps support students in managing their workload and celebrating their progress.

Logging in guidance detailed below:

SatchelOne Logging In Guidance

Students Information

www.satchelone.com

You will be asked to enter your schools name: Newark Academy
When the login screen appears, press 'Sign in with Office 365'.
Students then sign with their school email and password. This will be the same which they use to login to the school computers.

Parent Information

Students have the information for parents on their account. Most students should have made a note of this during their Computer Science lessons this week. When logged into the students account:

1. Click on 'Account Settings'
2. On the right hand side of your screen, you will see 'My Parent Code'
3. Click 'Show Code' and make a note.

Creating an Account

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On the login screen, click on 'Parent' and then 'Create an account'.
Enter the code from the previous steps.
You then need to register an account with SatchelOne, and then you can use this for all future logins with the online platform.

If you need help accessing Satchel One, our support stall at Achievement Evenings and family events will be available to guide you through the process. Our students have been directed to a member of staff in school who is available at breaks and lunches if they are experiencing problems logging on.

Sparx

We are very pleased with the high levels of engagement in Maths and English homework through Sparx Maths and Sparx Reader, and are delighted to now extend this to Science via Sparx Science. These platforms are designed to help students independently practise and reinforce the core knowledge from their lessons and aid the planning of future learning.

Family Forum- Monday October 13th 5:30pm

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all Year 7 parents and carers to join us for our upcoming Family Forum. This session will focus on gathering your views about the transition from primary to secondary school, how well students have settled in, and what we can do to further improve this important process. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape a supportive and successful experience for all our students. As part of the event, we will also be offering a taster session featuring new and current dishes from our canteen menu, giving families a chance to sample the food options available to students.

Key Dates for the Half Term

16 th September	Year 12 and Year 13 Meet the Crew Leader
19 th September	RAF Concert – Palace Theatre
23 rd September	Year 7 Meet the Crew Leader
29 th September	Year 11 Welcome Evening (1)
2 nd October	Y5/6 Open Evening
3 rd October	Inset Day
16 th October	Year 13 Achievement Evening
23 rd October	Family Forum
23 rd October	Music Recital

Finally, I would like to thank those parents/carers who supported the Academy by not parking on-site yesterday afternoon. It has made 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.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon at the various school events.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Inma Peña
Headteacher