

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Fantastic First Week Back

Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given your children in their first week back at school after the summer holidays. They have returned ready to learn in immaculate uniforms, fully equipped and with impeccable conduct. Such positive attitudes have been rewarded with **48,566** achievement points across the school, giving each student an average of 41 positive points in their first week.

Our new Year 7s have now completed their first week at secondary school and have really impressed all our staff who have been keen to praise and reward their beautiful manners, high levels of engagement in learning and hard work. They have enjoyed familiar subjects, such as maths, English and science, and approached subjects that they have less experience of, such as computer science, design technology or Spanish, with real enthusiasm.

This week, as we welcomed a record-breaking number of Year 12 students into NA6 to begin A Level courses, we were delighted to also open our brand-new Sixth Form Common Room. It's a fantastic space designed to support both study and social time, and we're thrilled to see it already being enjoyed. You can view photos and videos of this superb facility along with regular updates and highlights of our students many achievements on our Instagram account - [newarkacademy2](#)

### Professional Standards Update

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we will be launching the Professional Standards Crew Card with students. This initiative is designed to celebrate and reward the overwhelming majority of students who consistently uphold our school values and expectations—especially during unstructured times such as break, lunch, and movement around the Academy.

Each student will carry their Crew Card in the top pocket of their blazer. Throughout the week, staff will be actively recognising students who demonstrate our shared standards, and those who do so consistently will maintain a "clean card"—meaning no recorded concerns. This reflects our belief that excellent conduct deserves recognition. At the end of each week, students with a clean card will be entered into a Crew Raffle and awarded Excellence reward points, acknowledging their positive contribution to our school community.

## Key Dates

We have a busy term ahead and a lot to look forward to. I thought you may therefore find it useful if I share some information regarding key events and dates with you in this first communication.

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

## Parking

Finally, I would like to end my first email to you with a plea regarding parking at the end of the school day. If you need to drive to school at the end of the day to collect your child, please do take care not to block other cars and/or the local school buses from coming on to the school grounds. I am also concerned that parents who need to access the disabled car park or emergency vehicles needing to get on site would struggle to do so.

I hope your children have enjoyed their first week back at school as much as we have. I look forward to meeting you in person soon at the various school events.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Inma Peña  
Headteacher