

4/4/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope my letter finds you and your families well.

As we come to the end of the second term, I am writing to express my thanks to all parents and carers for their continued support of all we do here at Newark Academy. I would like to also take this opportunity to personally extend my gratitude to all the students and staff for the hard work, determination and resilience they have displayed so far this year. We are ending this half term with attendance above national average, excellent standards of uniform and an extraordinary amount of positive behaviour points – 67,762 (an average of 164 points per student).

Last night we held our Year 11 Achievement Evening. This gave parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with subject teachers and agree on the next steps now needed in preparation for the final GCSE exams. We are delighted with the engagement of our Year 11 parents and are confident that the strong partnership that exists between school and home will ensure our students go on to enjoy success and achieve their full potential. To support students with the preparation and revision required for the summer exams, our staff will be running a series of interventions over the holidays. Please follow the link to the timetables.

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One of the many strengths of our school is our sixth form students, who always act as excellent role models to the younger students. This week, they have excelled through their leadership of our 'Receiving and Giving' week, raising money for charity. As a school community we have raised over £400 this week as a result of a number of events organised by the sixth form students for everyone to participate in. These activities have ranged from selling cakes and gifting an egg, to a football match between staff and students. All the money raised will be donated to Emmaus Trust, our local charity, that supports young people to overcome challenges that can lead to homelessness.

Our school Ethos is to celebrate the success of our students. To this end, this week we have also rewarded our students for excellent attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning. I have sent **584** emails to the students with 100% attendance and **496** emails to the parents/carers of students with zero negative behaviour points.

Each year group has also taken part in a Celebration Assembly where Crew Leaders have acknowledged and rewarded students who have enacted the school values and our school motto of 'Work Hard, Be Kind'. To draw our term to a close Mrs Hamilton-Smith has led on our usual Easter Draw Raffle. Over the course of the half term, students have received raffle tickets for excellent work and attendance. The raffle tickets, the opportunities they have had to get some of the top prizes: JD vouchers, Just Eat Vouchers and some Air Pods

Building up from our culture of high expectations with a clear focus on displaying excellence in behaviour and uniform, after the Easter break we will continue to expect our students to arrive at school in full school uniform and fully equipped.

It is important that students should have a sense of belonging and common purpose, where social differences do not become a barrier. Our uniform is one way we achieve this. We will therefore be conducting uniform checks on the first day back and we expect all students to continue to be in the correct uniform. This also includes a backpack. Just a polite reminder that piercings, jewellery and false eyelashes or nails are NOT part of the school uniform. Following these expectations will remove any potential barriers to learning and secure a prompt and positive start to the half term for all.

Key dates for Half term 5 and 6

Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 1 st May	Y9 Options Evening
Thursday 22 nd May	Music Recital
Friday 23 rd April	End of Summer half term 1
Monday 2 nd June	Start of Summer half term 2
Thursday 5 th June	Y9 Achievement Evening
Thursday 26 th June	Y11 Prom
Thursday 3 rd July	Transition Celebration Evening
Thursday 10 th July	Summer Spectacular Performance
Thursday 17 th July	Celebration Event
Friday 25 th July	End of Summer Term

We wish you all a happy and relaxing holiday.

Kind Regards,



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