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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope my email finds you and your families well.

On Tuesday, we began our final term with on-boarding assemblies to welcome all the students back to the Academy and provide important reminders of our high expectations. We were very proud to see how the vast majority of our students arrived well-prepared and ready to learn, with the correct equipment and standard of uniform. We would like to thank our parents/carers for their continued support with these standards and expectations for both uniform and equipment.

During assemblies, Mrs Hamilton-Smith discussed how we can share and support each other's aspirations through a focus on our GREAT values. We also explored the link between our GREAT values and Protected Characteristics through the emotive example of the Ferreira Pinto brothers. Students had the opportunity to think deeply about how we each demonstrate tenacity when faced with challenges. They were asked to reflect on how we can work collectively as a Crew to support and encourage one another to be the best version of ourselves and go on to fulfil our hopes, dreams and aspirations.

As we approach the 2025 exam season, our Year 11s and 13s have really impressed us this week. Their attendance has been strong and their engagement with intervention sessions has been excellent. We offer a range of intervention and booster sessions before, during and after school. This additional support can only happen because of the outstanding teaching staff at Newark Academy who go above and beyond to provide targeted support for our young people. Our common goal is to ensure that all students at Newark Academy fulfil their potential and can move onto their next steps in education.

During the Summer term, we will continue to offer after school enrichment opportunities, and we would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to take full advantage of what is on offer. Participating in these experiences will broaden their skills and knowledge further. Parents can now sign up to these clubs online. Please follow the link below to see the timetable.

## https://www.newarkacademy.co.uk/page.php?p=enrichment

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our Year 9 parents to our Option Evenings event on Thursday  $1^{st}$  May, from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm. This evening is designed to help you and your child make informed choices about their future education. This is an opportunity to find out more about the Key Stage 4 courses on offer from faculty and subject teachers.

## **Key Events Half Term 4 and Half Term 5**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May Y9 Options Evening

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Music Recital

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April End of Summer half term 1
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Start of Summer half term 2
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June Y9 Achievement Evening

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Y11 Prom

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Transition Celebration Evening
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July Summer Spectacular Performance

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July Celebration Event Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July End of Summer Term

I hope your children have had a productive and enjoyable first week back at school.

Have a restful weekend.

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