

20/6/25

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this message finds you well.

It has been a very productive and busy week at Newark Academy this week. One of the many highlights were our Leavers' Assemblies where we celebrated the journeys of our Year 11 and Year 13 students. These events provided staff and students with the opportunity to reflect on their time together at Newark Academy, highlight students' many achievements, and wish them well as they move on to the next exciting chapter. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished and look forward to seeing them again on A Level and GCSE results days (A Level 14th August and GCSE 21st August).

KS3 Reading Ages Testing

As part of our end-of-year assessment cycle, all KS3 students will take the New Group Reading Test (NGRT) to assess their current reading age and comprehension. The results help us identify where additional support may be needed and allow us to plan targeted interventions to boost progress. Please see below when the testing will take place for each year group.

- Year 7 – w/c 7th July
- Year 8 – w/c 30th June
- Year 9 – w/c 23rd June
- Year 10 – w/c 30th June

Reading regularly at home has a significant impact—encouraging your child to read and discuss books helps build confidence and supports learning across all subjects. All Key Stage 3 students also access Sparx Reader and complete 300 Sparx Reader Points per week.



Lincoln Trip

On Wednesday, our Year 10 students visited the University of Lincoln to experience what life in higher education could be like. They explored university life, learned about different courses, and met Student Ambassadors. It was a fantastic day, and we hope it has inspired them as they prepare for the start of Year 11.

This week's assemblies focused on Pride Month, helping students understand the importance of respect, tolerance, and inclusion. At Newark Academy, we are committed to fostering a kind and inclusive environment where every student feels safe, valued, and supported in being themselves. We also encourage students to be allies to others who may express themselves differently.

Music Event

Today our Performing Arts team have welcomed DJ and turntablist, Bradley Smith, and the rapper/beatboxer, Shay Sharma. They have led interactive sessions with some students from Newark Academy and Orchard and Suthers.

Key Dates

Thursday 26 th June	Y11 Prom
Thursday 3 rd July	Transition Celebration Evening
Thursday 10 th July	Summer Spectacular Performance
Tuesday 15 th July	Geography Field Trip
Tuesday 15 th July	GREAT Days for KS3 students
Wednesday 16 th July	Geography Field Trip
Wednesday 16 th July	GREAT Days for KS3 students
Thursday 17 th July	Celebration Event
Tuesday 22 nd July	Year 10 and Year 12 Trip to London
Thursday 24 th July	Year 10 and Year 12 Trip to London
Friday 25 th July	End of Summer Term

Finally, last Friday we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr Rahman, our CEO, along with 10 Trustees from Nova, to Newark Academy. Senior Leaders guided them on lesson visits, and they also had the opportunity to meet with staff and students to learn more about our GREAT school. What stood out most was our students' ability to articulate their learning confidently and the strong pastoral support in place to help them thrive. Have an enjoyable week.



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