

29th August 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newark Academy – Welcome Back and Expectations

Monday 1st September marks the start of the new academic year and our staff are looking forward to welcoming back students to the Academy. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and are as excited as we are for the term ahead.

We are incredibly proud to share the news that Newark Academy has, once again, celebrated outstanding GCSE and A Level results. These achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of both students and staff and have resulted in a record number of students enrolling into our Sixth Form. We are thrilled to see this development and witness our community grow and thrive.

As we continue to uphold our high standards, we kindly remind all parents and carers of our uniform and equipment expectations. These ensure every student is ready to learn and represent the Academy with pride from the very start of term.

Equipment Standards

Please ensure your child returns to school fully equipped. Filled pencil cases are available to purchase on PARENTPAY for £1, while stocks last. The minimum equipment requirement is as follows:

- Two black or blue pens
- Two pencils
- A ruler (15cm or 30 cm)
- Rubber
- A backpack (not a handbag. The rucksack must be able to fit an A4 folder or exercise book into it)

Please note, that pencil sharpeners are **not** a required piece of equipment. For safeguarding reasons, we ask for your support in ensuring this item is **not** brought into school by your child. When this item is required in lessons, it will be provided by the relevant teachers.

Uniform Standards

We expect all students to continue to wear their uniform with pride, reflecting the sense of belonging and shared purpose that is key to our positive school ethos. Please see below key messages re our full uniform expectations:

- Winter uniform is in place which means that students choosing to wear a skirt must do so with opaque black tights.
- Formal black shoes (trainers are not permitted)
- Mobile Phones
In line with our behaviour policy, mobile phones must be **switched off** at the school gate and stored in backpacks throughout the day. They should **not** be seen, heard, or used until students leave the premises.
- Jewellery, False Eyelashes and Nails
These items are **not** part of our school uniform and should be removed prior to returning to school in September. We appreciate your support in maintaining these standards.

- The Exchange

To support our community, we operate 'The Exchange' service, where pre-loved Newark Academy uniform items can be exchanged or acquired free of charge. Please visit our website for more details:

We are extremely proud of how the vast majority of our students consistently model 'Excellence' in both their appearance and attitude. Please note, that any breaches of these expectations will result in sanctions in line with our behaviour policy.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another positive, enjoyable and successful term at Newark Academy.

Our Uniform and Equipment Standards

What are our expectations?



Attendance

At Newark Academy, we believe that every day in school counts. That's why our key message to students and families is: "Attend Every Day." Regular attendance is essential because each lesson builds on the last. When students miss school, they risk developing gaps in their learning that may not be easily retaught or recovered, which can affect their long-term progress and confidence.

We understand that life can sometimes present challenges beyond your control, and when this happens, please know that our team is here to support you by offering guidance, empathy, and practical help to keep your child engaged in their learning.

Punctuality is equally important. The start of each lesson is a crucial time when students revisit and build on prior knowledge. Arriving on time ensures your child can make the most of every learning opportunity and stay connected with the flow of the curriculum.

We appreciate your continued support in helping every child thrive.

Teaching and Learning Messages

For more information on the subject content your child will be taught this year, please visit the curriculum section of the **Newark Academy website** where you will find a comprehensive overview of each subject and key stage. The link to this is below:

<https://www.newarkacademy.co.uk/page.php?d=curriculum&p=intro>

On the homepage of our website will also find separate sections with further information on **Learning Support** and **SEND** provision and **Study Support**. The Study Support section includes information on the use of **Satchel:One**, a simple online homework calendar that parents/carers and students can use to keep up to date and on top of all of the homework set by class teachers. Year 7 students and parents will receive further information on Satchel:One at the start of term. We also regularly share updates and success stories of life at Newark Academy on Instagram. Please follow us on **newarkacademy2**



Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Peña', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Peña
Headteacher