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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you and your families well.

This week has been particularly cold but please be assured that our school building has remained lovely and warm for students and staff. Given the forecast for continued cold weather I am slightly concerned however, that some students are walking to and from school without a coat. Please remember that we operate The Newark Exchange where you can bring in coats that no longer fit and exchange them for coats which have been donated. We have a number displayed in reception at the moment. We are also able to support any of our families who need financial help to purchase a coat and /or any uniform item. Please do get in touch with us. (office@newarkacademy.co.uk)

Thank you

We would like to thank our parents/carers for their continued support to maintain our high standards of uniform and equipment, especially regarding **jewellery**. May I now ask you for your support to ensure your child comes to school wearing **a tie**. We have seen an increase in the number of students that have left their ties at home this week and therefore have had to borrow one, delaying the start to their Period 1 learning.

I would also like to extend my thanks to those of you who have purchased tickets for our first Fundraising event on Thursday 1st February. There is still time to gather a team together and join our Pie and Pea Quiz night – we would love to see you. Tickets are available through Squid.

Excellence at Newark Academy

On Thursday this week, two Royal Navy Chefs visited Newark Academy to deliver an interactive masterclass to our talented Y10 Hospitality and Catering students. The challenge was set high with students being placed into groups – “Ready Steady Cook” style. They had 90 minutes to create Herby Chicken Kievs with Fondant Potatoes and Mini Pavlovas with Fresh Berries, Chantilly Cream and Coulis. The students rose to the challenge and worked amazingly in their teams, delegating and negotiating responsibilities to complete beautifully presented and highly skilled dishes.

The Naval personnel also delivered an inspiring presentation explaining the Royal Navy in more detail and the wealth of possible career opportunities they offer.



Personal Development Programme

In our assemblies this week, we spoke to the students about the importance of feedback and metacognition. We explained to the children the different ways teachers feedback, and assess, their learning, and asked them to consider how they receive and respond to feedback when it is given. We unpicked how our mindset influences our learning and that a positive mindset enables us to take those next steps to improve. Metacognition involves understanding as learners what our strengths are, the areas we need to develop but also knowing what we now need to do next time.

As part of the Crew programme this week, students have continued to learn about Digital Literacy and Media Influence, which has primarily focused on how to stay safe online, understanding sources and their credibility and how to use social media effectively. Please see the following link from the Government breaking down how and why to keep children safe online with links to useful organisations and charities that can support if you are concerned - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

We are a school that does not tolerate bullying and, if it should happen, we take it extremely seriously and act swiftly to resolve any issues. To promote this message and offer further support to their peers, our anti bullying ambassadors will be carrying out Crew and Lunch drop-in sessions from Monday 22nd January.

Key Events for Half Term 3 and Half Term 4

- Friday 12th Jan till Friday 26th Jan
- Thursday 25th Jan
- Friday 9th Feb
- Monday 19th Feb
- Thursday 29th Feb
- Thursday 7th March
- Thursday 14th March
- Thursday 21st March
- Thursday 28th March
- Monday 15th April

- Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams
- Year 10 Achievement Evening
- Half Term 3 ends
- Students return to school/ HT4 starts
- Year 11 Achievement evening
- Year 13 Achievement Evening
- Spring Recital
- Year 9 Options Evening
- Half Term 4 ends
- Summer term starts

I hope your children have enjoyed their week at school. We look forward to meeting many of you next week at the Year 10 Achievement Evening on 25th January where we will have an opportunity to discuss the progress of these students, identify what is going well and agree on next steps and actions.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', written in a cursive style.

Inma Peña
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