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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families have had a good week.

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and students who took part in our first PTA Quiz Night last night. A special thank you to Miss Campbell-Asman, Mr Brown, Mr Wagstaff, Mrs Mowatt, Ms Walters, Mrs Batey, Mrs Porter, and Mr Williams who provided food, entertainment and music during the evening. They ensured it was an enjoyable evening for all, raising £800 which will now be used towards the purchase of more books for our Crew Reading programme, as reading is a priority for the school.

Key Stage 3 Reports to parents

Measuring attainment and progress is a key part of teaching and learning. This academic year, we have made some changes to our KS3 assessment systems that will benefit all children and enable us to share more accurate information with parents and carers about their child's attainment and progress.

Next week, KS3 parents will receive their first interim progress report for the 2023/24 academic year. The purpose of the report is to keep you informed about your child's effort and progress over the autumn term. As we previously shared with you, the KS3 interim report has been adapted this year to provide more detail on your child's current understanding of the Newark Academy curriculum.

To further support this work, next week our Y7-9 students will have a virtual assembly with Mr Brown and Miss Elsey to revisit and explain the new report format and the KS3 progress descriptors that we will now use. This presentation will also be emailed to the parents/carers of these children, alongside the report itself.

At school this week we have celebrated another 'World of Work' week and the focus of our assemblies has been on apprenticeships for all year groups. We have welcomed 'Amazing Apprenticeships' into Newark Academy to speak to our KS4 students. They have provided a clear picture of what apprenticeships entail and how they can apply for them should this be a route they wish to explore. Nottingham College have also been into school to speak to our KS3 students, informing them about all post-16 pathways; younger students are therefore already starting to build a picture of their options after GCSE's. In addition, throughout the week we held a Career Spotlight for approximately 30 students with Dr Harrison, a Sport Psychologist. Some of our Y10 students were also out on a trip to Newark College where they experienced a series of taster sessions for some of their vocational subjects.....they were all simply amazing!

Key Events for Half Term 3 and Half Term 4

- Friday 9th February Half Term 3 ends
- Monday 19th February Students return to school/ HT4 starts
- Thursday 29th February Year 11 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 7th March Year 13 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 14th March Spring Recital
- Thursday 21st March Year 9 Options Evening
- Thursday 28th March Half Term 4 ends
- Monday 15th April Summer term starts

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

Have a restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle.

Inma Peña
Headteacher