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Dear Parent/Carer

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

As we come to the end of half term three, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support with all we do here at Newark Academy. Personally, I am very grateful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the students and staff have shown this year.

Early this week, NottinghamshireLive published an article on the most popular schools in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. I was not surprised to read that Newark Academy features in this article as one of the most oversubscribed schools in the county. Such an accolade is the direct result of high-quality teaching and learning and outstanding pastoral care. If you would like to read the full article, please click here. [NottinghamshireLive](#)

In addition to this excellent news, this week we have also celebrated the success of our students over the course of this half term. To date, we have issued over 800,000 positive points since September – this is an all time school record! This week we have continued this celebration through our reward assemblies. Students have received GREAT awards for 100% attendance and for demonstrating our GREAT values through their conduct and interactions in and out of the classroom. Star badges were also awarded to mark key milestones for our amazing students. Alongside this, students were able to enter an auction where they could use their positive behaviour points to bid for prizes such as JD, Odeon and Love to Shop vouchers!

Next term, in our Personal Development lessons, we will be tackling issues relating to risk and personal safety with our students. Students will experience age appropriate content and delivery on topics including CPR, fire safety, sexting and vaping. If any parents or carers would like support on how to broach 'trickier' topics with their child/children please see <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/who-we-are>. They are a charity that helps support wellbeing of young adults and children.

This week, KS3 parents/carers have received their child's progress report **via My Child At School (MCAS)**. We are committed to improving assessment and reporting processes for our younger students and are keen to gather feedback from the students themselves and their families on work undertaken so far. Therefore, all KS3 students have been given a survey to complete this week (uploaded onto **Satchel One**). To give parents/carers time to digest their child's report and discuss it with them we will be back in touch after half term with a request for some feedback from families too.

All students will return to school after February half term on Monday 19th February. May I politely ask that you check that your child arrives on time and fully equipped for school. They are expected to bring a backpack for all their items which include a pencil case containing two black or blue pens, two pencils, a ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener.

It is important that students should have a sense of belonging and common purpose, and our Newark Academy uniform is a key way in which we promote this ethos. We will be conducting uniform checks on the first day back and we expect all students to continue to wear correct uniform. Just a polite reminder that piercings, jewellery and false eyelashes or false nails are NOT part of our school uniform.

Key Events for Half Term 3 and Half Term 4

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

I wish you and your children a very restful February Half Term. We look forward to seeing you in the next half term.

Kind regards,



Inma Peña
Headteacher