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ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well.

This week has seen the start to our GCSE exams; A Level exams begin next week. As you would imagine, our Year 11 and 13 students continue to make us incredibly proud. They consistently enact our Academy values of tenacity and responsibility and have displayed impeccable conduct in the exam venues. They are an absolute credit to themselves, their families and Newark Academy.

Everything that we do in school is aimed at preparing our young people for their future careers. With this in mind, this week, our assemblies focused on providing our students with important career and Labour Market information. We invited Lucie Andrews from D2N2 (our Local Enterprise Partnership) into the Academy to deliver these messages. Lucie talked to our students about what the Labour Market is and why it is so important to understand what jobs will be in demand when they finish their educational journey with us. During the assembly, we examined industries with projected growth in the Midlands and also the industries that are on the decline. Providing our students with this insight enables them to make more informed decisions about their future, secure positive future prospects and longevity in their chosen careers. For more information on careers education, please click on the link below to access our newsletter.

<http://www.newarkacademy.co.uk/newsletter.php?id=c2a3d9396c53a73b209c986a2a0051e7a7f5>

The main purpose of my correspondence this week is to communicate an upcoming change to our published calendar. Four Nova Trust schools, including Newark Academy, are now approaching an Ofsted window and our Board of Trustees has therefore granted an additional Inset day to those schools to allow those staff to fully prepare for such an important visit. **Our additional Inset day will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

As you will be aware, Newark Academy was last inspected in 2019 and we therefore anticipate an Ofsted visit before we break up for the summer or early on our return in Autumn 2024. Whilst we fully appreciate the impact this additional Inset Day will have on our parents, carers and families, the potential rewards for future school development are inextricably linked to the opportunities that this additional day will provide colleagues across the Academy. The long-term benefits that this will bring to all families and particularly all our learners cannot be overstated.

We do appreciate that the period of notice for parents and carers to make childcare arrangements could be a challenge but, as already stated, this additional day is critical to enable colleagues to make preparations to continue to secure 'great' teaching and amazing learning experiences for our students.

Please do contact your child's Head of Crew or Crew Leader at your earliest convenience if you wish to discuss this matter further.

As always, we are truly grateful for the continued support that parents and carers provide and we thank you for your anticipated consideration and support with regard to this additional INSET day.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to seeing our Year 7 parents/ carers next Thursday (16<sup>th</sup> May) at the Achievement Evening; this evening will provide an opportunity to discuss the learning experience of our Year 7 students.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inma Peña', written over a horizontal line.

Inma Peña  
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