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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my email finds you well.

We have had a very special week at Newark Academy. On Tuesday we were visited by Mr Rahman, the CEO of the Nova Trust, and last night we held our annual Open Evening which was attended by over 278 families and supported by 75 of our children who were so keen to showcase their school. All visitors have been incredibly positive about what they have seen and heard. They have all commented on the impeccable manners and engagement of the students, the high quality of learning and the dedication and hard work of our staff. For all of these reasons, I am incredibly proud to be the Headteacher at Newark Academy.

I would like to thank all our parents/carers for supporting the school focus/drive on punctuality to lessons. The start of lessons is an essential part of students' learning, as this is when we complete the retrieval tasks (KIC) which help students remember knowledge over time. If a student is late to the start of the lesson, they are missing the opportunities to practise and consolidate the prior knowledge that they need to access the new curriculum content. We want to maximise all learning opportunities and avoid at all costs any missing learning; hence punctuality to lessons will continue to be a priority at the Academy until the end of the half term.

I thoroughly enjoy coming to school every day and I especially love being in lessons, either teaching your children or observing how they learn in other subjects. My favourite part of this week was when I joined the Year 10 construction group to 'help' them in their practical project on our in-school construction site. I was blown away by the students' ability to work together and act on feedback from their teacher to improve their brick-laying skills.



This week our staff will be entering on our system students' Attitude to Learning scores across all subjects. Parents will receive the ATL report w/c 16th October. Our Attitude to Learning (ATL) framework is a large part of our Academy Culture and Ethos and is a measure for the development of our student's ability to be GREAT individuals inside class, on corridors, during unstructured times and in our valued community.

We are incredibly proud of the number of positive behaviour points accrued by our students. On average, students have received 81 positive behaviour points and as a school we have issued 92,990 . The last week of this half term, students will take part in our Crew Reward Auctions whereby they will be able to bid for prizes using their positive behaviour points.

In our full crew assemblies this week, we have celebrated WOW Week (World of Work), with a focus on careers. An external speaker called Anthony Adams has spoken to our students about the concept of 'healthy minds, healthy career'. Anthony also talked about the importance of personal values, when making career decisions, which linked very nicely to our GREAT values, providing some 'real world' context to their importance. One of the things we have to consider as educators is how do we prepare our students for careers that do not exist yet. Here is an article that gives pointers on how you can help your children prepare for a future career - <https://codakid.com/5-ways-to-prepare-your-child-for-jobs-that-dont-exist-yet/>

At the start of the academic year, we launched the new Newark Parents Teacher Association (Newark PTA). The aim of this group is to organise some exciting events throughout the year to help raise money for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help to create a thriving school community. We welcome any offers of assistance with open arms, if you would like to become a member, please email us at Office@newarkacademy.co.uk. Our first meeting will take place on Thursday 12th October at 4:00pm.

Finally, a reminder of key dates and events for this half term.

- 9th October Year 11 Welcome Evening
- 19th October Year 9 Achievement Evening
- 26th October Spook Fest

I hope your children have enjoyed this week at school.

We look forward to meeting our Year 11 parents/carers at the Year 11 Welcome Evening on Monday. This event will provide an opportunity to share with our parents all the key information you need to ensure your child maximises their outcomes at the end of this crucial year.

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