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ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my email finds you and your families well.

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 11 parents at the Welcome Evening on Monday. At this event, we shared key information designed to ensure our students maximise the time and opportunities they have before their final exams, and go on to achieve the best possible outcomes at the end of this crucial year. The evening was also an opportunity for both adults and students to hear presentations from local colleges and apprenticeships providers. In addition, CAMHS delivered a workshop on how to manage exam stress. We know that all this information will be very useful as students approach their mock exam week (commencing 23rd October).

The favourite part of my week was breaktime today when I attended our Student Parliament election. We are very pleased that students and staff across the Academy engaged in the process, voting for the Lead Ambassador of our Student Parliament. We will announce the results next week and then begin the process of appointing the following key roles to form our full Student Leadership Group.

- Treasurer
- Participation and Equality Officer
- Events and Fundraising Officer
- Sport Captain
- Teaching and Learning Officer
- Media and Publicity Officer
- Anti-Bullying Officer
- NA6 Crew Representative

We highly value student voice, as we believe they can be a driving force for positive change. We know that an active Student Parliament will help students develop their leadership skills and contribute to their school community in a positive way.

We have been very happy with the initial response from parents and students to the use of Satchel One to complete homework. If any of you are still having problems with your account, please contact Ms Rogan (GRogan@newarkacademy.co.uk). We intend to send out a survey w/c 23rd October to gauge parental feedback on this new initiative.

In our assemblies this week, Miss Bushell has delivered an excellent presentation on Black History Month. Our assembly explored this year's theme of Saluting our Sisters. We began by listening to the original release of Big Mama Thornton's Hound Dog which became overshadowed by Elvis Presley's release and exploring who created Black History Month and why. It was a great opportunity to remember and celebrate the achievements of other amazing women of colour such as Harriet Tubman, Mary Seacole, Mary Jackson, Lilian Bader and Simone Biles.

As we see the conflict in Israel and Gaza intensifying, we are mindful that our students are being exposed to information over the media and they may have questions about this topic. With this in mind, Mr Padley and Miss Daw are preparing a session to be delivered in Crew time to explain the historical context to this conflict so that students can fully understand the information they are exposed to over the media.

Key Events for Half Term One

- 19th October Year 9 Achievement Evening
- w/c 23rd Oct Year 11 Mock Exam week
- 26th October Spook Fest

Key Events for Half Term 2

- 8th November Careers Fair
- 9th November Autumn Recital 1
- 16th November NA6 Open Evening
- 23rd November Year 11 Achievement Evening
- 30th November X13 Achievement Evening
- 6th & 7th December Christmas Concert

I hope your children have enjoyed this week at school.

We look forward to meeting our Year 9 parents/carers at the Year 9 Achievement Evening on Thursday. This event will provide an opportunity to share with our parents/carers information related to their children academic progress and behaviour.

Have a relaxing weekend



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