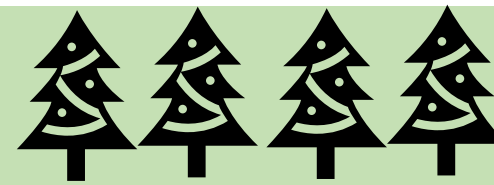


Newark Academy Newsletter

December Edition



Introduction to our New Head Students

Hello. We are writing this to introduce ourselves as Head Students at Newark Academy. I'm Rowan Hunter and I have been at Newark Academy since Year 7. In my spare time I enjoy running and playing the guitar.

I am Anya Clark and I moved to Newark Academy in Year 9, I enjoy the school's atmosphere and the support that is given to us here. In my spare time I like to go to work and spend time with my friends and family. This year we hope to support our students with teaching and learning while also making links with the community developing pen pal relations with the Elderly community. We'd also like to bring you materials and resources into the Mental health department of the school, as well as bring as many privileges as possible and opportunities to our students.

Head Student Election Week

After half term we held our annual Head Student Election Week, which despite social distancing was still an enjoyable event for all. We had 4 outstanding candidates who all put forward a brilliant campaign to be elected by fellow students. Candidates took part in a Question Time session, produced their own campaign videos and campaigned across the school before a whole school vote took place, securing Head Student positions for Rowan Hunter and Anya Clark. Well done both!

Hello, I'm Olivia Gordon and I am a member of X12 at the sixth-form. I campaigned to be your head student but instead I got the better role of overseeing the peer and health mentors. The peer mentors are looking to support students especially those in year seven with their mental well-being and overall settling into school. We have come up with loads of ideas and we are hoping to roll them out soon! Peer mentors recently led a whole school assembly on show to preserve our mental during during lock down and Covid times. Health mentors are currently working on a pilot project with Health Improvement at NSDC to create a well-being at school award that will be rolled out across the District. Very exciting times and we all look forward to sharing our projects with you as they progress through the year.



Maths Senior Challenge

On Monday 2nd November our y12 mathematicians participated in the Senior Maths Challenge, a 90 minute multiple choice competition for Maths A level students across the UK. The questions are designed to stretch students and get them to think mathematically. Out of eight students who attempted the challenge, one silver and 4 bronze awards were achieved. Well done to all students who participated in the challenge and see below for an example question.

Daniel Hough – Silver
Matthew Hough – Bronze
Leon Stokes – Bronze
Timothy Jackson – Bronze
Billy Cowling - Bronze

A three-piece suit consists of a jacket, a pair of trousers and a waistcoat. Two jackets and three pairs of trousers cost £380. A pair of trousers costs the same as two waistcoats. What is the cost of a three-piece suit?

A) £150 B) £190 C) £200 D) £228 E) more information needed

During lockdown Year 10 had been learning about health and disease, when they returned in September they conducted a heart dissection. All the pupils loved it and were able to identify key features of the heart, such as the bicuspid and tricuspid valves, the aorta, pulmonary artery and the different sections of the heart such as the atrium and ventricles.





At the beginning of September we had a very special guest at the Academy, Claire Lomas MBE. Claire is a British campaigner, fundraiser and former event rider. She became a paraplegic as a result of a riding accident in 2007. In 2012, she finished the 32nd London Marathon in 17 days using the ReWalk robotic suit. Claire joined us to speak about the challenges she has faced and overcome. Claire embodies our GREAT values and students across the school took inspiration from her story.

NUSIC Music Opportunity for Year 7

As we begin to once again get underway by offering a range of music opportunities to students across our Academy, the music department was delighted to welcome local recording artist and professional musician, Nina Smith. Nina provided a really interesting 'workshop styled' presentation via Microsoft Teams, which, after some intuitive screen sharing, allowed our students a unique opportunity to discover the world of music production and journey through the making and recording of a pop single. The Q&A session at the end of the lecture saw a wealth of brilliant questions flood in from students, who were very clearly enthralled by Nina's story. On behalf of year 7s we would like to thank Nina Smith for her support and delivery of a tremendously informative session.

Remembrance Event Wednesday 11th November 2020

Despite ongoing challenges, on Wednesday 11th November, Remembrance Day, the Music department was delighted to be able to lead on offering the whole school an opportunity to pause, reflect and remember those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. As part of the event, we were delighted to welcome Mr Malcolm Goodman MBE ARCM, who contributed by sharing some of his personal experience gained during his extensive experience during the first Gulf War. These poignant and collective events always lend themselves well to sharing students' musical skills and abilities and this event was of no exception. A world-class performance featuring Sienna Brown (Year 9) of 'On my own' from Les Miserables is still being recounted around the halls. We would also like to thank our X13 senior students, who very executively represented our student body. From key stage 3, Alex in our new year 7 also contributed to the reading, demonstrating high levels of tenacity and excellence. We would also like to thank Mrs Sally Goodman who performed the Last Post and Reveille with pin point precision and dedication. Students and colleagues assembled safely, to provide a fitting and appropriate tribute to the fallen. Thank you and well done everyone, including those who listened so reverently in classrooms; true testament to our Academy ethos and collective excellence.



Guest Speaker – Baasit Siddiqui

We invited students back after half term with an inspiring guest speaker who you may be familiar with if you watch Gogglebox – Baasit Siddiqui. Baasit spoke to our students about the importance of making the most of the opportunities we are presented with, linking to our GREAT values. It was an honour to virtually welcome Baasit to Newark Academy and we hope to invite him back in person some day soon.



Maths Challenge Answer: B - £190

Congratulations to our Year 7 Gold badge students
 Billy Warriner who was the first to receive his gold badge
 Tyler Copeland Grace Cooper Alina Seleпова

NA6 Student Union

The Student Union is a committee dedicated to voice the ideas and concerns of our sixth form. We also use those ideas to create events and activities for the whole school. We discuss such ideas in our weekly meetings where every member applies their responsibilities. As a leadership group, we work alongside our Head Students and Senior Prefects. Our main role is to make our time at NA6 enjoyable for everyone. The Events and Fundraising Officer works closely with all other roles bringing in new ideas. Our Equality and Participation Officer then considers how we could get everyone involved. If it is something sports related, our Team Captains will undertake the safeguarding aspects and sort out all the rules. To promote the events, our Media and Publicity Officer will advertise the event throughout the school to gather interest. When we have an event planned, our Treasurer handles the financial part in e.g. equipment, donations and budgeting. We also have a Teaching and Learning Officer who voices our teachers' ideas and perspectives. The President and Vice-President oversee the projects and chair the meetings to make sure everything is running smoothly. As a whole, we operate collectively to improve student life at NA6. We make your ideas a reality!





This first term has seen the resurgence of the House System at Newark Academy with students engaging in many group and individual activities and competitions to win points throughout the year so far. With a very strong performance since the start of the year it's Warwick House that sits proud at the top of the leader board heading into Term 2. A huge thank you to everyone who has got involved and good luck to all houses next term!

Students in year 8 and 9 have been published in The Young Writers Poetry Anthology, a national competition for poems written during lockdown. Congratulations all!



In the words of Charles Dickens, 'it was the best of times, it was the worst of times...' That is certainly how it has felt at times in Cooking and Nutrition over the last two terms in school. We are all fully aware of the impact that Covid-19 is having on all our lives and it is clear that our students have demonstrated the core values of our school and proved that they will continue to achieve excellent knowledge in school but absolutely excel in their practical work they are completing at home to re-enforce the skills and techniques demonstrated to them.

Year 7 have been focusing on "The Mad Hatters Tea Party" project where they have been creating a range of products that they could potentially serve at the tea party. These have so far included fruit salad or kebabs, flapjacks and scones.

Year 8 have been working through "The Underground" project, developing an understanding and a range of different cultural dishes whilst gaining knowledge on commodities used in their preparation. The project has been a great success and students are so proud to be able to produce dishes that could be prepared as a family to enjoy creating, understanding the history of and of course eating the results! Some of the dishes created so far have included Spaghetti Bolognese, Mac and Cheese, Borough Bread Rolls and Chicken Tikka Masala.

In KS4 whilst Yr10 and Year 11 continue to work towards their final exam, Year 9 have begun their journey into the Hospitality and Catering course, they have demonstrated a fantastic thirst for challenge and have been developing skills in butchery, menu creation, planning and presentation.

It has been a truly rewarding period in the department and thanks must be given to all the students for their hard work but also to the parents, guardians, relatives and carers who have allowed the students to create their products at home and continue to enjoy the subject.



Merry Christmas one and all. See you all in the new year!