



July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Following our hugely successful transition programme and the extensive visits that have been undertaken over the past term, I am genuinely excited to be your child's Head of Year as they start their Newark Academy career and look forward to working with them and you as supportive parents and carers over the next 7 years.

I wanted to take this opportunity to officially welcome you to Newark Academy and provide you with important information about the start of the academic year in September.

We have introduced a new school day which begins in September and all students return to school on **Monday 4th September 2017 starting at 8.30am**. We had hoped to stagger the start of school for our Year 7 and Year 11 students to ensure a smooth and supportive start to the year. However, due to travel restrictions with local bus companies, this could not be facilitated. That said, Year 7 students will be given an extended tutor programme to ensure that they are fully prepared for the day and week ahead.

Our Year 7 students will also undertake a series of orientation programmes to ensure that they can find their way around the Academy building and learn about our systems and processes that help secure the high standards and expectations that all students should adhere to.

I would respectfully ask that you ensure your child arrives at the Academy by 8.30am. The year group will then be directed to registration in the Sports Hall where they will join their tutor group and move to their tutor base to begin orientation. Please ensure that you check transport arrangements prior to the first day of school to enable your child to arrive on time and ready for the day ahead. The academy day will finish at 2.55pm and parents are free to collect their children from the parking bay at the bottom of the footpath if driving or by waiting outside main reception.

A polite reminder that standards of uniform and appearance are unashamedly high here at Newark Academy. Inappropriate uniform such as tight or ill-fitting skirts or trousers, trainers, inappropriate skirt length and excessive make up and jewellery will not be tolerated and will result in students being sent home to address the identified issue as entry to learning will not be permitted until issues are rectified. Excessive nail varnish and 'gel nails' are also prohibited and we expect all nail length to be reasonable. If you would like more information on our uniform policy this can be found on our Academy website.

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There are still some places on this year's 'Hollywood' themed Transition Summer School. The event runs from **Monday 21st to Wednesday 23rd August 2017**. The programme will involve students undertaking activities based on film-making, web design and media development including sound and video. There are also a range of sessions including craft and sports which complement the exciting 'Hollywood' activities outlined above ensuring that there is something for everyone throughout the 3 day event. If your child is interested in participating in this fantastic experience then please do contact the Academy at your earliest convenience.

I would like to wish you all a relaxing and happy summer and I look forward to working in partnership with you over the course of the year to enable your children to thrive and achieve their full potential at Newark Academy.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 01636 615000 or email me at MRowe@newarkacademy.co.uk Mrs Samantha Taylor (Student Support, Transition) also supports me on Transition and can be contacted on the same number or alternately emailed at STaylor@newarkacademy.co.uk For any SEND enquires Mrs Glenis Willis (SENCO) can be contacted on the above number or again emailed at GWillis@newarkacademy.co.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Rowe', written in a cursive style.

Miss Melissa Rowe
Head of Year and Transition

Autumn Term 2017 Key Dates:

Tuesday 29 th August 2017	INSET DAY
Wednesday 30 th August 2017	INSET DAY
Thursday 31 st August 2017	INSET DAY
Friday 1 st September 2017	INSET DAY
Monday 4 th September 2017	Start of term
Thursday 7 th September 2017	KS3 & KS4 Parental Information Evening
Thursday 14 th September 2017	Year 7 Welcome Party
Thursday 21 st September 2017	Year 6 Open Evening
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	Families Forum Meeting
Friday 20 th October 2017	ADDITIONAL INSET DAY (To be confirmed)
Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October	HALF-TERM
Thursday 9 th November 2017	Year 8 Achievement Evening
Thursday 16 th November 2017	Year 10 Achievement Evening
Wednesday 6 th December 2017	Christmas Concert
Thursday 7 th December 2017	Year 7 Achievement Evening
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	Families Forum Meeting
Thursday 14 th December 2017	Year 11 Achievement Evening

