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Dear Parent/Carer

At Newark Academy, we have ended the week on a real high with matinee and evening performances of our annual Christmas Concert. I have personally been blown away by the musical talents of our students and am deeply impressed by the discipline and resilience they have displayed throughout the weeks of preparation and practice that came before these final performances.



Another highlight of the week has been Wednesday's Year 12 trip to the University of Lincoln. The visit day began with an introduction to the university, and university life, in the Isaac Newton Building, home to the school of engineering. Our students then had the opportunity to tour the campus and visit the student accommodation there. Their final insight into university life was a revision skills session, held in a lecture hall in the Minerva Building, home to student support. The day then concluded with a walk round Lincoln, exploring the city.



This week, our assemblies have focused on 'Sleep Hygiene'. We have talked to the students about the importance of, and positive benefits of, good sleep routines. In doing so, we have also considered different factors that can affect our sleep, such as screen time. We have also shared information with the students about small changes they can make to their routines and behaviours during the day to support good sleep patterns at night. **If you have any concerns about your child's sleep, or you would like some advice, please contact your child's Pastoral Leader, who will be able to signpost you to the organisations who can support with this.**



Next week will be our first RAG (**Raising and Giving**) Week which everyone is looking forward to. It has been organised by our Student Leadership Team with the aim of raising money for a local charity - the Emmaus Trust. This charity works hard to support young people to overcome challenges that can lead to homelessness.

As you can see below, we have lots of events and activities for students and staff to take part in and enjoy during RAG Week:

Tuesday 10 th Dec	Cake Sale Staff Lip Sync Battle
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Candy Cane Sales We welcome donations of a £1 for wearing a jumper. Please note, if students choose to wear a Christmas Jumper, then they do not need their blazer but must wear their shirt and tie underneath the jumper in case they get too hot.
Thursday 12 th Dec	Student vs staff football match Candy Cane Sales
Friday 13 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Quiz

Students can contribute to RAG week by donating to any of the activities listed above but also by getting behind others and joining in, adopting our crew ethos of working together to achieve success.

Finally, throughout the week, each year group will take part in their GREAT Rewards Assembly of 2024, where we aim to end the term with a celebration and acknowledgment of the amazing work undertaken by students.

End of term arrangements

Please note that we will have an earlier finish on Friday 13th December.

- KS3 students will leave 13:10
- KS4 and KS5 students will leave at 13:20
- Lunch arrangements:
 - KS3 students will have their lunch before they depart
 - KS4 and KS5 students can pick a 'grab and go' lunch if they wish on their way out.
- Transport has been rearranged to fit in with the end of school timings.

Key Events for Half Term 2

9 th December	Year 12 London trip
10 th December – 12 th December	Y9, 10 & 11 Aachen Germany Trip
13 th December	End of Autumn Term
7 th January 2025	Students return to school

Have an enjoyable weekend.



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