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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given your children in their first week back at school after the summer holidays. They have returned ready to learn in immaculate uniforms, fully equipped and with impeccable conduct. Such positive attitudes have been rewarded with **35,664** positive behaviour points across the school, giving each student an average of 31 achievement points in their first week.

Our new Year 7s have had their first week at secondary school and they have impressed our staff with their wonderful manners, kindness and hard work. They have experienced some exciting lessons, and have told me that their two favourite activities this week have been the 'rocket launching' in technology and their computing lessons.

We are keen to share with you the fantastic work that students do in lessons and around school more often via our social media platforms. You can follow us at any of the Newark Academy official social media accounts.

Instagram

- Whole school = [newarkacademy2](#)
- NA6 = [newarkacademysixthform](#)

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Teaching and Learning is the core business of any school and at Newark Academy we are very lucky to have such talented and committed staff who are always keen to enhance the learning experience of our young people even further. This academic year we will focus on developing classroom talk as a vehicle for students to deepen their knowledge and understanding as well as developing confidence in public speaking. Therefore, over the next few weeks, as part of the Crew programme and assemblies, we will deliver sessions to our students on the importance of oracy, high level vocabulary and active listening so they feel well prepared to engage in structured classroom talk in lessons.

Reporting to parents and carers on their children's progress is a crucial part of teaching. We are fully aware that due to the increased number of students in Year 7, one Achievement Evening will not be sufficient to provide appointments for all parents to discuss their child's progress with our staff. Therefore, we will run two separate Achievement Evenings for Year 7s and have scheduled these to take place on two consecutive weeks. We are also very keen to increase the number of available Achievement Evening slots for our Year 8 and 9 parents to book as we have also seen an increase in student numbers in these year groups. To do this, on the days when we have Year 8 and 9 Achievement Evenings we will end the school day a little earlier, at 2:00 pm, so that we can start meetings with parents earlier than we have in previous years, thereby offering more slots.

Please see below the dates for all Achievement evenings.

17 th October 2024	Y13 Achievement Evening
21 st November 2024	Y10 Achievement Evening
9 th January 2025	Y11 Achievement Evening
30 th January 2025	Y8 Achievement Evening
27 th February 2025	Y7 Achievement Evening (1)
6 th March 2025	Y7 Achievement Evening (2)
27 th March 2025	Y12 and Y13 Achievement Evening
3 rd April 2025	Y11 Achievement Evening
5 th June 2025	Y9 Achievement Evening

We have a busy term ahead and a lot to look forward to. I thought you may find it useful if I share some information regarding key events and dates with you in this email.

Key Dates

24 th September 2024	NA6 and Y7 Meet the Crew Leader evening
30 th September 2024	Y11 Welcome Evening
10 th October 2024	Y5/6 Open Evening
17 th October 2024	Y13 Achievement Evening
24 th October 2024	Music Recital 1

My personal highlight of the week has been having the opportunity to teach your children. I have had the pleasure of teaching Spanish to my new Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 classes and I have been very impressed by the very positive attitude to learning and capacity to fully engage in lessons. I am really looking forward to our lessons next week.

Finally, I would like to end my first email to you with a plea regarding parking at the end of the school day. If you drive to school at the end of the day to collect your child, may I please ask you not to block other cars and especially the local school buses from coming on to the school grounds. I am also concerned that parents who need to access the disabled car park or emergency vehicles could struggle to do so.

I hope your children have enjoyed their first week back at school as much as we have.

I look forward to meeting you in person soon at the various school events.

Have an enjoyable weekend.



Inma Peña
Headteacher