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ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families have had a good week.

As we come to the end of half term three, and the midpoint of the academic year, I am writing to express my sincere thanks for your continued support with all we do here at Newark Academy. I am also personally extremely grateful for the hard work, determination and resilience that all our students and staff have displayed so far this academic year.

We have finished this week on a real high - with successful performances of our annual school show. This year was 'Bugsy Malone'. The cast were superbly led by Jess Hewlett in the role of Bugsy. Annie Beaumont brought a feisty strength to Blousey and Sienna Brown, who played the glamorous Tallulah, provided great moments of musical performance. Fat Sam was played with energy and style by Anya Ward, who had the audience in hysterics with her reactions to her wonderfully incompetent gang. This contrasted with the cool performance of Faith Hudson as Dandy Dan whilst Lola Walker stole the hearts of the audience as Fizzy. I believe that the difference between a good show and an outstanding show is the quality and commitment of the supporting cast. I was therefore hugely proud of how each member of the company contributed to the bigger elements of the show and created memorable moments for each of their own supporting characters. I must also acknowledge and praise our incredible orchestra who injected energy and pace to the performance.



You can see more pictures in our Instagram page – @Newarkacademy2

As is the case at the end of each half term, this week we have taken the time to celebrate the success of our students over the last six weeks. Since September, we have issued over 756,479 positive points which is fantastic! Students have now had the opportunity to 'purchase' items from our GREAT Rewards Shop with these positive points, benefitting from working hard and being kind. We also continue to acknowledge and celebrate our students' achievements through our Full Crew Reward Assemblies. Students have received GREAT awards for 100% attendance and for demonstrating our GREAT values through their conduct and interactions in and out of the classroom. Alongside this, students have been able to enter an auction where they can use their positive behaviour points to bid for prizes such as JD, Odeon and Love to Shop vouchers!



All students will return to school after February half term on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. May I politely ask that you check that your child arrives on time and fully equipped for school. They are expected to bring a backpack for all their items which include a pencil case containing two black or blue pens, two pencils, a ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener.

It is important that students should have a sense of belonging and common purpose, and our Newark Academy uniform is a key way in which we promote this ethos. We will be conducting uniform checks on the first day back and we expect all students to continue to wear correct uniform. Just a polite reminder that piercings, jewellery and make up, including false eyelashes or false nails, are NOT part of our school uniform.

Finally, thank you to those parents/carers who also support the Academy by not parking in the bus bay or on the double yellow lines. Keeping these zones free of vehicles at the end of the day makes a significant difference and enables us to supervise our students safely as they exit the school site. May I also ask our parents to be careful and respectful drivers when collecting students at the end of the day; we have, unfortunately, had a couple of incidents lately where speed and lack of attention have put our students at risk.

#### **Key Events for Half Term 4**

Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Spring half term 1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Spring half term 2
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y7 Achievement Evening (1)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y7 Achievement Evening (2)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y12 and Y13 Achievement Evening
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y11 Achievement Evening
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring term

I wish you and your children a very restful February Half Term. We look forward to seeing you again next half term.

Kind regards,



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