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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are well.

What an amazing week we have had at Newark Academy! Not only have we hosted a beautiful Year 11 Prom, but we also officially welcomed our amazing new Year 7 students into the Academy for their two-day induction.

Year 11 Prom

I know the whole staff body at Newark Academy will agree with me when I say 'We will really miss our Year 11s'. They have been an excellent year group to work with. They have demonstrated aspiration and tenacity throughout the exam season and taken responsibility for their own learning and choices. What I admire and respect the most about them is how appreciative they have been of all the support given to them by staff. They have been kind and have worked hard. I am convinced that such qualities will lead to future success and happiness.

Year 6 Induction

This week, we have really enjoyed meeting our new parents/carers and welcoming them as members of Newark Academy Crew. Their children impressed throughout the whole of their transition visit, enacting our GREAT values, quickly making new friends and enjoying the engaging and exciting lessons subject specialists delivered. We now look forward to nurturing and developing the talents of this new year group when they return in September.

Excellence Fortnight

As we approach the end of this academic year, we have launched a second round of 'Excellence' fortnight, to give students the opportunity to demonstrate excellence in their conduct, attendance and uniform standards. To achieve 'excellence status' over the next two weeks, students will have to achieve:

- Excellence standards of behaviour, therefore receiving no C1s or C2s
- Excellence standards of attendance, achieving 98% over the next two weeks
- Excellence standards of equipment, arriving to school with a rucksack, a filled pencil case with two black or blue pens, two pencils, a ruler, a rubber, and a pencil sharpener.
- Excellence standards of uniform, therefore receiving no C1s for skirt rolling, untucked shirts, misuse of blazers or incorrect footwear (i.e.) trainers etc.

Last term, students who achieved the excellence standard took part in an Easter Prize Draw. This time, we have decided to reward everyone who achieves the excellence standard with an ice-cream, which will be very much welcome and appreciated if the temperatures continue to be high.

Assemblies

In our Full Crew assemblies this week, we have celebrated diversity and identity. Mrs Kent spoke to the children about individuality and how some identity and diversity features can easily be seen, whilst some cannot; therefore, we should never assume. We touched on the themes of relationships in terms of connections and attachments - friendships, families, romantic and explored how some attachments are healthy and some are unhealthy. As this week is Pride week, we also took the opportunity to explain both historic and current challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community. The main message delivered was that we shouldn't change our identity to fit in with others. As a school, we passionately believe that we should support and encourage everyone to be their true self because everyone deserves to feel connected and be loved.

CEO Visit

Finally, Mr Rahman, our CEO, visited Newark Academy on Tuesday. I accompanied him on lesson visits and Mr Rahman also met with staff and pupils to discuss our GREAT school. Mr Rahman commented on our ambitious curriculum and the high levels of engagement and enjoyment in lessons. I was incredibly pleased and proud to hear that, at the student voice meeting, our children spoke very positively about the pastoral care and academic support they receive at the Academy. Furthermore, they were able to give examples of their curriculum experience and articulate what they were learning and how this linked to earlier lessons and learning.

Key Dates

- Friday 5th July Additional Inset Day
- Wednesday 10th July Summer Spectacular at 6.15 pm
- Thursday 11th July Yr8 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 18th July Celebration Evening
- Thursday 25th July End of Summer Term

Have an enjoyable weekend.



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