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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been wonderful to welcome your children back to school after the half term holiday. They have returned looking very smart and ready for learning. I am also very pleased to say that our attendance this week has been above the national average, which demonstrates our shared commitment to the education of our young people. We are particularly pleased with the attendance of Year 11 students who are displaying tenacity and hard work in the week leading up to their first Mock exam season.

Remembrance Celebrations

This week we have held our annual Remembrance assemblies to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. In addition to these assemblies, today students across the whole school have enjoyed a live Remembrance Service which includes a musical performance by the school orchestra. As part of this event, Miss Elsey read a poem and, to remember the worldwide impact of war, several students and staff representing a range of nationalities shared messages in different languages. You can see more pictures of this event in our Instagram account – Newark2

On Monday 11th at 11:00 am, we will to pause for a **two-minute silence** to mark Armistice Day.



Key Stage 3 Assessments

One of our priorities this half term is Key Stage Three assessments. Our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students will be undertaking a range of 'high stake' summative assessments in all their subjects. These assessments will start on Monday 25th November and finish on Friday 13th December. The second summative assessment window is scheduled for the summer term.

These assessments will be completed in classrooms/learning spaces under teacher supervision. Teacher feedback will ensure all students understand what they have done well and the specific steps they need to take to improve. Our summative assessments are designed to allow teachers to evaluate the extent to which students

- have learned/remembered core knowledge and
- can now use and apply this core knowledge in increasingly complex ways.

We know you will be keen to support your child with their preparation for these assessments and we will be emailing you a revision list next week.

Finally, this week we received confirmation from the Local Authority of the numbers of Year 6 applications and I am delighted to share with you that first and second choices have increased again this year. We have exceeded our Year 7 PAN (pupil admission number) with first choices alone which is a testament to the reputation of the school and the hard work and talent of all our staff members. We are humbled by the trust and confidence that parents in our community have placed on our school and we will continue to provide excellent education to our students.

Key Events for Half Term 2

12 th November	Newark Academy Careers Fair
13 th November	NA6 Braking Point
14 th November	Yr 11 Career Expo Event
14 th November	NA6 Open Evening
20 th November	Maths Inspiration 2024
21 st November	Y10 Achievement Evening
4 th December	Y12 University of Lincoln Rewards Trip
4 th December	Christmas Concert
5 th December	Christmas Concert
10 th December – 12 th December	Y9, 10 & 11 Aachen Germany Trip
13 th December	End of Autumn Term

I hope your children have enjoyed their first week back at school. We look forward to meeting our Year 11 parents/carers this coming Thursday for the NA6 Open Evening. This event will give you the opportunity to know more about our sixth form offer and discuss how we can support your child in their post 16 journey.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,



Inma Peña
Headteacher