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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope my email finds you and your families well.

Thank you so much to our Year 12 and 13 parents for their attendance at their Achievement Evening last night. It is so encouraging to see how invested parents are in the education of our students and the choices they now face. Please do not underestimate the importance of us working together – home and school – for the benefit of our young people. We all believe in the potential of every student and know that your ongoing support together with the hard work of the fantastic staff at Newark Academy will ensure they fulfil this potential.

This week, our Full Crew/assemblies have focused on the importance of British Values and the dangers of radicalisation. Miss Dilks has spoken to students about how the five British Values are applicable in our school community and create a safe and purposeful environment rooted in mutual respect and tolerance.

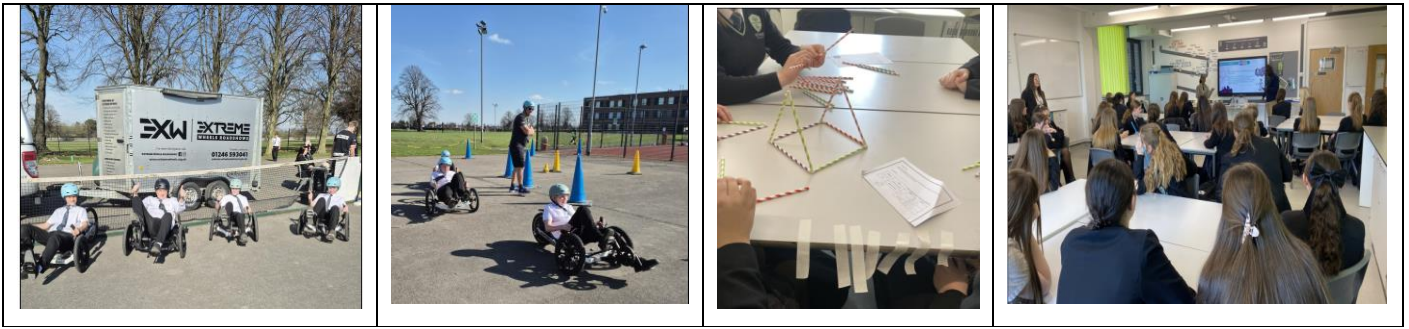
In the assembly, students also explored the meaning of radicalisation and, more importantly, were given guidance on how to spot the signs and where to seek support if needed. Miss Dilks also explained the prevalence of fake news and how misinformation and disinformation can contribute to the development of these beliefs and opinions. As always, students engaged very well, listened attentively and asked very pertinent and insightful questions.

Newark Academy is committed to providing all students with opportunities that enhance their classroom experience. Two of the highlights of the week for me have been the enrichment activities that some of our Year 8s and Year 9s have participated in.

30 Year 8 students enjoyed a workshop with 'Extreme Wheels'; this focused on teamwork, resilience and understanding of how to make positive choices in the community to keep themselves safe.

Yesterday a group of Year 9 girls with an interest and talent in STEM subjects took part in the 'Girls Believe' Project. This session was extremely engaging and was delivered by engineers from Equans Energy. Our students absolutely loved it and many of them are now considering careers in STEM. They are very much looking forward to the final part of the project to visit the Equans site in **London on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**





As part of this ongoing commitment to provide a wider range of enrichment experiences for **all students**, we have organised a series of GREAT Days in the penultimate week of the summer term. Every year group in school will have the opportunity to experience and enjoy a range of enrichment activities within school, in addition to a full-day educational trip. These GREAT Days offer valuable opportunities for students to experience activities not typically delivered by subject curriculums. This is a key part of enhancing their cultural capital and supports their personal development. On Monday, Miss Campbell Asman and Mrs Hamilton-Smith will share the full details with students and parents.

Finally, as we approach the last week of this half term, we are keen to reward students for continually meeting expectations. Therefore, all students who have achieved excellent behaviour and attendance over the course of the year and in the last half term will be receiving commendation letters and star badges. Furthermore, all students are able to use their positive behaviour points to 'buy' items from our rewards shop or keep them to 'bid' in the end of term auction.

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

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| • Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | Y11 Achievement Evening   |
| • Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April   | End of Spring term        |
| • Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April | Start of Half Term 5      |
| • Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May   | Y9 Options Evening        |
| • Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | Music Recital             |
| • Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May    | End of Summer half term 1 |

I hope your children have had a productive and enjoyable week at school.  
Have a restful weekend.

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