



# Noel-Baker Academy Special Educational Needs Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Students.

We would like to introduce to you our Special Educational Needs Newsletter. The idea behind these newsletters is to update you on the work being undertaken within our department and to share some useful tips to help you to support our students' to achieve their full potential

What a fantastic first term SEN students' had last term! It was a term filled with so much positivity, success and celebration. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending my first term at Noel-Baker getting to know our students' and working along side them.

We are proud to share with you some of the activities and successes that our department has had so far during this academic year.

As always, the SEND team is here to support you in any way we can and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support. Please feel free to contact me on [sarahbrown@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:sarahbrown@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) or contact Caroline Jones (Deputy SENCO) on [carolinejones@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:carolinejones@noelbakeracademy.co.uk).

With kind regards,

Sarah Brown  
Assistant Headteacher/SENCO

# Meet the Team!



**Miss S Brown – Assistant Headteacher/SENCo**

I oversee the day-to-day running of the SEN faculty, ensuring that we meet the needs of every learner in

Academy



**Mrs Jones-  
Deputy Senco**

I am a point of contact for parents and organise the paperwork.



**Mrs D Sudar – Learning Mentor**

I specialise in delivering Maths intervention to students across the Academy.



**Miss N Hinchcliffe-  
Exams Concessions and  
Teaching Assistant**

I am in charge of exam concessions and supporting students in classes.



**Mrs R Parkinson-  
Learning Resource Centre  
Manager and Learning Mentor**  
I organise the library and provide one to one and in-class support.



**Mrs S Gahfoor –  
Learning Mentor**  
I am a Learning Mentor and I develop students' literacy and numeracy skills and provide in-class support.

# Meet the Team!



**Miss L Sutcliffe**

I am a Teaching Assistant and I work closely with Year 7, developing students' literacy and numeracy skills.



**Miss J Smart**

I am a Teaching Assistant and I work closely with Year 7 developing students' literacy and numeracy skills.



**Mrs V Chopra**

I am a Teaching Assistant, I support in-class and deliver numeracy skills intervention.



**Mr S Hibbert**

I specialise in delivering Maths intervention to students across the Academy.



**Ms S Delaney**

I am a Teaching Assistant and I also support students in Alternative Provision.

# Top Tip Box

## TIP 1-

Make sure you have your homework prepared/completed in advance to avoid anxiety and stress at the last minute!



## TIP 2-

Make sure you have something to eat and drink before school and at lunchtime!



## After school Enrichment

The SEND department is offering an exciting range of after-school enrichment opportunities throughout the week starting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January from 3.10-4pm.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Drop in LRC	Homework Drop in LRC	Homework Drop in LRC	Homework Drop in LRC
Computer Club B2	Maths Intervention LRC	Handwriting LRC	
English Intervention LRC			

# CELEBRITIES WITH SEN STATUS!



## Michael Phelps

Michael Phelps is an 18x gold medallist and a household name, but what most don't know is that Michael was diagnosed with ADHD at 9 years old.

Michael's mum has spoken out about how he couldn't concentrate or focus at school. At this point, Michael was showing great potential in the pool, however, he really struggled in Maths lessons. Mum thought that the only way to get him to focus was to use Michael's hobby, swimming, in his maths questions.

Michael also struggled to control his behaviour if he didn't win at swimming competitions, so Mum came up with a signal that she could do from the audience to tell Michael to calm down.

Michael's strict structure of swimming practices and competitions means that he can control his behaviour and stays focused without using medication.



## Keira Knightley

Star of the stage and screen, Keira Knightley has struggled with dyslexia since she was a child. Keira has revealed that she has tried many different techniques to try and improve her reading but she still has days where she finds it too difficult.

As an actress, it is important that Keira learns her lines. She says that her dyslexia doesn't cause a problem as long as her scripts are given to her at least a week in advance.

Her parents took Keira's desire to act and used it in order to help her improve. Her mum tried to help her by getting Keira to recite "Sense and Sensibility".



# Star of the Term

Congratulations to the following students' for achieving Star of the Term!



**Y7- YASMIN WEBSTER**  
**Y8- DOMINIC LAMB**  
**Y9- CALLUM BARBER**  
**Y10- ELLIE NEWBOLD**  
**Y11- LEO GARBETT**

## Student Information Files

Name -  
 Year - UPN -  
 CoP Stage: K - SEN Support  
 Description of need



You May Notice

My Targets

You could try

Access Arrangements

We have introduced Student Information Files to provide staff with an overview of students' needs and their individual targets.

The files will highlight effective strategies to use in the classroom to meet the needs of all learners in all lessons.

We will be working together to ensure that we are all happy with the information included.

# Christmas Exhibition

Thank you to all the families and students who attended our very first Christmas exhibition for Year 7.

This was a wonderful opportunity to meet our team and view some of the fantastic work that our students have produced over the last term, whilst sampling some of their baking!

We will be running additional exhibitions throughout the academic year for other year groups. Here are a few photos of the students making biscuits for the event and from the exhibition.



# ADHD

## Getting organised for school

### Buy Duplicates

Children with ADHD often lose things very easily. It is a good idea to get multiple sets of pens, pencils, rulers and rubbers! Also you could use a cupboard at home to keep all of your school supplies and have a check in and check out list. This makes it easier to see what will need to be replaced.

Supplies 'on the go'- creating a school "Supplies On The Go" box means that you can take your supplies with you. Also there will be fewer interruptions as everything that you need is in one place.

Evening routine- set up a routine where every night you sit down and go through your school bag on a Sunday evening, so you can prepare yourself for the week ahead.

## Getting organised for exams!

Start in advance- Start your revision early, this means that the information will stay in your long-term memory. It is a good idea to break down your revision into manageable pieces!

Get to know your exam- Familiarise yourself with the types of questions that you might get in each exam. Speak to your teacher about any key themes that could come up.

The perfect studying environment- Do you need complete silence or do you need a stimulus such as music? If you prefer silence, then study in a room with the fewest distractions. Always turn off your phone.

Keep your energy up- Drink plenty of water and avoid energy drinks!

Which method works best for you? Flashcards, spider diagrams, quizzes and past papers are all examples of study tools that help you get the grade that you want!