



Message from the Head Teacher:

It has been a long yet rewarding half term, with the reintroduction of face to face teaching, free movement around the building and extra-curricular activities. Unfortunately, due to the recent emergence of the Omicron variant, we must remind you to provide your children with masks to wear in the corridors and common areas at school. **We will also be carrying out on site lateral flow testing at the start of term in January, which will mean that students' return to school will be staggered (more details further on in this bulletin).**

We will break up for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 21st December at 12.05pm (end of period 3). Lunch will be available for students to purchase and for those on free school meals from 12.05pm until 12.35pm. All students are to be off site by 12.45pm.

Attendance Matters:

Many thanks for supporting your child to arrive to school punctually every day- as a result our 'lates' to the academy have drastically reduced and our attendance is currently higher than all other Secondary State Funded Schools in the country. However, it is still vitally important to remember that your child can only miss school if either:

- 1) they are too ill to attend.
- 2) you've got advance permission from the school.

If you have any queries relating to attendance, please email attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk. Remember 'AttendanceMatters'.

Please ensure that your students get on site in sufficient time to be lined up and ready for roll call, which will start at 8.30am prompt. Students should arrive onto the school site by 8.25am, otherwise they will be classed as 'late'.

Quality of Education:

We know that evenings at home can often be busy and hectic, but even just taking time to ask 'what did you learn today in...?' or 'what was the most interesting thing you heard in a lesson today?' can be a really powerful way to support students' knowledge retrieval and recall, as well as helping to keep you connected with what's being studied in school. In addition to asking about subject lessons, you could ask about assemblies, clubs or PSHE, too, and know that in doing so, you're actively helping your child to embed knowledge in their long-term memory!

Behaviour:

Ties - on our return after Christmas, we will be issuing students with a brand new tie. This will be to replace the ties given out in September with a braid added. Students will swap their old tie for the new one at roll call on the first day they are wearing full uniform, ie. do not have PE.

Lanyards - these have now replaced the braiding on the ties and they are a compulsory part of the Noel Baker uniform.

Head of House (Achieve) - Miss Morgan has now started her maternity leave, and Miss Bhogal is her replacement during this time. If you would like to make contact with her regarding your child, please email either:

Miss Libby Parker (Pastoral Support Administrator) libbyparker@noelbakeracademy.co.uk or
Miss Jeena Bhogal (Head of Achieve House) jeenabhogal@noelbakeracademy.co.uk.



LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 7E – for having the best attendance. Well done everyone!

Star of the fortnight: Oscar S (8N) – for having the most positive points. Good work Oscar!

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 7L – for having the best attendance. Well done 7L!

Star of the fortnight: Khabane N (8E) - for having the most positive points – well done Khabane, keep it up!

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: 8B – for being consistently brilliant and on target. Led brilliantly by the always helpful Miss Lord ☺

Star of the fortnight: Mitchell Barker - for consistently being kind to all, making excellent progression and always paying attention.

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: 9A - for helping with the Christmas decorations for Drive thank you for your help 9A.

Star of the fortnight: Jennifer S - for having the highest overall positive points in Drive. Well done Jennifer.

EXCEL:

Year group of the fortnight: Year 10's – for having the most behaviour points overall and consistently trying really hard in lessons.

Star of the fortnight: Levi P – for consistently meeting school expectations, wearing the correct school uniform all the time and for being a positive role model for the other students in ACE.

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing 13th December: “Be so good they can’t ignore you” – *Steve Martin, Author*

Year 7 will be covering: Personal beliefs and wellbeing.

Year 8 will be covering: Law and the justice system, and celebrating differences.

Year 9 will be covering: Emergency first aid, law and the justice system.

Year 10 will be covering: Online awareness.

Year 11 will be covering: Jobs for the future and online awareness.



On Site LFT Testing and Return to School:

Monday 10th January

Years 9, 10 and 11 Arrive on site for LFT test then go home afterwards (non-uniform)

Year 10 8.40 – 10.40am

Year 11 10.40 – 12.40am

Year 9 1.00 – 2.30pm

Years 7 and 8 Students not in school

Tuesday 11th January

Years 9, 10 and 11 Lessons as normal (in full uniform)

Years 7 and 8 Arrive on site for LFT test then go home afterwards (non-uniform)

Year 7 8.40 – 11.40am

Year 8 12.00 – 2.00pm

Wednesday 12th January

All Years Lessons as normal (full uniform)

NB. Please ensure students coming to site to take a test bring a mask, a mobile phone with data enabled, and that they know their address details (including postcode) and mobile phone number. We will use the permissions you have already given. The test will be self-administered and they will register the results themselves. Staff will be on hand to support where needed.

Lateral Flow Testing:

A reminder to all parents/carers to continue to carry out and log Lateral Flow Testing twice weekly as requested. This initiative is really important and is continuing to keep everyone safe. You can obtain free kits via the government website.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 can spread the virus without knowing. This is because they have no symptoms. We are therefore asking all parents to continue testing their children to help us to continue to provide a normal education for our students and keep the school open.

Facilities Management:

To keep queues in the canteen to a minimum, giving children more time to eat, we are asking all children to only queue up once to buy their meal, pudding and drink and not to queue up multiple times for different items. We are also reminding children to wear their lanyard with the QR code as this makes serving children quicker. Please remind your children to wear their lanyard with QR code to school and to only queue once during lunch. Thank you for your support with this.



Safeguarding:

E-Scooters:

May we remind parents and carers that E-scooters are not allowed for travel to and from school. Please see below, a message from Derbyshire Constabulary which we have been asked to share with you, which clearly sets out the rules surrounding E-scooters and their use.

“We have seen an increase in the use of E-scooters, primarily amongst young persons. Police and local councillors have received complaints from members of the public about their use on roads, pavements and other public areas such as parks. We expect a further increase post-Christmas. There is also the obvious safety element with riders risking causing injury to themselves or others riding at speed in public places.

The message is very clear - that no privately owned E-scooters are allowed to be used ANYWHERE other than on private land that has no general public access and with the landowner's permission. We do not wish E-scooters to be purchased in good faith by parents, under the mistaken belief that they can be used as a road legal form of transport. We also want anyone who owns one to be aware of the rules and not use them outside of what the law allows. If they are caught riding one, they risk having the e-scooter confiscated, getting a fine and points on their driving licence (possibly before they actually get it, meaning they can't start driving until the points have expired).

Derbyshire Constabulary and E-scooters – FAQ's

Avoid getting confused about the use of E-scooters by staying legal and staying safe. Our officers are engaging with communities to ensure people don't misuse them.

I've just bought an e-scooter. Can I use it during the Derby Trial E-Scooter Trial?

No. All E-scooters are classed as 'motor vehicles' under the Road Traffic Act regardless of whether or not they are part of the trial. All E-scooter riders are subject to traffic legislation, drink and drug drive laws etc.

The crucial difference is that the Government exempted certain legal restrictions to allow the use of **hired E-scooters on roads**. These E-scooters are provided solely as part of the trial and can only be obtained via the operator for Derby City, a company called WIND. Only E-scooters provided as part of the trial can be used on roads - on a par with pedal cycles. They should stand out as they are painted yellow. E-scooters used in the trial are programmed with both 'no go' and 'go slow' functionality to help safeguard proper use. Privately owned E-scooters can only be used on private land where there is no public access and permission has been granted by the land owner to do so. The law is clear, in that retailers can sell E-scooters but they cannot be sold for use on the roads, only on private land.

What happens if I use my own e-scooter on the roads anyway?

Simple – the rider risks police action for no driving licence, insurance (£300 fine and 6 penalty points), vehicle not registered/no registration number, construction and use offences to name a few..... so please don't risk breaking the law and getting points and a fine.

What about E-scooters being used for food deliveries around the City - is this allowed?

No. The same legal restrictions for private E-scooter use apply. The riders risk committing offences simply by using private scooters on roads.

What about buying my child an E-scooter so they can travel to and from school?

Don't. Not only is there the road safety risk, doing so could mean the rider is stopped by police and unknowingly commits offences and risks penalty points either on their current licence if they have one, or future licence when they obtain one. The only way a privately E-scooter can be used is on private land, and then no driving documents are required. Many E-scooters have a maximum speed of 15.5 mph or more, which in some cases which can put other road users at risk, particularly pedestrians.

How will Derbyshire Constabulary deal with E-scooter riders?

Police officers will be engage in improving awareness but E-scooter riders who knowingly or persistently break the law will be dealt with appropriately.

Where do I find out more information?

Check out the Derby City Council Website or the Gov.Uk Website. Know the law before purchasing or using one.”