

Message from the Head Teacher:

We are delighted to have been able to take part in the “black and white day” in support of Derby County Football Club last week. It was lovely to see so many kids in their football kits showing support. We hope that our small contribution has helped in some way to help raise awareness with the importance of the Club and the work that they do in supporting our community and school.

Following the appointment of a parent governor to our school staff we are on the lookout for a new parent governor. This is a great opportunity to become involved with the School and help shape the future of our Students. If you are interested please contact Debbie Broadhurst, Head Teacher’s PA on enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk and we will send you an expression of interest form and more details. Depending on the number of applications, there may be an election process. Closing date for completed applications – 28 February 2022

Attendance Matters:

Academic Achievement Relating To Attendance

A huge well done to all students who achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. Pupils with **no absence** are 1.3 times more likely to achieve level 4 or above, and 3.1 times more likely to achieve level 5 or above, than pupils that missed 10-15% of all sessions. There is a clear link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement. Please regularly look at your child’s attendance record on Go4Schools. If your child’s attendance declines the Attendance Team will intervene quickly to support you to ensure your child attends school punctually every day.

Quality of Education:

A Message from the English Department

With mock exams rapidly approaching, we are working on preparing students for Language Paper 2 and Literature Paper 2. We are, of course, aware of anxieties around exams as they approach, and we encourage students to revise far in advance and to take advantage of all our after-school intervention/revision sessions, as well as completing the homework on Tassomai, so that they can approach their exams with confidence.

A key focus for English, and indeed all exams, is exam stamina. This is the ability to write for an extended amount of time about a specific question or focus. It is a skill which can be developed and improved with practice. In English, we are lucky that revision tasks are easily found on the internet for Language and all of our key texts for Literature. You can try these:

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zxqncwx>

Sparknotes: <https://www.sparknotes.com/>

CliffsNotes: <https://www.cliffsnotes.com/>

Remember that last-minute ‘cramming’ is an ineffective study method, but that engaging ‘little and often’ with school-guided tasks and these additional online resources is the best way to make knowledge permanent in the long-term memory.

LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 7O for best attendance this week

Star of the fortnight: 7N Michaela Kekelova most rewarded student

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 10E for best attendance this week

Star of the fortnight: 11E Amitoj Kohli for having a great start in NBA

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: 7R – Ms Smith - for always being the loudest and most enthusiastic form during Roll Call.

Star of the fortnight: Matas Sidorovas – For highest positive points in year 11

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: 9A for achieving the highest attendance within Drive well done 9A keep up the amazing work!!

Star of the fortnight: Tyler Cross for receiving the highest positive points for the last 2 weeks – well done Tyler, keep up the good work!!

EXCEL:

Year group of the fortnight: Year 8. Huge improvement with their attitude and effort in lessons

Star of the fortnight: Brian Wheway, Year 10. 100% attendance and great attitude towards learning everyday

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing 7th February: 'A leader is one who, though he may stumble and fall, arises more honest, humble and courageous than he was before' - Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Politician

Week commencing 14th February: 'Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much' - Blaise Pascal, French Mathematician

Year 7 will be covering: Celebrating differences

Year 8 will be covering: Law & the justice system

Year 9 will be covering: Law & the justice system

Year 10 will be covering: Being me: the grief cycle

Year 11 will be covering: Parliamentary democracy and Jobs for the future

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.

Safeguarding:

Please see below a reminder of the Sharp System which is the Schools anonymous reporting system for Safeguarding and Anti-Bullying information page. It's a place so let us know if you, or someone you care about is being treated badly or you feels unsafe.

Don't Suffer In
Silence, Make A
Report.



<https://noel-baker.thesharpsystem.com>

Behaviour:

Uniform expectations

Please can we reiterate and please draw your attention to the following:

Piercings

No other jewellery is permitted; if students have any other visible piercings or retainers these must be removed during the school day. Failure to do so will result in the Academy making contact with the parents/carers to resolve the issue. We may also send students home to change to rectify any issues or isolate students if their uniform is not appropriate or does not adhere to our uniform policy.

Should any piercings or retainers other than earrings be seen, the student will be asked to remove the said item and asked to place in an envelope which will be provided – parents will then be contacted and be asked to collect.

Make up

Students may wear a small amount of discreet make up in natural colours, but the academy may ask students to remove any make up staff consider inappropriate.

False nails

False nails are allowed within the Academy but they must be less than 5mm over the nail in order to be an appropriate length, this is due to health and safety reasons.

Hair colour

Any hair accessories should be small and plain coloured only. Shaved emblems or lines, unnatural colour dyes are not allowed. Hair extensions / braids of natural colour are deemed acceptable.

If you are unsure whether a hairstyle or piercing meets our uniform guide, please contact Mr Mark Taylor, Assistant Head teacher for guidance before any treatment.

Lates to Roll Call and Lessons:

As per our policy, not only do 'late comers' to Roll Call attend a 'late gate' correction hour after school but going forward as of Monday any lates to lessons during the day will also attend the hour the same day where the importance of punctuality will be discussed with your child. The only time that your child will not receive a detention for being late is due to a pre-arranged medical appointment. **#AttendanceMatters**