

Message from the Head Teacher:

Firstly, a big welcome back to everyone after the Easter break.

As we are now entering exam season for our Year 11 students next week, it's a tough time for them all and I would like to wish them all the luck and success possible, before their transition into post 16 education.

After a lot of planning we are finally looking forward to enabling the children to go out on their first trips since lockdown has been lifted, further details of these trips will be available as soon as they've been finalised.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our New Year 7 students to the Academy for a visit on the upcoming transition days.

Finally, you should all have received a bulletin yesterday by email that we received from the UK Health Security Agency regarding the increase in acute hepatitis cases in children. Please could I ask that you all ready this and I attached a further copy for ease of reference.

Attendance Matters:

A huge well done to EMPOWER house who are leading the way with their attendance record along with Year 7's, who are the year group with the highest attendance to date. Your child's attendance is one of the most important factors in their education- those that **attend well achieve well**, they **make progress** and as a result they have an **increasing positivity towards their achievements**. But as well as this, the social impacts are clear...if your child attends every day they **maintain peer relationships** as they are a constant in one another's lives.

The more your child misses school they **miss out on significant peer group moments**, they **miss out on the socialising** that takes place at breaks and lunchtimes and they **miss out on the co-curricular offer** that supports and enhances their daily knowledge rich curriculum. If your child becomes a less predictable presence, their **friendships can suffer**. **90% may be a good result in a test but in attendance terms it equates to a child being a PA (Persistent Absentee) as they have missed 10% of school-** and of course at this time we will support you.

Thank you to all parents who ensure that their child attends school and lessons punctually every day.
#AttendanceMatters attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk

Quality of Education:

For Year 11 students, the period of public examinations has now begun, with our linguists having successfully completed their speaking examinations this week. As we now look ahead to the beginning of written examinations, we would like to remind our students and their families that 'little and often' is always better than last-minute cramming. 20-30 minutes of study, followed by a short break, is ideal for revision or for exam practice. Remember that revision / intervention sessions are still in full flow, and that it's never too late to learn a little more vital knowledge.

LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 9N for best attendance and 7o for most reward points

Star of the fortnight: 7O Connor most rewarded student

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 7B for best attendance and 7b for most reward points

Star of the fortnight: 7B Elena most rewarded student

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: 7A for best attendance and 7k for most reward points

Star of the fortnight: 7K Samuel ruff most rewarded student

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: 7J for best attendance and 8k for most reward points

Star of the fortnight: 10K Roman most rewarded student

EXCEL:

Year group of the fortnight: Year 9 ACE. Constant improvement with their attendance and attitude to learning

Star of the fortnight: Year 9 ACE. Lewin achieved the highest total of positive reward points in ACE and zero negative points. His attitude to learning has been outstanding! Well done Lewin!

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing 9th May:

'We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated' Maya Angelou Poet

Week commencing 16th May:

'You can, you should, and if you're brave enough to start, you will' Stephen King - Author

Year 7 will be covering: How we treat illnesses and what vaccinations are

Year 8 will be covering: What a career is and different types of jobs

Year 9 will be covering: Bullying on line and in the workplace

Year 10 will be covering: Grief – what the grief cycle is, how we can respond to it and where we can get help from

Safeguarding:

The Online Safety Bill Has Been Introduced to Parliament

The long-awaited Online Safety Bill is now being introduced to Parliament to put in place new online safety laws for tech companies whilst bringing in a 'new era of accountability' online.

The proposals brought forward look to tackle online safety from a number of different areas. These include:

- An explicit duty for all pornography sites to make sure children cannot access them
- Scams and fraud - such as fake adverts designed to trick users - should be covered
- The bill should cover not just content, but "the potential harmful impact of algorithms"

The report also recommends that a wide range of new criminal offences should be created, based on proposals from the Law Commission, and carried in the bill, including:

- Promoting or "stirring up" violence against women, or based on gender or disability
- Knowingly distributing seriously harmful misinformation
- Content "promoting self-harm" should be made illegal
- "Cyber-flashing" - the sending of unwanted naked images - should be illegal
- So should deliberately sending flashing images to those with epilepsy, with the goal of causing a seizure

For more details, please click on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-bill-supporting-documents/online-safety-bill-factsheet>

Behaviour:

Bike helmets

Please can we ask that if your child rides his or her bike to and from the Academy that you please ensure they wear a helmet. This is for their own safety.

Should any student be found to be arriving at School without a bike helmet their bike will be locked up and the students' parents contacted to collect the said bike. They will not be able to ride it home if the parent / carers do not collect it.

Your help and assistance with this is very much appreciated.

Head of house celebration afternoon

I would like to congratulate the 32 students today who were selected for being amazing this week. Heads of House selected 8 students from each house to have cookies and drinks this afternoon period 5. This will be an ongoing weekly reward. Well done all.