

Message from the Head Teacher:

Since returning to the Academy after having half term we have held several transition days, where we have welcomed our future Year 7's who will be joining us in September. I think we tend to forget how young our New Year 7's are, and seeing the awe and wonder on their faces really served as a reminder of how large our Academy will be to them. It fills me with immense pride that they now come under our Academy wing to guide them through the next stage of their lives.

As a new chapter begins its inevitable, that a chapter closes and this chapter falls to our wonderful Year 11's. Their exams are now coming to a close and I cannot reiterate how hard they have worked and how proud they have made us all here at the Academy. Whatever their results I know they have given everything they can and know they will receive exceptional results.

Attendance Matters:

Being in school and ready to learn is crucial to your **child's attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances** and that is why attendance remains one of the top priorities at Noel- Baker Academy. As a school, we of course have recognised the impact that the pandemic has had on our pupil's education, but that cannot and should not be an excuse to lower our attendance ambitions- improving attendance is everyone's business! Our wonderful Education Welfare Officers, Child Protection Officers and all Pastoral Staff remain in daily contact with every parent whose child is not in school to support you getting your child into school. A huge thank you for working with us as we both push for your child's attendance to be 100%. Please would you kindly log onto Go4Schools to see your child's attendance record. If there are any N's or O's recorded the attendance team need to know the reason for your child's absence on these particular days. Please email attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk to inform us and any further absences need to be reported to the attendance team by 8.30am. Many thanks. The Attendance Team. #AttendanceMatters

Quality of Education:

For our Year 11s, this year's public examination season is almost at an end. Students have attended revision sessions before each of their exams, and we know that there have been many, many hours of revision also taking place at home. At NBA, we believe that knowledge is most successfully learned if we do so over time, and our curriculum is designed to be learned over a student's five-year journey with us. The knowledge that we learn in Year 7 is just as essential as that which we learn in Year 11. As we approach the final weeks of the summer term, we would like to remind all of our students of the importance of punctual attendance to school and to each lesson - we have 5 weeks of valuable knowledge left to learn before the end of term, and we look forward to lots of successes during this final part of the academic year.

LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 11N for best attendance & 7e most rewarded form

Star of the fortnight: 7E Alfie M most rewarded student

EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 11L for best attendance & 7b most rewarded form

Star of the fortnight: 7B Lois B most rewarded student

ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: 11A for best attendance & 7a most rewarded form

Star of the fortnight: 7K Kjetil H most rewarded student

DRIVE:

Form of the fortnight: 11K for best attendance & 7j most rewarded form

Star of the fortnight: 7P David T most rewarded student

EXCEL:

Year group of the fortnight: Year 10 ACE for the highest attendance in ACE and also collectively achieving the highest points total on the attitude to learning table.

Star of the fortnight: Kieran T who has worked incredibly hard in changing his attitude and is striving to improve his behaviour each day.

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing: 20.06.22 - Lead - 'If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, then, you are an excellent leader.' Dolly Parton

Week commencing: 27.06.22 - Empower - 'The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it; not having it, to confess your ignorance.' Confucius

Year 7 will be covering: How the law affects young people and the age of criminal responsibility

Year 8 will be covering: Factors that affect health and how to protect your health

Year 9 will be covering: Discrimination and equality

Year 10 will be covering: Budgeting and how to keep track of your money

Safeguarding:

At Noel-Baker Academy, we promote positive mental health and wellbeing for our whole school community (children, staff, parents and carers), and recognise how important mental health and emotional wellbeing is to our lives in just the same way as physical health. Our Academy is a safe place for children and young people to experience a nurturing and supportive environment in which they can build on their self-esteem and learn strategies to be resilient and be able to overcome diversity.

Our Academy provides students with positive role models and relationships, which are critical in promoting children's wellbeing and can help to engender a sense of belonging and community. Our role in school is to ensure that children are able to manage times of change and stress, to ensure and that they are well-supported to reach their potential and that they know where to access help when they need it.

At Noel-Baker Academy we ensure that children learn about what they can do to maintain positive mental health, what affects their mental health, how they can help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues, and where they can go if they need help and support.

At Noel-Baker Academy we talk about mental health and stigma is challenged by creating a culture of empathy and openness for our staff, students, parents and community. We ensure that children learn about what they can do to maintain positive mental health, through understanding what can affect their mental health and where they can go if they need support.

Please see the below on our website for more information, contact numbers, support and information on future events.

<https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Behaviour:

As we approach the end of term it is vital that students are continuing with our high expectations. SLANT, SHAPE and STEPS are vital in and around the academy. As reiterated in the letters sent out students wanting to go on the activities week must be and have demonstrated high standards in the attitude and behaviour to deserve a place at either Alton Towers or Drayton Manor.

As of Monday, all students will be required to be back in their blazers as the weather will be cooler.

If for any reason this changes we will notify parents accordingly.

Facilities Management:

Free Service to Buy and Sell Used School Uniform

We have been made aware of a service that parents may wish to use called **Grown Out Of It** which can be found at <https://www.grownoutofit.co.uk/>

This is a website where parents can buy and sell used uniform without being charged and there is a page for Noel-Baker. The service is not linked to school in any way, and we are not responsible for how it performs, but we thought many parents might want to make use of a cost effective and environmentally sustainable alternative to buying new uniform.