

Message from the Head Teacher:

Happy New Year everyone, I hope you all had a good break and a nice Christmas. All our students have returned raring to go and with a positive can do attitude.

Our Year 11's last week started their mock GCSE's and these will continue this week and next. It's a really stressful time for them and they are all coping amazingly well and doing their very best. We are really proud of them.

February 2nd is our Year 9 parents evening, it would be great to see as many of you as possible attend as there will be information on hand from our teachers to inform and give information to our Year 9's on picking their options. It's such an important time for them and we understand how difficult these decisions can be but we're here to help and guide them.

Attendance Matters:

As GCSE mock examinations are well under way year 11 students are delighted that their excellent attendance to learning has put them in a great position to achieve very well now and in the forthcoming exams in the Summer. It's amazing (and so refreshing for the attendance team) how many year 11 students are discussing the importance of their attendance on future successes, opportunities and potential earnings. Year 7 to 10 pupils need to listen carefully to their comments and to take advantage of the knowledge rich curriculum that they are entitled to and deserve by attending punctually every day! Even if they feel a little under the weather they can still come to school where we will support them. Many thanks for your continued support. The Attendance Team

#AttendanceMatters

Quality of Education:

Throughout the year every subject undergoes a comprehensive development review to help ensure all subject areas continue to evolve and improve. What students think is a vital part of this process. We will therefore be sharing short online surveys throughout the year, allowing students the opportunity to share their views on every subject taught at Noel-Baker Academy.

This week the focus is on Religious Studies. Please use the link below and encourage your child to complete this survey by Tuesday 24th January.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cqCht7zyuy>

LEAD:

Form of the fortnight: 7O for having the most reward points and the best attendance

Star of the fortnight: 8A Isla M for the most reward points



EMPOWER:

Form of the fortnight: 8B for receiving an outstanding amount of reward points

Star of the fortnight: 8B Kacper D for receiving the most reward points



ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 7A for the highest attendance last week - keep it up

Star of the fortnight: Logan W - for the most reward points in achieve overall



ACHIEVE:

Form of the fortnight: Well done to 7P for the highest attendance last week - Your smashing it

Star of the fortnight: Daniel R - for the most reward points in drive overall

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

Week commencing 23rd January 2023: Empower- 'If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life' - Abraham Maslow, Psychologist

Week commencing 30th January 2023: Empower - 'Not to know if bad, not to wish to know if worse' - Nigerian Proverb

Year	Topic	By the end of this session you will know:
7	Revision techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why revision is important b. How to get organised c. The importance of homework d. How Mind Maps should work e. Other methods of revision
8	Respect for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How we can celebrate our differentness b. The different types of bullying and what we can do about it c. The affect bullying has on people d. Standing up for something
9	Celebrating Difference: The Words We Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What impact positive language can have upon someone b. How language can impact mental health c. How we can ensure we are understood d. How we can tell the difference between banter and bullying
10	Savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ways of getting money to save b. How money can affect mental health c. Adapting a budget
11	Making informed financial choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How banks make decisions b. What credit history is and what affects it c. Different borrowing products available and their pros and cons d. What manageable and unmanageable debt is

Safeguarding:

Next month, Tuesday 7th February, is Safer Internet Day 2023 and we will be hosting an online webinar to help you use the internet and email more safely.

This is a non-tech awareness session to warn the public of cybercrime, fraud and scams - and how you can protect yourself and your family online.

This session is of benefit to anyone who uses the internet and email.

Session will cover:

- Device safety/protection
- Password Guidance and account security
- Protecting your Personal Information
- Using social media safely
- Social Engineering and phishing emails/texts
- Online shopping & Online Banking safely
- Keeping youngsters safe online
- Safer Internet Day – Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online - signposting to tools and resources to help
- Signposting to further sources of support and resources
- Where to report

The session is being run twice – Tues 7th Feb, 1830h

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/517467377857>

And repeated on Weds 8th Feb, 1330h

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/517638228877>

If you prefer not to click on links, run a web search for Eventbrite Derbyshire Police Cyber Crime Unit.

These events are free of charge, but you are required to book a ticket via Eventbrite to reserve your place and be provided with the link to the online meeting.

Miscellaneous:

Please find attached information regarding another free virtual Royal Air Force event taking place on 08 Feb 23. If possible, please can you share this information with your students.

Details below:

**RAF World is back, and this time we're talking all things apprenticeships!
Explore exciting and unique careers in the RAF from the comfort of your home.**

Discover how we provide support on a global scale with our 360° interactive virtual world packed with interviews and information about the varied roles available. Tune in to the Live Main Stage show to hear direct from apprenticeship graduates about their experiences, achievements, and how you can start your journey.

Plus, our RAF careers team will be on hand to answer all your burning questions!

Link if required - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/raf-world-tickets-441507830807?aff=Engflyer>

Behaviour:

Uniform expectations

The weather has been particularly cold this week. A reminder that the NBA Hoodie can be worn, but it must be underneath the blazer. Can you please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate outdoor coat. If your child does not have one, we can support with this. Please email debbiebroadhurst@noelbakeracademy.co.uk and we will be happy to help.

Lanyards and QR codes are an important part of our uniform. These must be worn at all times (unless for safety in a practical lesson). Please ensure your child wears theirs each day and in the event that they have misplaced it, please ask your child to speak to their Tutor/Head of House.

A reminder that jewellery can only consist of one stud earring in each ear. Facial piercings and bracelets must not be worn at any time.



Rewards

Last half term we celebrated the successes of our amazing students with a celebration cinema afternoon. This half term we will be continuing to reward students through reward points and praise postcards. This half term we will repeat the cinema experience to reward our highest attenders to school and students collecting the most reward points

Mental Health & Wellbeing:

You should have received our latest mental health newsletter which contains updates to our in-school provision, wellbeing tips and support service information. Please have a read and if you are worried about your child's wellbeing, please don't hesitate to contact your child's Head of House. Our Academy Mental Health Team will be happy to support.

Library

Our library has been so popular since returning to school in January especially at break. 119 books taken out!

In January the most popular books and series of books were:



Well done to Year 8 they have taken 63 books out of the library since January and the Tutor Group 8L have already read 24 books.



Well done to the following students who have read the most books since January. They are:

Name	Tutor Group
Lilli	7R
Kayleigh	7P
Maryam	8L
Davidzo	8L
Kjetil	8K
Connor	8O
Samantha	8L
Pranavi	8L
Sukhvir	7A
Samantha	9L

We have a Derby College Apprenticeships display with lots of jobs which are related to the options in Year 10 and 11.

