

## Message from the Head Teacher:

Our Year 11 parents evening took place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and it was an amazing turnout. During parents evening Year 11 received their Mock results and on the whole everyone was really pleased, they did amazing! It's all systems go now ready for their GSCE'S.

As you are aware the Academy is nut free due to there being students who attend here have a severe allergy. It has come to our attention that over the past few weeks there have been a number of instances where nuts have come onto site. This has resulted in the students who are allergic having reactions – there have been 3 occasions in the last two weeks where an ambulance has had to be called and our students have had been admitted to hospital. We cannot reiterate how severe the allergies are that these students have. Please can we ask for your support in keeping these students safe – please do not let your children bring nuts onto site. Your cooperation and assistance is greatly appreciated.

All that remains for me to say is enjoy the rest of half term and see you Monday 27<sup>th</sup>!

## Attendance Matters:

Improving attendance is everyone's business and we all need to be obsessed with it! The rewards of attending school punctually EVERY day are enormous. It isn't just valuable, it's essential.

Going to school is directly linked to improved exam performance, which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. Every day matters because days off have a negative impact on learning- even having 8 days off since September means that the pupil has an attendance percentage of 91! This means they are only 1% off being a Persistent Absentee. If your child is ill you now need to call the school so we can have a conversation with you about this. Medical evidence will also need to be provided. Please talk about the importance of attendance with your child, let them have a wonderful break next week but make sure that they attend school every day- they will reap the benefits! Many thanks for all your support over the last half term.

The Attendance Team #AttendanceMatters

## Facilities Management:

### Lunch Money Accounts

Please could you ensure that your child's lunch money account is in topped up with credit should they wish to buy food and drink from the canteen. If you have any problems in being able to do this please contact us and we can look at the system and rectify any problems.

If you claim benefits, you may be eligible for Free School Meals and you can check eligibility here:

<https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NB-FSM-Template-for-Parents-fixed.pdf>

## Quality of Education:

Thank you to everyone who attended our Year 11 parents evening last night. It was lovely to see so many of you. You are our most important partner, and we cannot fulfil our potential as a school without you working with us to support your child over the next 9 weeks before the start of the GCSE's.

We hope that you found the evening useful and as Parents/carers, I hope you now understand;

- How your child is performing
- What your child needs to do to improve further
- How you can best support your child before and during the exam period.

All Year 11 students have been given a personalised Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) timetable. After half term, all of the sessions that your child has been selected for are **MANDATORY**. With such a short amount of time left, it is essential that they attend every session. We would really appreciate your support with this. Where your child has an Independent study slot, they can either do this at home or stay in school to revise. An example of a timetable is below –

Day	Intervention Subject	Room
Monday	Business	B10
Tuesday	English Language	B8 / B9 / C6
Wednesday	Maths	B13
Friday	Engineering	A2

If you did not attend parents evening last night your child will be given their timetable today. Please ask to see this so you know which days they will be staying until 4.00 pm. The ELO timetable for the whole year group is below. If your child has an independent study slot and would like to attend an extra intervention session in a subject that is running on that night, then please let us know and we can try and accommodate this.

Extended Learning Opportunities 2022-2023				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Maths</b> C14 Mr Ricketts C13 Mr Eavis C17 Mr Green  <b>Spanish</b> B6 Mrs Wingfield  <b>Geography</b> A11 Mrs Bowden  <b>BTEC Sport</b> A19 Miss Young and Mr Burrows  <b>Business Studies</b> B10 Mr Heeley	<b>English</b> C6 Mrs Blount B9 Mr Linekar B8 Miss Campbell  <b>Maths</b> C15 Mr Williams B12 Mr Jones  <b>Chemistry</b> A18 Mrs Dowling and Mr Drake  <b>Spanish</b> B2 Mrs Lampert  <b>Sociology</b> B16 Mrs Macleod  <b>Religious Studies</b> A6 Mrs Wensley	<b>English</b> C6 Mrs Howard and Mrs Groves B9  <b>Physics</b> A17 Mr Crean  <b>Biology</b> B16 Mrs Perry C21 Mrs Goulden  <b>Chemistry</b> C18 Mrs Brown  <b>Maths</b> B13 Mrs Jones  <b>Spanish</b> B7 Miss Riley-Heenan  <b>History</b> A15 Mr Walker	<b>NO ELOs – Staff Meetings</b>	<b>Maths</b> B15 Miss Brown  <b>Drama</b> A23 Mrs Sibson  <b>Geography</b> A11 Mrs Dunn  <b>Sociology</b> B18 Mrs Macleod  <b>Art</b> C4 Mr Pender  <b>Spanish</b> B0 Mr Vizma  <b>Engineering</b> A2 Mr Ogleby  <b>Food</b> B3 Miss Barron

## LEAD:

**Form of the fortnight:** 8E for having the best attendance 9N most rewarded form

**Star of the fortnight:** 7N Lily H for being the most rewarded student in lead house this week

**Well done to all of you you're amazing**

## EMPOWER:

**Form of the fortnight:** 11E for having the best attendance and 8B for being the most rewarded form

**Star of the fortnight:** 8L Bryce A for receiving the most reward points in empower

## ACHIEVE:

**Form of the fortnight:** Well done to 7R for the best attendance last week

**Star of the fortnight:** Well done to Viraj G for the most reward points this week

## DRIVE:

**Form of the fortnight:** Well done to 7P for the best attendance last week -

**Star of the fortnight:** Well done to Layla D for the most reward point last week



## Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead and PSHE Topics:

**Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> February:** Drive - *'We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated'*  
Maya Angelou, Poet

**Week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Drive - *'Employ your time in improving yourself by other men's writings, so that You shall gain easily what others have laboured hard for'* Socrates, Philosopher

Year	Topic	By the end of this session you will know:
7	Healthy me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What stress is</li> <li>b. The different types of stress</li> <li>c. What you can do if you feel stressed</li> </ul>
8	Revision techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Why revision is important</li> <li>b. How to get organised</li> <li>c. The importance of homework`</li> <li>d. How Mind Maps should work</li> <li>e. Other methods of revision</li> </ul>
9	Bullying: Online and in the workplace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Different types of bullying</li> <li>b. How self-awareness can impact how we come across to others</li> </ul>
10	Savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ways of getting money to save</li> <li>b. How money can affect mental health</li> <li>c. Adapting a budget</li> </ul>
11	Future relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The difference between marriage and civil partnerships</li> <li>b. Why people might enter into a marriage or civil partnership</li> <li>c. The responsibilities and challenges face by parents with children at different ages</li> </ul>

## Safeguarding:

We would like to thank Mrs Pett for all her hard work supporting our students at Noel Baker Academy. Mrs Scott has replaced Mrs Pett as safeguarding officer and will be working with students in Lead and Empower house.

If you have any safeguarding concerns during half term, please contact the local authority. These contact details can be found below.

If you have an urgent concern at this time you should contact Derby City out of hours care line the following ways: telephone: 01332 956606, minicom: 01332 785642, People who are hard of hearing or Deaf please email [DCCcareLine@derby.gov.uk](mailto:DCCcareLine@derby.gov.uk) or text 07812 300177.

Please note: from Monday 27th February the email address for Safeguarding will be changed to [SafeguardingTeam@noelbakeracademy.co.uk](mailto:SafeguardingTeam@noelbakeracademy.co.uk)

We wish you a safe and enjoyable half term.

## Wellbeing:

Noel-Baker Academy have signed up to the National School Breakfast Programme who, through Food Action, provide subsidised breakfast produce to schools.

Noel-Baker Academy will be offering a free breakfast to all students, every day. This breakfast will be grab-and-go, where all students are welcome to a free bagel each morning.

We are hoping to begin this provision from Monday 6th February. Details will be sent to all parents shortly. Please keep an eye out for this communication which will contain all the details, including an allergens list.

If you would like more information, please see the link to the National Schools Breakfast Programme, below;

<https://www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/breakfast/>

## Behaviour:

### Behaviour routines in the classroom

The role of our Academy goes beyond simply preventing poor behaviour and maintaining good order to systematically promoting positive relationships and good manners. We expect that all of our students demonstrate consistently exceptional attitudes to learning, exemplary conduct both in and outside the Academy and a love for learning.

This work involves a clear partnership between Parents/Carers, students and the Academy in helping our young people become active global citizens, able to make a full contribution to society and so live a happy and successful life.

## Behaviour continued:

### S.T.E.P.S

At Noel-Baker we expect everyone to do the following at all times:

1. Sir or Miss - every time
2. Thank you - every time
3. Excuse me - every time
4. Please - every time
5. Smile - every time

### Sir or Miss

Students always refer to staff as Sir or Miss. It's a sign of respect and is polite and courteous. Students habitually end their sentences by saying Miss or Sir when talking to teachers. All teachers will treat all students with respect and be extremely polite. This is a partnership involving mutual respect between teachers and students.

### Thank you

At Noel-Baker Academy we hold doors open for one another, we let people pass in front of us, we don't barge past one another. We queue for lunch politely and efficiently, in single file. We line up to enter classes, we never talk when lining up, we greet each other, and we thank each other for the lesson at the end. We know every single second counts and learning is vital to our education. These are all signs of mutual respect. Noel Baker Academy is built upon teachers and pupils treating each other with respect. We are one team working together to achieve the same goal.

### Excuse me

At Noel-Baker Academy, our students know that manners cost nothing. We never push past or interrupt people. If we want to get past, we say "Excuse me!" very politely. Similarly, if we want to talk to somebody, a teacher for example, we say, "Excuse me. Do you have a minute? Could you help me with something?" We don't take others for granted. We are polite.

We are especially polite and respectful in corridors, on the stairs and when queuing. We do what we have to do very smoothly and efficiently. We are polite to our peers, to all members of staff and visitors of the Academy, this includes the site staff, canteen and cleaning staff, **there are no exceptions.**

### Please

Noel Baker Academy students and teachers show an "attitude of gratitude" every day and in every interaction they have. We say Sir/Miss, thank you, excuse me and please very naturally. This is part of everyday life at Noel-Baker Academy and will empower good habits for later life.

### Smile

We always smile and say good morning or good afternoon. We are polite and courteous at all times. When we greet somebody, we smile, when a teacher says hello, good morning or good afternoon to us in the corridor we reply with an upbeat, "Hello Miss!" or "Morning Sir!" and we smile. We are professional.

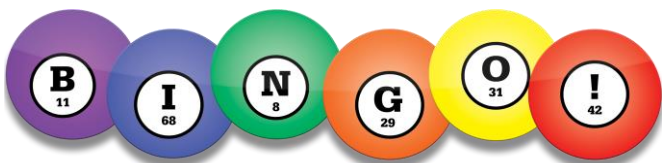
## Behaviour continued:

### Behaviour in the community

Noel-Baker have the highest expectations for all students that attend our Academy. Behaviour and the way students conduct themselves is just as important outside of the Academy, as it is within it.

We are proud of our students; our students represent us. Noel-Baker Academy work closely with our local community, where incidents of anti-social behaviour may have occurred. We are happy to help members of the community identify students, where their behaviour has not been exemplary, outside of the Academy grounds.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award Fund Raiser:



**Where:** Noel Baker School Canteen

**When:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Time:** Doors open 6.30pm

Eyes down 7pm

Finish around 8.30pm

**Cost:** £1 per ticket or £5 for a full book

**Everyone Welcome - Come along and support our students**

**All money raised goes towards their D of E expedition and equipment maintenance**