

22 January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year from myself and colleagues at North Birmingham Academy. We have welcomed back our students to the Academy, where our wider Leadership team and dedicated staff will continue to work tirelessly and ensure that their work, commitment and effort support all our students.

I am pleased to confirm after a number of frustrating delays, the construction of our new 4G all-weather pitch is now underway. The pitch will be a fantastic addition to our facilities that will contribute to opportunities for students and the local community.

I am delighted to confirm NBA has recently been successful with our application to launch a Combined Cadet Force in September 2018. Cadet units in schools provide a range of activities and opportunities for personal development for students. Cadets have the opportunity to develop self-discipline and improve their problem solving, teamwork, leadership and social skills. More information will follow shortly.

As we continue to develop opportunities for our students, I hope that as parents you will support some key areas over the coming months.

Progress through Literacy

Literacy is an important part of learning at North Birmingham Academy. As an intrinsic contributor to the success of our students, we have important programmes to support students developing their literacy skills.

This term includes Reading Booster sessions during tutor time – where students develop their reading and comprehension skills as well as the opportunity to read for pleasure; we also have a Handwriting programme to help students whose writing hinders their progress; in addition to this, we have Literacy lessons and new clubs starting in the library such as the Creative Writing Club and much anticipated Book Club.

In the past a number of parents, family and friends of our students volunteered to promote reading, by sharing their favourite books in group reading sessions. It was successful, helping to develop a love of reading and inspiring students in their own work. We would like to offer the same exciting opportunity to more students. If you would like to volunteer, let us know by emailing NBA.Enquiries@E-ACT.org.uk. We have opportunities for more engaging group reading sessions; one to one reading booster sessions; even promoting reading through our library.

As we work together to prepare students for the next phase in their careers, work readiness is important, as are the characteristics of students linked to punctuality, attendance, readiness to learn and commitment.

Punctuality to the Academy

The Academy day begins at 08.45 am; therefore any student who arrives after this time will be marked as late. If a student is late they will receive a 30 minute detention for that evening. Any student who arrives at the Academy after 9.15 am (without a valid reason) will receive a 1 hour detention that evening. If there is a valid reason for the lateness please call the Absence Line 0121 450 9799.

Excellent attendance is unquestionably linked to success in school – extended holidays will always be unauthorised, and will stay on your child's permanent record.

Academy Uniform

North Birmingham Academy has a policy that all students wear full Academy uniform and this should be adhered to by all. A uniform encourages pride and contributes to professionalism inside and outside the Academy. Students

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dressed incorrectly may be withdrawn from lessons or sent home until their appearance is acceptable. If there are problems, we request parent's contact the Group Tutor for help and advice.

All students have been provided with pencil cases and are expected to bring these with them every day. Please see equipment list attached.

Behaviour with the Academy

Behaviour within the Academy has improved substantially in the last eighteen months and is mostly very good. The majority of students demonstrate outstanding behaviour every day. Students obtain positives in recognition for excellence in the Academy. The more positives a student achieves the more likelihood they have of attending the rewards trips which take place at the end of the Summer Term and Christmas. For a student to attend all trips in the summer term they must have 200 positives, above 96% attendance and no lates.

If a student does not demonstrate the expected standard of behaviour they will get a detention. This will be with the subject teacher where the negative behaviour took place. All detentions are for 30 minutes. Students are expected to attend all detentions set by the teacher, if they do not attend the original detention the student will be collected and complete a one hour detention the following evening (this is very rare).

Key Dates

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of some key dates:

- Half-term break - Monday 19 February – Friday 23 February (inclusive)
- Easter break - Friday 30 March – Friday 13 April (inclusive)
- Staff Training Day – Monday 23 April
- Public Bank Holiday - Monday 7 May
- Staff Training – Tuesday 8 May
- Half-term break - Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June (inclusive)
- Summer Term ends – Friday 20 July

Key Contacts within the Academy

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I am extremely proud of NBA students and the talent, humour and commitment most of them show every day in school. I'm genuinely looking forward to the success of our Year 11 and Year 13 students in 2018 and the next phase of our Academy development.

Yours sincerely



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