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Dear Parent/Carer

We've had an exciting first term this year. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children come to school, looking smart and professional in their uniforms and fully equipped for the lessons they have during the day. Congratulations to all students who have attendance above 97% - we know that will impact positively on your achievements in the future.

I'm pleased with the progress that students have made this term and would like to publicly thank the exceptional staff team who work tirelessly to ensure that they have the very best opportunities to demonstrate their potential in a safe and engaging environment.

It has been thrilling to see so many students involved in extra activities, including notable sporting successes, superb performing arts events, charity fundraising and representing our school in the wider education community. There are far too many individual events and activities to mention here, but I would encourage you again to follow us on Twitter or regularly check the website to see all of the things students are involved with.

I'm extremely grateful to our student leaders and Post-16 students who have been great examples to the rest of the school this term, taking on significant responsibility in and around the Academy. In particular, I'd like to mention our Post-16 students who have, independently, established a range of activities supporting younger students.

NBA is increasingly interesting to a wide range of organisations because of some of the fantastic work going on. I was honoured to represent our school at the Houses of Parliament to celebrate our inclusion in this year's Parliamentary Review of secondary education. We have had visits from a wide range of professionals and organisations interested in our academy which is fantastic and increases the potential to create exciting opportunities for our young people. I am always pleased to hear extremely positive feedback about the work of our staff and students.

I'm very excited by plans in the trust to continue supporting our students to progress effectively to successful next steps in their careers. A move to train all staff in our school as "Mental Health First Aiders" demonstrates the trust commitment to tackling challenges of our time. The project was recognised recently in national press as an example of best practice for other schools.

The E-Act regional team have been extremely supportive this term in enabling the Academy to drive forward the improvements we need to ensure NBA is the outstanding school we all want. The Academy Ambassadors Group is focussed on the position of NBA in our community and has exciting plans for events later in the year to encourage young people and families to get to know us better.

After a number of frustrating delays, we should see construction of our new all-weather pitch underway shortly. The pitch will be a fantastic addition to our facilities.

I'm 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.

Sincerely



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Dates for your Diary

- Monday 13 November 2017** - **Training Day - Academy Closed for students**
- Monday 4 to Friday 15 December - Year 11 and Post 16 Mock Examinations
- Monday 18 to Friday 22 December - Rewards Week – More information to follow
- Friday 15 December 2017 - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation
- Friday 22 December 2017 3:00pm** - **Academy closes for Christmas Break**
- Monday 8 January 2018 8:45am** - **Academy re-opens for Spring Term**
- Friday 12 January 2018** - **Academy Closed to all students - Teacher Training Day**
- Friday 16 February 2018 3:00pm** - **Academy closes – Half Term**



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