

5 October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Well, how quickly has September flown by! We have had a very busy but very productive first month here at NBA.

I wanted to share some real positives from this term so far:

-The launch of classcharts has been a real success and parents have commented on how useful they have found this as a communication tool

-Parents in general feeling that communication is improving

-The standard and quality of uniform and behaviour generally has vastly improved for most since last year

-We held our first year 11 aspiration evening which was an informative event according to parents and students

-We successfully launched our period 6 sessions for all year 11 students which has been attended by all

-We launched our programme of extra-curricular activities for students

-Our dance and drama students have been selected to perform at a number of trust wide events

-We held a really successful open evening and mornings with prospective parents commenting on how lovely our school is

-We launched our new house system, with students naming the houses after rockets (Falcon, Apollo, Delta and Saturn) and along with it a number of inter-house competitions have begun

-Our new houses will have elected student leaders which is taking place this week and the student council reconvenes to have input on our school improvement journey

-A group of our budding linguists went with Mr Guirguis and Mr Williamson to the 'Think Tank' in Birmingham to linguist workshops

In light of the many wonderful things our staff and students are doing to ensure we grow from strength to strength, I would ask and like to thank you in advance, for your ongoing support with the basics of ensuring your child comes to school in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment on time and that colds and sniffles do not keep students at home, but instead come to school where they can best learn and be supported on their pathways in education.



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Your support as parents means a great deal and very shortly myself and the Academy Ambassadors, which includes three parent ambassadors, will be meeting to talk about our priorities as a group in continuing to build home/school engagement including planned events for our whole school community.

Could you please help us by demonstrating your support by completing the survey on link below for Parent View. It would be great to have as many good news stories as possible recorded to recognise the good work in the Academy (<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>) – thank you for your support.

Can I ask that if you have a concern but have not yet made us aware or if you feel we have not yet provided a resolution, can you please contact me directly so we can work through the issues and quite simply work together to 'get it right'. Please email my PA [Carole.Hill@nba.e-act.org.uk](mailto:Carole.Hill@nba.e-act.org.uk) to book an appointment with me directly or I can also call you back if you prefer this to a face to face meeting. I just want to make sure we have an open channel of communication going forwards and you feel you can approach the Academy and we will address any concerns in a timely manner.

Finally, I would like to thank the hard work of all the staff this term so far. We have introduced a number of new initiatives and the team have taken it in their stride. We have much more to do, but the hard work is well underway and together as a community, with students and parents on side, we can and will bring NBA's potential out to its fullest.

Yours faithfully



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