

16th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and amazing term we have had at NBA. So many positive things to report on so I am just going to list a few!

- Our leadership team has been restructured with many staff in new leadership positions to help further drive our Academy improvements
- Our reading interventions have seen more than 70% of our KS3 students have made good progress towards their Chronological Reading Ages
- Our attendance is improving although there is more work to be done especially year 10 and 11 attendance
- Our suspensions for poor behaviour have halved since last term
- We are now starting to see many more clubs and trips being offered for students to engage in
- The launch of our new house system has been a success with various house competitions being played out in recent weeks generating some healthy competition!
- We have had our first cohort of 'Brilliant' club scholars who have written degree level thesis, assessed by doctoral level students at University followed by graduation at Warwick University
- We have over 100 year 11 students booked on one to one and small group core subject interventions
- We have launched 'Focus Friday' whereby students are invited to talk with public speakers about their careers in various industries and professions to get an idea of their own career choices

These are just some of our achievements as an Academy, and as we approach the spring term, there will be plenty more to celebrate and share. Please do follow our twitter for up-to-date tweets on all we are doing.

As we go into the new half term, in the spirit of working together, can I please ask parents for your continued support with the following:

1. Please ensure that any piercings and hair colours your child may be planning will not impact uniform standards when we return from half term. Please ensure hair colours are kept/returned back to natural colours (no bright pinks, blues etc) and that if piercings must be worn that they are transparent



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2. Please ensure that if your child is missing their tie that this is purchased before we return
3. Please ensure that no lycra skirts are to be worn whatsoever, that skirts are knee length and as per Academy guidance box pleated skirts
4. Please ensure your child has the right equipment, we are really struggling daily with students who say they do not have basic equipment such as pens
5. Please ensure your child attends school on time and discuss the importance of being on time to all lessons

As ever, if you have any difficulties with any of this, please do contact your Head of Year who will help and support you in achieving our common aims. Any students who arrive to the Academy on Tuesday 28th February in incorrect uniform will be asked to address the issues before going into lessons and parents are likely to be called to support with this by the year teams.

Finally, we would like to build a team of parents and carers who are interested in supporting the Academy by organising community events or offering to support in a range of other ways to be discussed. If this is something you would be interested in, please email Carole Hill my PA at carole.hill@nba.e-act.org.uk and we will send you further information.

Thank you for helping with our ambition to create the right climate for learning here as we accelerate towards our goal of greatness so that all our students can achieve their fullest potential at NBA.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes



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