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Dear Parents / Carers

I wanted to let you know what an excellent term we have had here at NBA. There have been so many achievements and success that I will not be able to list them all here but needless to say I am incredibly proud to be Headteacher of this fantastic school and our wonderful students.

Your children have been engaging in so many activities this term including but limited to:

- Participating in the Head's creative writing competition (see link below)
- Participating in the many House competitions including football
- Trips out to areas of naturally beauty (geographers), theatre trips, to further education colleges and universities.
- Participation in the amazing 'High School Musical' show being performed this week
- Participating by the CCF students in the annual weapons training camp
- Sixth form mentoring year 7 students in reading and soon to be supporting with GCSEs
- Some examinations have taken place already in food, dance and drama across exam groups
- External sports competitions and matches (many of which we have won!)

As you can see, there are many opportunities that have been unfolding for your children, led and managed by our staff to ensure that we provide as many enriching opportunities for our students to grow and develop. The entries for the Head's writing competition can be viewed by this [link](#) for those who are interested, there really are some stunning pieces of writing- we really do have so many talented individuals at NBA.

As well as plenty to celebrate, it is unfortunately that time of year when we say goodbye to some members of staff who have been part of NBA for some time now and have decided that this year is the time for change for their own professional development. We will miss them greatly and thank them for their years of dedication and commitment to our Academy.

Damien Evans, an experienced senior leader of SEND, will be joining us after Easter to replace Mrs Velarde until the new SENDco can pick up their post. There will be an opportunity to meet Mr Evans next half-term for parents of students with SEND.

We are also very lucky to welcome to our team Mr Sean McGillan joining us from another E-Act Academy as Assistant Headteacher who will be overseeing Alternative Provision, attendance and punctuality and is also a music teacher!



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I would also like to warmly welcome Mr Webster N'Guessan, who is our newly appointed Maths Senior Leader. He has started with us already and is supporting driving our Maths outcomes and standards. We are very lucky to have Mr N'Guessan's experience and expertise with supporting with the leading and teaching of Maths.

Finally, please can I ask parents and carers to ensure that should your child have piercings, hair colourings etc. that all of this is rectified by the time school starts back up on Tuesday 18 April (Monday 17 April is a staff INSET day). High standards of uniform and behaviour (the two are linked!) is essential if we are to continue to drive standards at NBA as we are doing so that solid foundations lead to excellent outcomes for all our learners which is the ultimate aim. Thank you, Parents and Carers, in your support of our shared mission.

Year 11 parents please ensure that your children attend the revision sessions being put on by staff during the end of term holidays. These final sessions, could make all the difference to improving those grades and getting the best possible outcomes.

Well, all that remains is to thank you for your support as ever and to wish you and your families all a happy and safe holiday.

Best wishes



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