



21 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of another term, it brings us great pleasure to reflect on the many successes and achievements of our students yet again! It has been another a term filled with growth, learning, and remarkable accomplishments, and we are immensely proud of each and every one of our students.

Academically, our students have demonstrated their dedication and commitment to their studies. We have seen exceptional progress across all year groups, with many students surpassing their own expectations; our students have shown a thirst for knowledge that is truly inspiring.

Beyond the classroom, our students have excelled in various extracurricular activities and competitions. From sports to artistic performances, and of course our Catering and Hospitality students mastering their culinary skills. They have showcased their talents and skills with passion and enthusiasm. These experiences not only enrich their lives but also foster important values such as teamwork, resilience, and leadership.

Spring Term Success

- Year 11 student Hannah Beljulji produced an exceptional piece of Business Studies coursework. It was of such high quality that the exam board have now published it for teachers nationally to use as an exemplar for a Distinction grade.
- NBA Dancers (students from years 9 and 11) won the *Birmingham Sport Dance* finals in which they performed their dance 'Way Down We Go' at the Birmingham Hippodrome.
- Year 7 student Alfie Williams saw success at the recent West Midlands Trampoline Regional Challenge Cup by winning a Gold medal in both DMT and Trampoline finals. This was also coupled with an additional Bronze and Silver medal!
- Year 10 student, Timur Strelevics won Gold at the Latvian Kickboxing Open competition. His success has meant that he is now the National Champion in his age group.
- KS4 Drama students experienced an evening at Leicester Curve Theatre to watch 'Come From Away' as part of their 'live theatre appreciation'.
- Year 9 students experienced a fantastic Careers Day hosted by Sutton College. Students were able to experience a variety of different courses and careers throughout the day; some students have already been offered places due to their excellent skills.
- National School Attendance Award – NBA is now in the top 25% of all FFT schools and top 10% of similar FFT schools as we maintain our well above national average attendance.
- Year 11 students have just successfully completed their second round of PPEs (mock exams), as they continue on their preparation journey for their summer exams.
- Year 8, Lennie Graham and Paige Finch competed in a recent external dance competition where they competed together in 2 duets and 2 solos. They came home with gold medals after placing first in all categories.
- We proudly hosted Headteachers, CEO and Deputy CEO from the Dudley Academies Trust. The study day gave us the opportunity to showcase our successes as we continue on our journey to excellence.



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- 24 year 12 students visited Cambridge University to participate in workshops on Super-Curricular activities, including a session on how to apply for competitive universities. They were also joined by an ex-student, Sabrina who successfully secured her place at Cambridge after her successes in year 13 with us last year.
- Year 10 Art students visited Birmingham Assay Office to discover careers in Jewellery Hallmarking, Gemology, Analytical and Chemical Lab and Jewellery evaluation. This was followed by a visit to the School of Jewellery to have a guided tour of the Higher Education courses. This was an amazing day to inspire the future creative generation.

EID

Unfortunately given the high levels of known staff absence due to them being involved in EID on Wednesday 10th April (anticipated date), we will not be in a position to safely open the academy for all year groups on this date.

Therefore, the plan is as follows:

- Year 7, 11 and 13 in as normal
- Year 10 – invitation only for targeted vocational courses
- Year 8, 9 & 12 students working from home. Work will be posted on Class Charts by the end of the day on 9th April.

Any parents/carers who are unable to find suitable childcare during this day, please contact the main office (nbmainoffice@E-ACT.org.uk) to discuss the support that can be offered.

Key updates

- The academy will close for the Easter holidays on Friday 22nd March with students being dismissed from 12.20pm. Students are expected in full school uniform.
- There are Year 11 Easter revision sessions that are taking place throughout the 2 weeks break. Further details have been shared via a letter from Miss McGoldrick.
- EID – anticipated date Wednesday 10th April – details as above.
- NBA Culture Day – on the request of the students, this will now take place on 19th April. More details to follow.
- GCSE exam start 9th May and finish on 20th June.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our appreciation to you, our parents/carers, for your unwavering support throughout the term. Your involvement in your child's education plays a vital role in their success. Together, we form a strong partnership that ensures the best possible outcomes for our students.

We encourage our students to take time during the Easter break to relax and recharge. We look forward to welcoming our students back for the start of the next term (8th April), refreshed and ready to continue their educational journey.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs J Paddock
Headteacher