



Noel-Baker Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that a term has already ended and another New Year is about to start. As always, this has been a very busy term and I hope you have enjoyed reading about some of the wonderful activities, trips and sporting events our students have undertaken in our fortnightly parent bulletins and on our Facebook and Instagram pages this term.

I would like to thank all staff and students for all of their hard work and you for your continued support in working in partnership with us to help achieve success for all of our students.

This term we say a fond farewell to Ms Spalding who leaves us to take up a new role as Head of English at Ormiston Ilkeston Academy. Ms Spalding has worked at Noel-Baker since 2013 in a variety of roles and has been instrumental in driving forward improvements across the Academy. We wish Ms Spalding every success in her new role. She is replaced by Mr Ratchford, who joins us from Staffordshire and will take up the role of Assistant Curriculum Director for English, in January.

We are also saying goodbye to Ms Rahman who leaves us to pursue new adventures. Ms Rahman joined the Academy at a particularly difficult time in 2017, and she is replaced by Ms Osanakpo who joined us earlier this year.

In January we also welcome Mr Ogleby to the Academy. Mr Ogleby is the new Lead teacher of Technology, and replaces Dr Kidd-Smithers who left us in August 2019.

I know you will join me in wishing both members of staff leaving us well, and to welcome the new staff to the Academy and our community.

Christmas Charity Events:

On Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th December, students will be invited to a special video viewing in the theatre. Admission is 50p and all proceeds will go to our chosen school charity (Rainbows Hospice) in memory of James Hattersley who we lost last year. Students will vote for their favourite video and the winning entry will be shared with you via our social media platforms. If you've ever wondered what Mr Leach looks like in a golden cat suit, this is your time to find out..!

Celebration Evening:

On Tuesday 17th December, we will be holding our annual celebration evening. This is a by-invitation only event, please RSVP as soon as you receive your invite so that we are able to cater for all attendees.

End of Term Arrangements:

On Thursday 19th December, school will close at 12:30pm. The canteen will be open and students will be able to purchase lunch until 13:00pm. The Academy will re-open for the Spring term on Monday 6th January.

Parent Governor Vacancy:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our AGB. If you are interested, please contact Jane Bailey (Head teacher's PA - janebailey@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) for an expression of interest form. The closing date for applications is Monday 13th January 2020.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support this term.

Yours sincerely

Ann Donaghy (Mrs)
Head Teacher