

Message from the Headteacher:

It has been a wonderful and positive start to the new school year. Our new year 7 students are settling in really well, adjusting to 'big school' and making new friends. We have put a number of new systems in place this year; for example a new routine at lunchtime and a revised process for reward and behaviour points. The vast majority of students have taken these changes in their stride and we are very proud of them.

There will be an Open Evening on 1st October from 5.30pm – 7.00pm in the theatre. This is for year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers. Prospective students will be able to speak with teachers and current students about their school experience, find out about our extensive subject curriculum and take part in subject activities. We would appreciate your help in publicising this event. If you or any of your friends/family would like further information, please contact us on 572026 or contact enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk. We always welcome enquiries from prospective students, and if you know anyone that would like to visit at any time of the year, please ask them to contact Mr Oliver on ryanoliver@noelbakeracademy.co.uk.

Year 7 (Miss Morgan):

First of all, I'd like to say a massive 'HELLO' from myself to you! It's been a great start to the school year and I couldn't be prouder of how my wonderful year 7's have started. Long may it continue! ☺

Form of the week: 7E who have amassed a brilliant 621 positive reward points. Well done!

Stars of the fortnight:

7N – Nargess Anwari	7O – Mellieha Mills-Smith
7E – Chloe Birkinshaw	7B – Laura Gorauska
7A – Aviyah Kelsey	7K – Freya Elliot

Year 7 positive points total: 3,186

Year 8 (Miss Scott):

Fabulous start year 8! You have gained 3,612 positive points.

A big congratulations to Gracie Reynolds, Jaimie Allsopp, Keira Giles and Samuel Hanson who are the top 4 students that have gained the most positive points this week.

Well done, keep it up.

Star of the fortnight: Gracie Reynolds for working so hard and gaining a massive 35 points. Wow!

Year 9 (Mr McDonagh):

Year 9 - what an amazing start to the year! As a team you have achieved 9,456 reward points. Well done and keep up the good effort!

Top 5 Pupils for rewards points:

9K – Carter Lucas
9N - Caitlin Wright
9L – Antonio Dalziel
9L – Kai Palmer
9N – Vicky Collis

Star of the fortnight: Carter Lucas - 9K. Well done!

Big congratulations to everyone.

Year 10 (Miss Southern):

Fantastic start to the year for our year 10's. Already we have gained 2,990 positive reward points with an average of 98% attendance.

Top 5 students with positive points - Grace Clulow, Tia Haywood, Freya Marvel, Grace White and Ella Wallace

Star of the fortnight: Corey Moseley - 100 for pushing himself to be his very best! Well done Corey

Keep It up Year 10.

Future Dates For Your Diary:

- Open Evening for years 5 and 6 – Tuesday 1st October at 5.30pm.
- Parents' Forum – Tuesday 24th September.

Year 11 (Mr Lumber):

It has been an amazing start to the year for our year 11 pupils. As a year group we have gained 3,569 positive points.

This is an incredible achievement - let's keep up the good work.

Stars of the fortnight: Helena Zindule -11k and Harry Ashford -11A for both reaching 33 positive points. Well done to both of you.

PSHE & Assemblies:

Year 7 - **Them and Us:** Year 7 students will be looking at how respect is earned and not demanded. They will explore how consequences of their actions could impact upon their lives and futures.

Year 8 - **Them and Us:** Year 8 students are focusing on consequences and how once they understand the consequences of their actions, they then have control of the impact they could make.

Year 9 - **LORIC - Leadership:** Year 9 students will be looking at defining the difference between leaders and managers. They will explore how they can become motivational leaders.

Year 10 - **LORIC - Resilience:** Year 10 students will be exploring how they can be emotionally, psychologically and physically resilient. They will explore what motivates them and how they can stay motivated.

Curriculum & Homework:

Students are now studying Noel-Baker's brand new Knowledge-Rich Curriculum. We will write to you shortly to provide a more detailed overview of what your child is being taught, but our philosophy of ensuring that our students are taught 'the best which has been thought and said' is well underway.

You will also notice some changes to the Academy's Homework Policy. Students will now be receiving weekly homework, for all of their subjects, that focuses on the core and powerful knowledge they need to remember in order to make further progress. All homework is set using Go 4 Schools. If you have yet to register as a parent then please do so as soon as possible. Please follow the information on the Academy website under 'Go 4 Schools'.

Over the last week, our staff have received training on how to introduce and finish tasks more effectively and how to assess students using the curriculum as the progression model. Teachers have also formed professional learning groups to learn from each other and improve their practice. We are really excited about our approach to teaching and learning and will be sharing more with you in the very near future.

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

23.9.19 ***"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."***
Margaret Mead, Author

30.9.19 ***"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear."***
Rosa Parks, Activist

School Gateway App:

The school Gateway App enables parents to pay for school dinners and trips without sending cash to school. Most parents already enjoy the benefits of using the app. We are aiming to become a cashless school by January 2020, which will have many advantages including:

- Removing the opportunity for cash to be lost.
- Convenience for parents who can add funds using their smartphone.
- The Gateway App is a secure, encrypted system.
- The transaction history shows proof of payment and items bought.
- Saves the school time and money.
- Saves children time as they don't have to queue to pay cash into their dinner account.

A letter explaining how to register is available on our website here

<https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/school/school-news/letters-home>

Safeguarding & Antbullying:

Please see below, information and request we have received from our Healthy Schools Practitioner at Derby Integrated Family Health Service (NHS Foundation Trust). This focuses on a national campaign for 2019-20 called 'Resilient Person' that the Healthy Schools, Healthy Settings Team, along with School Nurses are delivering. It is a Whole School Approach, national campaign and links in with the school curriculum.

Resilient Person - A campaign delivered by the Healthy Schools Healthy Settings Team along with School Nurses.

During October the 'Knife Angel' is coming to Derby. The team wanted to do a piece of work that could help to prevent children and young people from picking up a knife because they think this is the only way that they can protect themselves or fit in.

They came up with a **Resilient Person** made out of MDF.

The idea is to ask pupils to write on wooden lolly sticks things that make them resilient, such as support from their friends and family, love, education etc. The lolly sticks will be stuck on to the MDF, building a resilient person from a young person's perspective. It's a great way for young people to express what they need to become resilient and help them to overcome adversity. The lolly sticks will be a positive thing rather than some of the negativity that surrounds the knives that have been used to build the Knife Angel.

The Resilient Person will be in Noel Baker Academy, City of Derby Academy and Merrill Academy during the first week in **November** followed by other Derby City schools.

November is anti-bullying month. During this month health professionals and wider services will support pupils with anti-bullying, gangs and knife crime awareness and the positive/resilient messages will be completed by children and young people and then attached to the Resilient Person, ensuring that pupils have a voice. All school nurses and schools across the city will be encouraged to get involved.

On Tuesday 30th July, representatives from the Healthy Schools Healthy Settings Team alongside School Nurses spent the day preparing and planning for the Resilient Person in local schools. Collectively they decided that the Resilient Person needs a name and they would like pupils to make suggestions of a name that represents resilience."



- **Online Safety:** The NSPCC has released figures from a Freedom of Information request to police forces in England and Wales that show at least 4,373 offences of sexual communication with a child recorded in the year to April 2019, compared with 3,217 in the previously year. Where age was provided, one in five victims were aged 11 or younger and the number of recorded instances of the use of Instagram was more than double that of the previous year. Please see more information from the NSPCC via the attached link, which calls for the Government to prioritise online safety and bring in laws that deliver a change in protection against abuse. https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/recorded-online-sexual-grooming/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Recorded%20online%20sexual%20grooming%20crimes%20rise%20by%20a%20third&utm_campaign=CASPAR-2019-09-16