

Message from the Headteacher:

Thank you for your support on Monday at the Remembrance Event. Our students were educated about why this date is such an important part of our national heritage, and everyone wrote a personal message on over 1,000 poppies. Despite the driving rain, it was a very moving event, and every one of our students behaved impeccably and with due respect. We are so proud of them!



A reminder about the Santa Dash. This will be held at Elvaston Castle on 1st December at 10.30am. It is a 2.2 or 4.4 mile route and is open to everyone. You can walk, run, hop, skip or even get pushed in a wheelbarrow – whatever suits you. This is a public event, and all are welcome. We would like to get a Noel Baker team together consisting of staff, students, parents, siblings etc., so if you would like to join us, **please send an email to janebailey@noelbakeracademy.co.uk** so that we know numbers and can contact you to arrange a meeting point etc.

****Please note you will need to register on the site to participate in this event.****

<https://www.rainbows.co.uk/events/derby-santa-fun-run-2019>

Safeguarding & Antibullying:

Derbyshire Alert: Further to our email earlier this week, parents are encouraged to sign up to Derbyshire Alert, which is a Police initiative set up as a community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire. By registering, you can receive news and appeals, local crime information and prevention advice direct to your email address.

The procedure to sign up is as follows:

- Search for Derbyshire Constabulary through a search engine and click on the website link.
- When on the web page, click on the search tab on the home page and type 'Derbyshire Alert'.
- Click on the Derbyshire Alert link, then click on the 'register for Derbyshire Alert' hyperlink, then proceed to enter your details.

Or if easier use this direct link - <https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/pages/3528/1/Home.html>

IT: There has been a recent incident where students have been accessing a chat room whilst in school called "Omegle". Our IT Department have taken the necessary steps to safeguard students in school, and the site has been blocked. Could all parents be extra vigilant with their children's online activity.

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

25.11.19
02.12.19

'Believe in your infinite potential. Your only limitations are those you put upon yourself.'
'The way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first.'

Year 7 (Miss Morgan):

Form of the week: 7E - top for attendance **AND** positives!
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Stars of the fortnight:

7N – Behashta Yusufi 7O – Isaac Cholerton
7E – Erin Bradshaw 7B – Michael Handford
7A – Georgia Clarke-Stevens 7K – Sinead Leech

Year 7 Positive Points Total: 34,783... amazing!

Year 10 (Miss Southern):

Form of the week: 10R for making a massive 8% improvement in their attendance.

Star of the fortnight: Aaliyah Darby - for making such an effort in her school work and being a role model for her peers.

Year 8 (Miss Scott):

Form of the week: Goes to 8B for 95.45% attendance. Well done. I hope you enjoyed your reward.

Stars of the fortnight:

Rhian Shaw, Muhammad Muntasir and Joshua Collis for achieving the most positive points.

Year 9 (Mr McDonagh):

Form of the week: This goes to 9L. Congratulations for being the top positive points achievers in year 9 again this week.

Stars of the fortnight:

Lewis Lindsay
Edward Heath
Daniel Edwards
Isabelle Woolley
Megan Kirkby

For excellent achievement in lessons and consistent high standards in their work.

Year 11 (Mr Lumber):

Form of the week: 11K are my form of the week for having the top attendance with 97.04%. Well done 11K!

Stars of the fortnight:

This week I have three stars of the fortnight - Dylan Archer and Eleanor Armstrong for achieving the Head Boy/Girl roles and Jayden Naylor Black for the Deputy role. This is a great achievement.

PSHE & Assemblies:

For w/c 25th November:

Year 7: Self-esteem
Year 8: LORIC - leadership
Year 9: Careers
Year 10: Them and us - living without harm
Year 11: Mocks and revision

For w/c 2nd December:

Year 7: Citizenship - democracy
Year 8: LORIC - organisation
Year 9: Them and us - delivering feedback
Year 10: Them and us - living without harm (continued)
Year 11: Careers

Quality of Education:

You will have recently received a letter informing you about changes to our data and assessment policy. This information is timely as students across all year groups are now beginning to complete assessments, especially year 11's who are currently sitting their mock exams.

Assessments and exams are important as they help teachers and students to determine what they already know and what they do not. We can then use that information to inform what we teach and when to help close the gaps. We are also able to effectively identify which students are performing well in comparison to expectations and which student may need further assistance. For this reason, it is important that students revise for their assessments. Please find a list of common revision tips below that students may find useful:

- 1) Set up a perfect revision space, it should be clean, distraction free and have all the necessary resources available.
- 2) Plan your revision, look ahead and attribute the necessary time to each subject or topic.
- 3) Start with the biggest or most difficult subject, it's easy to revise what we already know but this is of little use!
- 4) Try a variety of revision techniques but then use what works for you. (flash cards / mind-maps / quizzes / past paper questions / mnemonics).
- 5) Take regular breaks - we have a limited concentration span. Twenty minute bursts with short breaks in-between will often lead to productive revision.
- 6) Move distractions out of view / out of the room or give your phone to your parents while you revise. It's too easy to be distracted.
- 7) Be healthy - eat good food and exercise. The release of endorphins keeps us happy and improves mental health. You will therefore become more resilient and less anxious during assessments.

Regardless of which year group students are in, these are the good routines and habits that will improve academic performance.

Facilities Management:

A polite reminder to anyone driving onto the school site that our speed limit is 5mph. At the start and the end of the day there are 1,000 children entering or leaving the site on foot, so please drive carefully, respecting pedestrians and other road users.

Future Dates For Your Diary:

11 th , 12 th , 13 th December	School performances of the musical 'Grease' Tickets available from the Finance Office at the end of the school day for children to buy. £8 adults, £5 children and concessions. Cash only. If there are any tickets left-over on the 3 rd December, they will be available to buy from Reception.
w/c 25.11.19	Yr 11 mocks continue.
2.12.19	INSET Day.
3.12.19	Y11 Parents' Evening.