

Message from the Headteacher:

If you need to contact the school and the answer phone kicks in, please do leave a message. This machine is checked numerous times throughout the day, and we have a 48 hour (working day) response policy which applies to emails and phone calls received.

It has recently been necessary to ban a small minority of parents from site for intimidation and the use of verbally abusive language towards members of our staff. We operate a zero tolerance policy towards any type of behaviour of this nature and this applies to all members of our staff, students, community and parents

In recent weeks, we have welcomed external visitors from other schools to the Academy, who have been very impressed at what they have seen. Earlier this week, we held an Open Evening for parents and students currently in Years 5 and 6 which was a great success, and we have received a lot of positive feedback from this evening.

We run drop-in coffee mornings every Wednesday morning for parents of potential new students. If you know of anyone who would be interested in attending, please email the enquiries line (enquiries@noelbakeracademy.co.uk) and let us know.

Once again, thank you for your support in our journey towards making positive changes for the better for all our students, staff and the wider community. We are determined to turn this school around so that each and every student receives the first class education they deserve.

Year 7 (Miss Morgan):

Form of the week: 7K, who have racked up 3,200 positives in total! A massive well done to Mrs Perry and 7K 😊

Student Stars of the Fortnight:

7N – Sophie Whittle	7O – Oscar Woolley
7E – Abbigail Morton	7B – Katy Hibbert
7A – Georgia Clarke-Stevens	7K – Jagjeevan Cheema

Year 7 positive points total: 19,360... amazing!

Year 8 (Miss Scott):

I am so proud of Year 8, they have gained 23,402 positive points!

The students with the most positive behaviour points this fortnight are Rhian Shaw, Leearna Asri, Gracie Reynolds, Joshua Collis, Jamie Allsop and Muhammad Muntasir. Well done !

Student Star of the Fortnight: Rhian Shaw for achieving 164 positive points.

Year 9 (Mr McDonagh):

Year 9 have been focusing on 'Striving for 5' in their lessons. As a team, they have achieved 10,423 reward points this week. Well done - keep up the good effort!

Top 5 pupils for rewards points:

Lewis Lindsay	9L
Noah Wilson	9E
Megan Kirkby	9L
Edward Heath	9L
Lucas Carter	9K

Student Star of the Fortnight: Lewis Lindsay (9L) for being awarded the most reward points. Well done Lewis!

Advice for students: Think about what you need to do to earn reward points and strive for them!

Year 10 (Miss Southern):

Form of the fortnight: 10k for blasting away with over 2,000 positive reward points

Student Star of the Fortnight: Shania Allison who has made such a massively positive start to the year. Shania proves undoubtedly that if you want to make a difference and improve yourself, you simply have to apply yourself and make it happen! She is an example to anyone who thinks they can't improve and catch up and shines brightly within the #teamY10 community.

Well done Shania, it is a privilege to watch you blossom into an amazing young woman.

Year 11 (Mr Lumber):

Forms of the week: 11N for achieving 96.3% attendance and 11O for receiving the top positive behaviour point of 3007

Student Star of the Fortnight: Helena Zindule for receiving 165 positive points overall. Well done Helena.

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

07.10.19 *"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."*

Curriculum & Homework:

We have recently written to parents to share our homework and curriculum approach, please check your emails.

The website pages for all subjects have recently been updated, and now outline our new knowledge-rich curriculum offer. Please take a look to find out what your child is learning.

Safeguarding & Antibullying:

Online safety is a key concern for all of us to consider when safeguarding our children. In the Academy, the use of mobile phones is banned. In part, this is so that we can ensure all students are safeguarded from online abuse throughout the school day. However, we are aware that mobile phone usage is common for all of our young people.

Below is some information for parents and carers to make clear what online abuse is.

Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet, facilitated through technology such as computers, tablets, mobile phones and other internet-enabled devices (Department for Education, 2018; Department of Health, 2017; Scottish Government, 2014; Welsh Assembly Government, 2018). It can happen anywhere online that allows digital communication, such as:

- social networks.
- text messages and messaging apps.
- email and private messaging.
- online chats.
- comments on live streaming sites.
- voice chat in games.

Children and young people can be re-victimised (experience further abuse) when abusive content is recorded, uploaded or shared by others online. This can happen if the original abuse happened online or offline. Children and young people may experience several types of abuse online:

- bullying/cyberbullying.
- emotional abuse (this includes emotional blackmail, for example pressuring children and young people to comply with sexual requests via technology).
- sexting (pressure or coercion to create sexual images).
- sexual abuse.
- sexual exploitation.
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Children and young people can also be groomed online: perpetrators may use online platforms to build a trusting relationship with the child in order to abuse them. This abuse may happen online or the perpetrator may arrange to meet the child in person with the intention of abusing them.

PSHE & Assemblies:

The 10th October is Mental Health Awareness Day. During the week beginning 7th October, all students across the Academy will be exploring mental health issues, what they are and what the symptoms might look like. The topics studied by the students on this wave of mental health exploration are stress, anxiety, self-esteem and self-harm. Students will also explore positive strategies to grow and maintain a healthy mind. The key to this work is that we get students talking about mental health issues and to know how and where they can get help and support if needed.

In the week of 14th-18th October, students will be introduced to metacognition and self-regulation approaches. The aim is to help pupils think about their own learning more explicitly. By teaching them specific strategies for planning, monitoring and evaluating their learning, we hope to see consistently high levels of additional progress in their lessons. Recent research suggests pupils make an average of seven months' additional progress when metacognition strategies are introduced.

Cycling to School:

We are happy for children to cycle to school and provide secure bike sheds, but can we remind parents and carers that:

- Bikes should be roadworthy, with brakes, reflectors and lights if riding in the dark.
- Children should use the secure bike shed by the Sports Block unless they arrive late or know they are leaving early, in which case there is limited bike storage near to Reception – a lock is required.
- Bikes should not be ridden on the pavement – especially by the school gates where there are hundreds of children, staff and parents.
- Bikes should be pushed and not ridden when on the school site for the safety of riders and pedestrians.
- More than one child should not be on a bike (sitting on the handlebars etc.) when riding on the road.
- We strongly recommend that children wear helmets and high-vis overclothing when cycling to and from school.

Cycling is enjoyable, healthy and environmentally sustainable. We want children to enjoy cycling, so please support us in encouraging children to use bikes in a way which promotes safety and security.

Future Dates For Your Diary:

Coffee Mornings	Every Wednesday 9am – 10:30pm; an Open Invitation to any parent/carer to come and have a guided tour of our Academy in action. Tea, Coffee and Cake will be provided while you wait for the next tour.
Pilot Careers Live	Saturday 2 nd November, 10am – 4:30pm at Sofitel Hotel – Terminal 5 London Heathrow Airport (more information at www.pilotcareerslive.com/live).
Noel-Baker Next Steps Event	12 th November 5:30pm – 7:00pm; a market-place style event where pupils and parents/carers get the chance to meet post-16 providers for all routes.