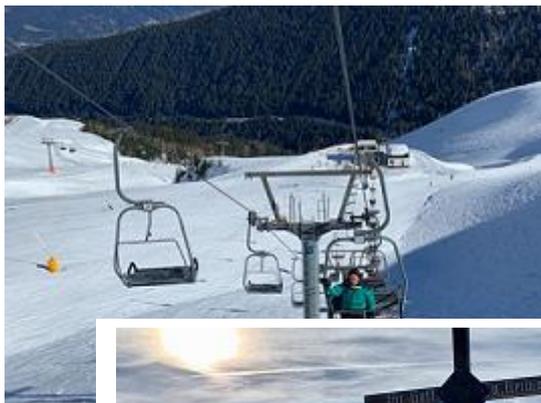


Message from the Headteacher:

A huge **well done** to our Year 11 students who have been taking their mock GCSE examinations over the last fortnight. They have approached their exams with maturity and used the experience to prepare themselves really well for the real thing. We are very proud of the way they have conducted themselves and they can now look forward to 'Results Day'.

A group of our students enjoyed a ski trip to Austria over half term. They had a wonderful time making memories, and were a credit to the school. The trip was challenging and tiring at times, but lots of fun was had by all and every student worked to the best of their ability to learn to ski.



The Coronavirus risk to individuals still remains low, and we are in constant contact with the relevant authorities as to the correct course of action to take should the situation change. As always, you will be informed immediately of any changes.

If you wish to find out the latest Government advice, you can visit the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

Once again, please stress to your children, the **vital importance** of frequently washing and drying their hands thoroughly using the soap provided, especially after visiting the toilet, entering the Dining Hall or other eating areas within the school. Please advise them to carry tissues to catch their coughs or sneezes, bin the tissue then wash their hands, and avoid touching their faces with unwashed hands. Hand gel is being provided around the school – please encourage them to use it.

Year 7 (Miss Morgan):

73,926 positive points for the whole Year 7 cohort... amazing!!

Form of the week: 7A whose attendance over the last two weeks has been amazing! They had 100% just before half term and over 99% since we have returned after the break... truly brilliant! Well done, Mrs Jones and 7A ☺

Stars of the fortnight:

7N – Leighton Shaw

7O – Aimee Spencer

7E – Chloe Birkinshaw

7B – Alfie Warburton

7A – Billie Kennedy

7K – Tiffany Bamforth

Year 8 (Miss Scott):

Form of the week: 8B, who have achieved a fantastic 97.86% attendance for this week.

Stars of the fortnight: Leearna Asri, Oliwia Idzi and Jamie Allsop for their consistent hard work and positive attitude to learning. Well done.

Year 9 (Mr McDonagh):

Form of the week: 9L - top form for behaviour reward points.

Stars of the fortnight:

Edward Heath - 9L

Excellent learning in lessons.

Lewis Lindsay - 9L

Outstanding achievement.

Isabelle Woolley - 9L

Focused in lessons.

Erin Lee - 9N

Good application of knowledge.

Daniel Edwards - 9L

Excellent improvement in the classroom.

Year 10 (Miss Southern):

Form of the week: 10A, for consistently improving attendance five weeks in a row!

Stars of the fortnight: Cameron Yeomans for working so hard on being the best of himself, and Aleasha Gordon, our Jamie's Farm Ambassador.

Year 11 (Mr Lumber):

Form of the week: 11L, for top attendance with a massive 98%. Well done and keep up the good work!

Star of the fortnight: Jack Cooper, for some really good work over the last two weeks. Well done Jack.

PSHE:

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead:

W/C 09/03/2020: "The success of every woman should be the inspiration to another. We should raise each other up. Make sure you're very strong, be extremely kind, and above all be humble." *Serena Williams (Tennis Player)*.

W/C 16/03/2020: "Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much." *Blaise Pascal (French Mathematician)*.

Assemblies:

W/C 09/03/2020: Woman in science.
W/C 16/03/2020: Respecting our neighbours.

Week 1

Year 7: Careers.
Year 8: Relationships and friendship.
Year 9: Laws and effects of alcohol.
Year 10: Careers.
Year 11: Railway safety and budgeting.

Week 2

Year 7: Puberty.
Year 8: Careers.
Year 9: Careers.
Year 10: Careers.
Year 11: Independent living – finances.

Quality of Education:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that all subjects have included a subject overview on the school's website. Please have a look and see what your child is learning within their subjects throughout the year. The information includes a breakdown of each subject and outlines the assessment structure for GCSE's in addition to careers information and enrichment opportunities.

Congratulations to Year 11 who have completed their final mock exams. Results will be shared in a special Results Assembly the week beginning Monday 16th March.

Facilities Management:

Thank you to all those parents who are using the School Gateway App to make payments for trips and dinner money. For the few families that haven't registered yet, you have only 3 weeks until we stop taking cash payments. For more information, check the School Gateway App letter on the website here:

<https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/images/NoelBaker/LettersHome/School-Gateway-App.pdf>

Safeguarding & Anti-Bullying:

What is peer-on-peer abuse?

Peer-on-peer abuse is any form of physical, sexual, emotional and financial abuse, and coercive control exercised between children and within children's relationships (both intimate and non-intimate), friendships, and wider peer associations. Peer-on-peer abuse can take various forms, including (but not limited to): serious bullying (including cyberbullying), relationship abuse, domestic violence and abuse, child sexual exploitation, youth and serious youth violence, harmful sexual behaviour and/or prejudice-based violence including, but not limited to, gender-based violence. Online peer-on-peer abuse is any form of peer-on-peer abuse with a digital element, for example, sexting, online abuse, coercion and exploitation, peer-on-peer grooming, threatening language delivered via online means, the distribution of sexualised content, and harassment.

How can I help as a parent?

Some behaviours which are categorised as peer on peer abuse can be dismissed as 'children being children' or 'boys being boys'. We should never dismiss these behaviours. Teach your children about consent and respect. Make it clear that this extends to any kind of touching of another person. It can also extend to on-line activity. Most importantly, model good behaviours in the home. Sexist language can become a form of peer on peer abuse. Talk to your children about acceptable and unacceptable language and behaviours.

Attendance Matters:

Absences: Could we please remind parents that a dedicated 'attendance' email address has been put in place for parents to report student absences. This is attendance@noelbakeracademy.co.uk.

Our policy states that we must have written confirmation in order to authorise an absence, therefore as long as the email has come from a recognised parental email address held on our system, this will be accepted as formal written communication of absence.

Alternatively, you can notify the school via either the Gateway app or the student absence line. However in this case, **we will still require formal written notification of absence from parents**. The phone number for the Attendance Team is 572026 (option 2), please leave a voicemail, or use the Gateway App.

Please note, it is a mandatory requirement that if your child is off sick, we are informed each and every day of their absence from school. Unfortunately, it is not sufficient to contact us on just day one. If we do not hear from you, we are required to send a text asking for the reason for your child's non-attendance.

For further information, please refer to the Academy's Attendance Policy which can be found on our website. If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy's Attendance Team.

Future Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 11th March

Parent Attendance Evening.