



29th September 2023

Dear Parent Carers,

Weekly Update: 29/09/23

I hope this update finds you well. Over this term, Annual Reviews are taking place for Year 11 students, and this is the start of their transition from main school to Post-16. I've shared a couple of flyers for events are taking place next week which may help inform your decisions about which Post-16 provision would best suit your young person. We actively encourage families to start looking at Post-16 provisions - it's never too early to start thinking about the future!

St Andrew's Academy are hosting a SEND Futures Fair on Monday 2nd October, and are expecting representatives from local SEND provisions to learn more about Post-16 opportunities in Derby and the local area.

St Martins and Noel-Baker Academy are hosting a Next Steps Careers Event on Thursday 5th October. A wide variety of Post-16 provisions – from colleges to universities, to apprenticeships and traineeships will be there to share information.

Attendance Expectations

Year 7s have made a great start this academic year, with an incredible 97% attendance between them! We are proud of their positive start.

Monitoring the attendance of students is something that is done on a daily basis, as we work to Shape Successful Futures for our students. It is essential that students maintain a school attendance of at least 95% wherever possible. It is our goal to get our students to achieve this, and therefore have the best start to life that they can.

We understand that there are many genuine and necessary reasons for students to miss school occasionally, particularly in the case of illness and medical absences. We would encourage you to continue to work with us and ensure that we are notified at the start of every absence, and to ask us for help if you should need any support in improving your child's attendance during the coming term. Please contact Jessica Longhurst if you wish to discuss this.

Cough and Cold Season

As we've settled back into school, cough and cold season has returned. We encourage families to maintain their health by being prepared; eating well and having enough vitamins, getting a decent amount of sleep, and having vaccinations where possible will hopefully make the difference, as nobody enjoys

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being poorly. Testing for Covid-19 is no longer required, and Parent Carers should follow the guidance on the NHS website if they are concerned -

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

All students can have a flu vaccine in school on Tuesday 3rd October. If you haven't already consented to this, please contact the Immunisations Team on 0333 358 3397. We advise our staff team to do the same in looking after themselves, and to support this we provide staff with a flu vaccine through our wellbeing package.

Wishing you a great weekend,

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St Andrew's Academy

SEND Futures Fair

Monday 2nd October 2023 1pm - 3pm then 4pm - 6pm

Enterprise Centre, Bridge Street, Derby, DE1 3LD



Young people, family members and carers are invited to browse stalls and talk to representatives from a wide range of local specialist SEND provisions to learn more about post 16 opportunities in Derby City and the surrounding area

Where will your future take you?!



Noel-Baker Academy

Next Steps Careers Event

Thursday 5th October 2023

Open from 5:00 – 7.00pm

Don't miss this exciting opportunity

Come along and speak to a wide variety of post-16 provision from colleges and universities, to apprenticeships and traineeships.



Noel-Baker Academy
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Term Dates for Academic Year 2023/2024

Autumn Term

INSET Day – Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September

School Starts for the new Academic Year – Wednesday 6th September

School Breaks up for Half Term – Friday 27th October

School Starts Back – Monday 6th November

School Breaks up for Christmas – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

School Starts Back – Monday 8th January 2024

School Breaks up for Half Term – Thursday 15th February

INSET Day – Friday 16th February

School Starts Back – Monday 26th February

School Breaks up for Easter – Thursday 28th March

Summer Term

INSET Day – Monday 15th April

School Starts Back – Tuesday 16th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

School Breaks up for Half Term - Friday 24th May

School Starts Back – Monday 3rd June

INSET Day – Monday 1st July

School Breaks up for Summer – Tuesday 23rd July

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