



Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 18th July 2022

As we come to the end of another academic year at NIA, we are incredibly thankful and appreciative of the hard-work, determination and resilience shown by both NIA students and staff in the face of such significant challenge. The students have certainly been a true credit to parents, carers, and the local community. We can be really proud of our school community for the way in which we have supported one another through the ongoing challenges, working together to ensure that we focus on doing everything possible to maintain the highest standards of education possible, both academically and for your child's personal development.

Over the past few weeks, we have concentrated on our Get Safe for Summer PSHE lessons which have included a focus on consent, bullying, knife crime and online safety. During Sports days students represented their houses admirably and demonstrated the very embodiment of our DNA: Collaboration, Respect, Responsibility, Care, Excellence and Aspiration.

Since our return to school post-Easter, we have invested significant time in re-establishing routines for learning and behaviour that have impacted positively on the atmosphere around the school building.

Moving to a new 3-period day timetable, challenging students to maintain high standards of uniform, attendance and punctuality are aspects of our focus that will remain paramount principles for the success of our learning community in the new academic year.

Wherever families have had difficulty with either uniform, or managing our expectations, we have endeavoured to support them productively with face-to-face meetings and daily check-ins. Expectations regarding uniform will need additional challenge, as you might expect in the new term.

- Skirts will need to be **grey**, knee-length and of a loose fitting, traditional style (Lybra/elastane 'fashion' style skirts are not permitted).
- Shoes will need to be plain black *school shoes* rather than sports' shoes/trainers of any type. They should be polishable and without sports' brand logos.
- Hair should be a natural colour. No bright/un-natural hair dyes will be permitted.
- Facial/body piercings must **not** be worn. Earrings are limited to one small pair of studs/sleepers.

Uniform mannequins have been installed in reception and the recent uniform update on the website makes it clear exactly what is and what is not acceptable in terms of dress. <https://nia.emat.uk/our-school/uniform>

You may be aware that House Ties are available to purchase from school directly via ParentPay, should you need to replace one. If you do not have a ParentPay account, please do contact school and a member of the team will support you in setting one up as we will essentially be 'cashless' from next term (apart from the PAYG lunch money machines).



Uniform is also available for purchase from The Schoolwear Shop NN1 4AA (01604 635828). If you make your order early in the holiday and your child/ren have a growth spurt during the break, you can be assured that they will accommodate your needs, rather than waiting until the end of the holiday to reserve the items you require, when you risk them running low on stock of more popular sizes.

We are always happy to receive clean items of pre-loved uniform in good wearable condition. This helps us to support families in need and to cater for the inevitable mishaps that occur with uniform items during the normal wear and tear of the school day. Please bring any donations you might have to school reception. Blazers and ties are particularly appreciated – being either the costliest or most ‘lost’ items of uniform for students’ families. Do remember to label items of clothing so that we are able to return them to their rightful owners if lost.

The last day of term for both students and staff is **Thursday 21st July 2022**.

We will be dismissing students as follows during the afternoon:

	Dismissal
Primary students (incl. reception)	12:10pm
Year 8, 10 and 12	12:00pm
Year 7 and 9	12:20pm

In our Celebration assemblies on the last day of term will be an opportunity to remind pupils of our high aspirations, to reinforce behaviours that support effective learning and to thank pupils for their commitment to improving our school.

All students (including FSM students) will have the opportunity to collect a lunch/‘Grab & Go’ from the Diner before they leave school. Students will be escorted to the front of school and dismissed from the plaza outside. They should make their way straight home.

At that point, in school it will be an opportunity for us as a team, to say our goodbyes to staff who are leaving us for pastures new next term. We wish them well for the future and are very grateful for the contributions they have made to the NIA journey.

GCSE, A level & BTEC Results:

My huge congratulations to our Year 11 and 13 students (ably supported by their subject teachers, their tutors and, most importantly of all, by their parents) for the superb way they have conducted themselves throughout their public examinations. We will have a team of staff on hand to give all of the support and guidance needed to help them secure the next step of their academic journey.

Results days:

A Level and B TEC results – Thursday 18th August

GCSE and BTEC results – Thursday 25th August

Year 11 and 13 parents will receive a letter outlining details of how children can obtain their results in August and who will be on hand to support them



We wish all students who are moving on, to the next stage of their educational journey the very best of luck for their futures. Exciting times for sure; new places, new opportunities. We will miss their smiley faces and of course would be delighted to hear from them, from time to time as part of our as they move through into the next phases of their lives.

The beginning of the new academic year in September will be a phased start, to enable students to settle and focus quickly, following a brief reminder and outline of expectations, rules and routines. The phased start will be scheduled as follows:

Year Group	Date and time (week 1)
Primary year 1 to 6	Monday 5 th September
Year 7	Monday 5 th September 8:30am
Year 8	Tuesday 6 th September 8:30am
Year 9	Tuesday 6 th September 8:30am
Year 10	Tuesday 6 th September 11:00am
Year 11	Monday 5 th September 11:00am
Year 12	Monday 5 th September 9:00am (induction programme)
Year 13	Wednesday 7 th September 9:00am

Lastly, I just want to thank you all and offer my continued appreciation for your support again this year. It has not been without its challenges, but I am confident that as we continue to work together the Academy will move from strength to strength.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer holidays with your children and hope that the lovely weather will continue for the next few weeks! We are both looking forward to seeing you all again at the start of the next academic year.

Jo Daniels
Deputy Head Teacher



Term/Holiday Dates: 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 1 2022:	
INSET (Non Pupil) Days	Thursday 1 st September Friday 2 nd September
Start of Term	Monday 5 th September / Tuesday 6 th September <i>Please see above table for year groups</i>
Half Term	24 th October to 28 th October 2022
End of Term	Friday 15 th December
Spring Term 2023:	
INSET (Non-pupil) Day	Tuesday 3 rd January
Start of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	13 th February 2023 to 17 th February 2023
End of Term	Friday 31 st March
Easter Holiday	3 rd April to 14 th April 2023
Summer Term 2023:	
INSET (Non-pupil) Day	Monday 17 th April 2023
Start of Term	Tuesday 18 th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half Term	30 th May to 2nd June 2023
End of Term	Friday 21 st July