Year 9 Parents, Carers and Students: Save the date! 2nd December – Y9 Options Evening

All Year 9 students and their parents are required to attend.

Doors open from 6pm until 7.45pm.

Make sure to catch one of the explanatory talks at either 6.15pm or 7.15pm.

Browse subject stalls and ask lots of questions.

This is your chance to find out about how the options system will work!

Eva McEvoy, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the Year 9s were entertained and educated by Anthony Glenn with his one-man ‘Shaking Up Shakespeare’ production. Many thanks to Mr Knowles for organising the event. Read on for further details.

Two of our Year 9 Maths classes also had a visit from a successful financier and Mathematician, Wasim Rehman. He talked to the students about his studies and his work. He also discussed careers that involve a range of Mathematical skills and practice. We are very grateful to him for giving up time to visit us.

On Thursday Ms Broadway and I visited the new Primary building which is now tantalisingly close to completion. The classrooms are receiving their finishing touches, the ICT is about to be installed and the landscaping is well under way. We are all very excited about moving in in the first week of January.

I also had the pleasure of joining the reception classes for lunch on Thursday. One of the students asked me very politely “How are you getting on with your work today, Ms Macfarlane?”!

We look forward to seeing all Year 9 students and their parents next Tuesday evening at 6pm for our important Options Evening, where we will be discussing the GCSE curriculum.

With best wishes,

Rachel Macfarlane, Principal
On Friday 19th December we will be holding our first Awards Assemblies of the year. This is an opportunity for the staff, students, governors and parents/carers to formally celebrate Year 7, 8 and 9 students’ achievements at the end of the autumn term. There will be an assembly for each year group. Please note the times as follows:

**Year 7** 10.10 - 10.55 am  
**Year 9** 11.20 - 12.05 pm  
**Year 8** 12.15 - 1.00 pm

At the assemblies, we will be presenting awards in recognition of students’ academic progress and attainment, personal progress and the development of their BRIDGES dispositions. Excellent attendance and punctuality will also be celebrated. It is also a great opportunity for you to see some examples of the activities and events your child has been participating in this term.

We believe that it is important that every student is represented by a parent at the Awards Assembly for their year group and would like to invite one parent to attend on behalf of the family. If you would like to attend, please ask your son/daughter to collect a ticket for the relevant Awards Assembly from his/her form tutor. Please request your ticket **by Monday 15th December**.

Due to limited capacity in the viewing gallery, we are unable to accommodate very many additional family members. However, if you would like a second place, please notify the school office and we will do our best to allocate an additional ticket.

I look forward to seeing you on Friday 19th December.

Jo Spencer  
Vice Principal
Regular attendance is a crucial factor in students’ educational development and ability to achieve their full potential.

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**Regular attendance**

Year 7 97.6%

Year 8 96.2%

Year 9 93.7%

Leanne Abbott-Jones
Year 9 Pastoral Leader
IN A Newsletter

On Saturday 22nd November Joshua Abraham in Year 7 represented Isaac Newton Academy in the above event at UEL Sports Dock and won a Bronze!

Joshua usually suffers from nerves at the big events and this particular competition was tough. To Joshua's credit, he took a deep breath and just got on with the job. Joshua's positive attitude and work ethic have earned him a ticket to represent Isaac Newton Academy at the British Schools’ Judo Championships in Sheffield on the 7th March 2015.

Well done Joshua!

Wasim Rehman Visit

In Maths this week we had the privilege to welcome Wasim Rehman to speak to our two high attaining groups in Maths. Mr Rehman is a young Pakistani successful investment banker who has worked with Goldman Sachs and hedge fund companies. He gave a very inspirational speech on his childhood, his career choices and how Maths is applied in everyday life. The students were really engaged and asked very articulate questions regarding career opportunities, what made him choose his career and whether Mr Rehman's siblings were just as successful. It was a real insight for the students to hear the story behind Mr Rehman’s success. The students felt it was timed greatly with their GCSE options evening looming.

A comment from our students: “Mr Rahman came to talk to us about coming from an average background and how he managed to succeed. He had one opportunity to go to university at the age of 16 but decided to wait to attend Cambridge University with his peers. He told us it's our responsibility to study and to prioritise our education because it will reward us with a future.“

Milan and Muaz (9A)

London Area School Trials for the British Schools’ Judo Championships

On Saturday 22nd November Joshua Abraham in Year 7 represented Isaac Newton Academy in the above event at UEL Sports Dock and won a Bronze!

Well done Joshua!
The Mathematics department would like to encourage all students to enter next week’s Mathematician of the Moment competition. Have a look at the problem below. Answers to be written on a Maths postcard to be placed in the Maths post box no later than 4.10pm on Wednesday 3rd December. Good luck and may the best form win!!!
Year 8 - Problem of the Week

Wednesday 19th November to Wednesday 3rd December

James was looking through the family photograph album, which has a photo of each of his parent, each of his grandparents, all the way up to each of his great-great-grandparents. How many photos is that?

Answers on a postcard to be handed to Ms Gohil (F.33) by Wednesday 4.10pm latest!

Year 9 - Problem of the Week

Wednesday 19th November to Wednesday 3rd December

Using four straight lines join all nine dots together without letting your pencil leave the paper.

Answers on a postcard to be handed to Ms Gohil (F.33) by Wednesday 4.10pm latest!
On Wednesday 26th November the Henna Art enrichment hosted a fundraising event for staff in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Students were able to share some of the designs that they had been working on during the term with staff, who were great volunteers.

The students were really delighted that so many staff took the time to support the event and are delighted to have raised approximately £20 for Breast Cancer Research!
Spanish Trip to Barcelona – May 2015 – Payment schedule

So far parents and carers for those students going on the trip should have paid £350. Please find below the dates on which the remaining trip payments are due.

As always, please do feel free to pay a larger amount in advance.

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If there is a problem making these payments on WisePay please speak to Ms Khan at the main school reception.

If there is a problem with the timeframe within which to make the payments please speak to Ms Davies.

Thank you very much for your support,
Mary Davies (Head of Languages)

French Trip to Normandy – April 2015 – Payment schedule

So far parents and carers for those students going on the trip should have paid £250 for non-pupil premium students and pupil premium students should have paid £230. Please find below the dates on which the remaining trip payments are due.

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Mary Davies (Head of Languages)
At INA, we aim to provide a stimulating, challenging and rewarding learning environment which supports learning, celebrates achievement and encourages everyone. Awarding merits, the student portfolios, informal praise in class and the end of term awards assemblies are all part of this. Please speak to your child/children on a regular basis to see how many merits they have and how they are working towards the different awards.

**Merits**

Students can receive merits for achievement, progress, contribution, or any of the BRIDGES dispositions.

This week's results are as follows:

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**1st place:** S (1001 merits)

**2nd place:** N (991 merits)

**3rd place:** A (981 merits)

Well done to the following students who know already they will receive a bronze certificate this term:


Year 8: Khiran, Mohammed A, Aaliyah, Richard, Perdeep, Manraj, and Amber

Year 9: Saskeia, Hibatullah, Amir, Simran B, Shanzeh, Sneha, Neha, Elvinas, Sunna, Muhammad K, Aqsa H, Ushna

Jennifer Byrne
Year 8 Pastoral Leader, i/c Praise and Recognition
We are delighted to be organising a Christmas Party for the local community this year. We would love to invite older members to join us for a Christmas celebration on the afternoon of Tuesday 9th December. We hope this is a chance for our students to get to know members of the local community and interact with older people that they are not related to.
If you have any elderly neighbours who you would like us to invite please could you share their title, name, address and contact number with reception.

**Bingo and Raffle Prizes**

We are looking for donations of unopened gifts for the guests of the Community Christmas party as we hope to host a bingo game and a raffle.

Should you have a suitable prize to donate please hand it in to reception FAO INA Ms Alibhai-Watson by the 8th of December.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity towards supporting this event.
The BRIDGES focus for the fortnight Monday 1st December – Friday 19th December is:

Prudence

The Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhists. Following the Chinese invasion of Tibet in the 1950s, many Tibetans took to the streets demanding an end to Chinese rule. The Chinese People’s Republic troops crushed the revolt and thousands were killed.

The Dalai Lama approached the situation with prudence and considered all aspects of the issue before suggesting a way forward. The Dalai Lama is a man of peace so he advocated a non-violent response. He told the people of Tibet ‘with Truth, Justice and Courage as our weapons, we Tibetans will eventually prevail in regaining freedom for Tibet’.

In 1989 the Dalai Lama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent struggle for the liberation of Tibet. He now devotes his life to the promotion of compassion, forgiveness, tolerance, contentment and self-discipline. He is committed to the development of religious harmony and understanding among the world’s major religions.

Prudence

To think through carefully and consider all aspects of a situation or issue before taking action.

Behaviours

Being cautious, being tactful, being trustworthy and discrete (not turning someone’s personal information or feelings into gossip), thinking ahead and planning a course of action, taking care of valuable items, being aware of risks and dangers.

Activities

1) Give students a series of scenarios for which they have to decide on the most prudent response/course of action.
2) Get students to research a university course and plan out what they need to do between now and then to meet the entrance requirements.
3) Groups plan a trip from Tangiers, Morocco to Cape Town, South Africa. They should work out how much money they will need and in what currencies, what visas and inoculations are required and whether those countries are safe to travel within.
4) Smurf Money task (T:Drive).

Top tips

Students

Devise a one, five and ten year plan for yourself.
Research universities and the courses that you are currently interested in.

Consider the way you speak to people and the language you use. How do you think it makes them feel?
Practise being kind to those around you.
Save up for something worthwhile or important.

Parents

Start a discussion with your son/daughter about GCSEs, A-levels, University courses and future careers.
Discuss a situation with your son/daughter when you acted prudently and a situation when you didn’t and talk about the impact of each response.
Talk to your son/daughter about how you manage the family income and out-goings.

Jo Spencer, Vice Principal
Christmas Themed Non Uniform Day on 12th December

On the 12th of December we will have a non-uniform day to fundraise for Save the Children and the Terrence Higgins Trust. Students will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper as part of their non-school uniform. Christmas colours of green, red, gold and white are encouraged!

Students can choose to wear trousers, jeans, leggings or skirts but their outfit cannot be revealing and students are not permitted to wear any jewellery beyond that which is permitted as part of their day to day uniform.

Students will need to bring £1 by Monday 8th December in order to be permitted to wear non uniform on the 12th of December.

This week INA students tested their Discovery and Bravery disciplines to step into the shoes of a great Shakespearian character: Macbeth.

The whole of Year 9 gathered excitedly in the Hall on Tuesday for a one-man production of this classic play. Anthony Glenn’s performance, full of energy and wit, also helped to give students a deeper insight into the themes of the text.

There were also some wonderful supporting performances from INA students, most notably: Tyler Moore as Banquo’s Ghost (complete with white sheet); and Yusra Kilic as a chilling Lady Macbeth.
I'm pleased to tell you that the photographs have finally arrived and will be in your child’s book bag, if there are any problems regarding your order, please see one of the office staff either first thing in the morning or after school.

Our Parents’ Day/Evening will take place on Wednesday 10th December; a letter will be sent out next week with further details.

Tam Broadway, Head of Primary

Literacy Lessons This Week

Linked to our topic of ‘Out and About’, the children have been reading ‘The Jolly Postman’ this week and learning about how the post is sorted and delivered to our houses every day. They then put their fantastic writing skills into practice and wrote their own letters and created some parcels.
Headteacher’s Lunch
Well done to the following pupils who have been nominated for the Headteacher’s Lunch for next week. An invitation will be given to the children during our Friday Praise and Recognition Assembly:

Ishaan Mutha
Aadam Ali
Malaika Hussain
Zaina Hussain
Anum Imran
Riyen Shah.

Every week each teacher chooses two children from their class to receive a certificate in assembly, one in recognition of a child demonstrating our BRIDGES habit of the week, and the other in recognition of a pupil’s academic effort throughout the week.

Well done to the following children, who have been recognised this week!

Curie Class:
Akshara Kurmachalam – Headteacher’s Habits Award (for being fair, kind and sharing with her friends.)
Kashan Shahzad – Scholar of the Week (for working hard independently to produce super sentences.)

Maxwell Class:
Ceylan Warner – Headteacher’s Habits Award (for always playing fairly with her peers.)
Daniyal Sheikh – Scholar of the Week (for being able to explain how to find out ‘one more’ or ‘one fewer’ than a given amount using full sentences.)

Newton Class:
Ria Jethwa – Headteacher’s Habits Award (for being fair and patient in turn-taking.)
Lara Burvill – Scholar of the Week (for fantastic literacy work and using her phonics knowledge.)
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The class with the highest attendance at the end of every week is awarded the attendance trophy during Friday’s Award & Recognition assembly.

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After a slow start at the beginning of the term, Newton Class continues to storm ahead as the winners again this week. Curie Class – what has happened to you all? Surely you can get your hands on the cup again this term, but time is running out!!

Let’s hope that all classes will meet their target of 100% each week to next term.
"We build too many walls and not enough bridges.” Isaac Newton

BRIDGES are habits of mind or learning characteristics that develop a pupil's character and learning power and enable him/her to grow into a well-rounded individual and resilient learner.

There are seven BRIDGES habits that we will be working on, which will rotate on a weekly cycle throughout the year. The BRIDGES habit of the week will always be introduced at the beginning of the week during the Monday assembly and reinforced throughout the week across the curriculum. Each class teacher will award a certificate to a pupil that they feel has demonstrated the BRIDGES focus for the week.

Each week we will update you on the BRIDGES habit that will be introduced in the coming week and offer some top tips on how to reinforce the habit at home too. Please also refer to the Primary BRIDGES wheel above

Week commencing 1st December – Discovery

Discovery

Displaying habits of curiosity, open-mindedness, enthusiasm, energy, noticing, creativity and imagining.

At home and school:

A great activity to support ‘noticing’ is to help the children become detectives and to see how closely they observe things. It is fun to watch a video clip from a film or cartoon for a just a few minutes and tell the children beforehand that they have to watch it really carefully as you will ask them some questions at the end. (Always watch the clip first yourself and have the questions prepared in advance.) The first time round the children don’t really know how to watch and notice detail and often won’t know the answers to questions you might ask, such as ‘how many chairs were around the table’ or ‘what colour hat was the boy wearing’. Allow your child to watch the clip for a second time round and observe how they begin to notice smaller details – ask the same questions again and see an improvement in their responses.

‘Spot the Difference’ activities are another great way to encourage the children to look at smaller details really carefully.
Primary Reminders

Wisepay Details

Wisepay details have been given to everyone now, which will allow you to order uniform items and also to book a place for ‘Breakfast Club’ or ‘After School Club’. If you experience any problems, please contact Ms Rayner who will be happy to help.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label every item of your child’s uniform, so that we can help in getting items back to the correct owner and to check that your child has the correct clothes at home and hasn’t by mistake taken someone else’s clothing.
- It is very important that your child is in their full uniform every day. If your child has lost an item of clothing, such as a tie, we ask that this be replaced as soon as possible. The office staff can help with any orders you need to make.
- A reminder that on Mondays the children need to come to school wearing their PE kit.
- If your child comes to school wearing boots, they must have their regular school shoes to change into in their bag please.
- Please ensure your child attends school every day and on time. If your child is sick then you must call the office to let us know by 8.15am.

Breakfast Club & After School Club

Thank you to all the parents & carers who have supported the use of the breakfast and after school clubs over the last half term; both are going very well, with attendance increasing gradually each week. You can make bookings through the Wisepay facilities. If you need any further help in doing this, please contact either Ms Rayner or Ms Heywood, who will be more than happy to help you.

Breakfast is available each day from 7.45am and costs just £2 per day. The children enjoy a range of cereals, toast and different toppings, juice or milk and fruit. Any child attending must be brought to the main reception area by 8.20am at the latest.

After School Club runs from 3.45pm – 6.00pm and costs just £5 per hour. The children enjoy a range of snacks each evening and a variety of games and activities.

Tam Broadway, Head of Primary
Key Dates for 2014-15

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**Spring Term**

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Half Term: Monday 16 – Friday 20 February 2015

| Thursday 26th February | Year 8 Progress Meetings (during the day) |
| Thursday 5th March    | Secondary Big Band competition            |
|                      | World Book Day                            |
| Friday 6th February  | Year 9 Science Live Trip                  |
| Thursday 12th February | Year 9 Trip to Othello at the Globe     |
| Friday 13th February | ARK Mega Maths Wrangle                    |
| Thursday 19th March  | BBC School Report                         |
| Tuesday 24th February | Understanding Reports Parent Workshop (Secondary) |
| Wednesday 25th March | Performing Arts Spring Spectacular       |
| Thursday 26th March  | ARK Debating Championships                |
| Tuesday 31st March   | Year 7 Progress Meetings (during the day) |
|                      | Progress Evening for parents of Reception students |
| Thursday 2nd April   | Secondary Awards Assemblies & End of Term. |
|                      | Secondary students finish at 1.20pm.      |

**Summer Term**

Monday 20th April - Tuesday 21st July  
Half Term: Monday 25 – Friday 29 May 2015  
Staff Training Days: Friday 26th June, & Friday 3rd July