

# Principal's Blog

15th September 2023



Supported by the Normanton Freeston Foundation

## WELCOME BACK

We would like to send a warm Freeston welcome to all of our students (old and new) and to our amazing community of parents and carers. Together we can support all young people to achieve. Attached to this blog is a sheet summarising our Home Learning expectations for all year groups and a Year 7 Orientation newsletter with all information for new parents and carers.

## YEAR 11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENT

All parents and carers of Year 11 students are invited to our information event on the 11th October at 5pm. [Full details are in this letter.](#)

Our Heads of Department from English, Maths and Science will be going through everything you need to know for your child to succeed. In addition, students will receive their revision guides to support home learning.

## YEAR 7 ARE ACE!

Our new Year 7 have made an absolutely outstanding start. We are super proud of them. They have now completed the ACE (Academy Conduct Expectations) curriculum and enjoyed a celebration assembly. All students are now working on gaining their bronze badge - you can all do this!

Year 7 have already shown how kind and polite they are, their primary schools should be so proud of them.

Welcome to our academy family  
Year 7, we are very impressed  
with you all.

#SeptemberSuperstars!



## YEAR 11 KEY MESSAGES

We held a really important assembly for Year 11 this week. A spotlight focus was made on the importance of attendance and how there is a direct link between attendance and outcomes. The higher the attendance - the higher the grades. Please ensure your child is in the academy every day to support their final grades - when students are in school and trying their best, this has a massive impact!

The prom criteria was also launched and students left with their enrichment golden ticket. We would like every student to be able to go - all are now very clear on what they need to do with regards to attendance, behaviour, applying for their next steps and engagement in learning outside of the classroom.



Year 11 have also had their first input since our return in their personal development curriculum and had an inspiring talk from Danny Wilsher about overcoming adversity at a young age.

## WEEKLY FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

Over the summer holidays we found out that we have gained our Bronze Award in the United Against Bullying programme from the Anti Bullying Alliance. We are very proud of this and now work towards the silver award.



As always, students can speak to adults available at social times or fill in the 'Tell Us' online google form available in their Year Group Google Classroom or the yellow 'Tell Us' form in SID or the Dining Room and place in the box under the Random Acts of Kindness Tree.

As always, we ask all in the academy to **THINK** before they speak.



## THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

- T** IS IT TRUE?
- H** IS IT HELPFUL?
- I** IS IT INSPIRING?
- N** IS IT NECESSARY?
- K** IS IT KIND?

Be safe, be respectful, be responsible.

