



An Active Learning Trust School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that we have completed another academic year at Neale-Wade. This year has flown by and we are preparing for a summer break before resuming refreshed in September.

This academic year has seen further improvements in the key area of Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG). This type of provision helps our students to be prepared for the next stages of their education or career and we have been recognised as being one of the very best providers in Cambridgeshire for this type of work. Our students gain a wealth of information and support to enable them to make very positive steps post-GCSE or A Level.

As ever, we have some changes in our staffing with some staff retiring or moving on to new roles within education. Two of our long-standing staff who are leaving are Mrs Mayes who retires after 18 years at Neale-Wade and Mr Whitney who, after 16 years of service, is moving to become a Vice Principal at a school in Corby. Mrs Brenchley (Vice Principal) is also departing after 20 years, after successfully leading improvements in both attainment and teaching and learning at the Academy. We wish her well in her retirement from teaching. Mrs Sheriff is also retiring after working for over 24 years at Neale-Wade and she will be missed greatly by all who work in the SEND faculty along with many students who she has supported relentlessly during her time at the Academy.

Suffice to say we have recruited well and have replaced all of our departing colleagues.

Mr Horn joins us from St Peter's in Huntingdon and he will be undertaking the role of Vice Principal from September. Mr Horn has a wealth of experience and we look forward to him joining the SLT of Neale-Wade.

There have been some internal changes in roles and Mr Crawley has been promoted to the role of Assistant Principal with Miss Bathurst taking over the role of Head of PE. Miss Harrison has also been promoted to the crucial role of Head of English along with Ms Wilson taking on the role of Assistant Principal with responsibility for Science at the start of the new academic year.

This year has seen the usual success in a number of areas. Our Under-13 girls' football team competed strongly at national level making the semi-final of the national cup whilst Chloe Lewis (Y7) was outstanding in winning five national titles in wheelchair racing. There was success in several other sports at district and county level and the PE faculty continues to provide competitive opportunities for our students. It is important to recognise the input from all of the local sports clubs who mirror the work of our PE teachers and provide coaching at competition at both weekends and weekdays. We are grateful for their support and selfless attitude to providing opportunities for our children.

Music and drama continue to flourish at Neale-Wade at a time when some schools are removing creative subjects from the curriculum. We are committed to further developing this work at Neale-Wade and our weekly drama club is swelling in numbers and we hope to build on the recent successful MADD show.

It is also important to highlight the number of clubs and revision activities that take place throughout the Academy on a weekly basis. A recent audit of our activities showed that there are over 33 clubs and activities taking place across Neale-Wade. This is a testament to the staff who give their time to support and develop our young people.

Some key dates for the summer break are as follows:

A Level results Wednesday 15 August 7.30-11.00am

GCSE results Wednesday 22 August 7.30-11.00am

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all well for the summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Wing', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Mr J Wing
Executive Principal

NEALE-WADE ACADEMY

School Term and Holiday Dates

2019 - 2020

<u>Autumn Term</u>	
<i>Training Days</i>	<i>Monday 2 September 2019</i> <i>Tuesday 3 September 2019</i>
Term Starts	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Half Term	21-25 October 2019
Term Ends	Thursday 19 December 2019
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Term Starts	Monday 6 January 2020
Half Term	17-21 February 2020
Term Ends	Thursday 2 April 2020
<u>Summer Term</u>	
Term Starts	Monday 20 April 2020
<i>May Day</i>	<i>Friday 8 May 2020 (moved from Monday 4 May)</i>
Half Term	25-29 May 2020
Term Ends	Friday 17 July 2020
<i>Training Days</i>	<i>Monday 20 July 2020</i> <i>Tuesday 21 July 2020</i> <i>Wednesday 22 July 2020</i>