

# NDA NEWSLETTER



## EVENTS

September 2023  
Week 3

### REVISIONFEST SUCCESS

86% of Year 11 students came along to our Revisionfest alongside their parents and carers on Thursday. Students got all the revision materials they will need for the busy year ahead!

“ I WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THIS EVENT LAST NIGHT .SUCH A RELAXED FUN NIGHT FOR EVERYONE .WELL DONE NDA STAFF ”



### BIG QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Students this week thoroughly enjoyed being able to debate about whether it is ever okay to break a rule. We had some interesting reasons why: if we were trying to save someone, if we were doing the right thing by breaking it, and if we wanted to push innovation. Well done everyone for your interesting ideas.

Year 7 continue to amaze us with how well they have settled into the academy. Our tutor event was incredibly well attended; it was fabulous to meet parents/carers again to share the positive examples of their child's start to secondary school.

### HABITS IN ACTION



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Well done to NDA students for being top of the regional Seneca board for the second week running! Keep up the good work!

# YEAR 7 MEET THE TUTOR

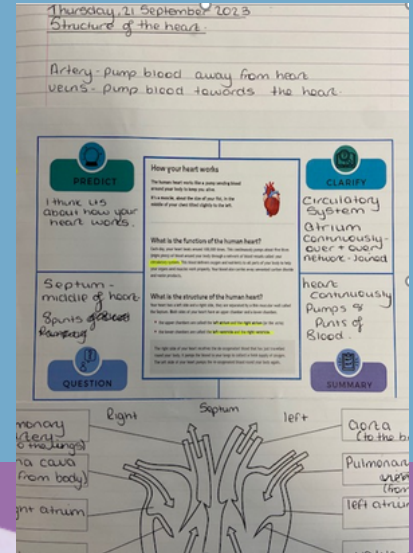
On Thursday 21 September, we welcomed the parents of our new Year 7 students into the academy to meet the year 7 tutor team.

Parents and students were given the opportunity to discuss their child's start at NDA and to ask any questions they may have had.

It was an absolute pleasure to have them in the academy and the response from our parents was extremely positive. They loved talking to staff and seeing the buzz around the building, when they popped into our Year 11 Revisionfest.

## READING FOR MEANING

A key teaching and learning focus at NDA is reading. We are exposing students to more text in lessons to ensure they learn the key skills necessary to decode what they are reading. When students are given text, they are asked to predict what the text is about, clarify any words they don't know, question anything they want to know more about, then summarise what the text was about. This is an important skill to learn which good readers do naturally when reading new content.



## Open Evening Thursday 12th October 4pm - 7pm

Join us for our open evening, where you can get to know our staff and students as well as explore our Academy.

No need to book, just come along!

“Ambitious and engaging curriculum that meets the needs of pupils is at the heart of what leaders do at this school”

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# The NDA SAFEGUARDING Team

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Head Teacher



**Mrs. Menear**  
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**Miss. Bownes**  
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**Miss. Gibbon**  
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Safeguarding Lead



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Safeguarding Lead

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