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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to update you on exciting NUASt developments as well as pointing out some important events. As from Monday 11th May formal exams begin for our Year 12s and our Year 10 engineers. Students should have a copy of their exam timetable and a list of equipment they must have, but if you are unsure please contact the academy reception team.

I am extremely impressed with all the effort our current students have made over the year to help us recruit more excellent students for next year. On Thursday 14th May, we will be holding a special evening event for next year's new students and families and so NUASt will close early next Thursday at 3.20pm. This will enable any current students who are involved in the event to go home and return in time for 7pm.

You may have read about our very successful official opening of NUASt on Thursday 23rd April. All of our partners were present including Toshiba and the University of Nottingham. Professor Jurgen Maier, the Chief Executive of Siemens UK was our special guest and in his speech, he was fully supportive of the work based ethos of our unique academy. Our students were outstanding with their politeness and enthusiasm and in fact two of them secured potential work experience opportunities that day! I am delighted with the coverage in the local media, which shows local businesses and employers very keen to work in partnership with NUASt. These are exciting times!

This third term is critical for all our students and so we are concentrating on driving up your child's progress in terms of grades and their attendance. I want students to enter Year 11 or Year 13, fully prepared for the year and so staff will expect excellent behaviour, full school uniform and a determination to succeed from all NUASt students. I want to prepare each student to take the opportunities local businesses and employers will offer to NUASt students and I know I can count on your support.

Further developments at NUASt include: -

- We hosted an Art exhibition for Dunkirk primary school children and families so our students could engage with the local community
- Toshiba and Siemens have branded two rooms at NUASt
- We have initiated and are developing a new partnership with SMS Electronics in Beeston
- The dining team are re-launching the food and drink provision at NUASt to improve their service
- We have had over 200 applications for next year's Year 12 cohort, starting in September 2015.

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At the end of this half term, on Friday 22nd May 2015, the academy will close slightly earlier at 12.30pm. Lunch will be available for those students who wish to eat at NUASt.

I have also attached a Parent Travel Plan questionnaire, if I could ask you to take a few moments of your time to complete and return this to the office by Friday 15th May.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at NUASt so we can improve the education experience of your child.

Yours sincerely



Harkireet Sohel
Principal

Parents

1. How does your child normally travel to / from school?

- a. Walk
- b. Cycle
- c. Car
- d. Car Share (with another child from your school)
- e. Taxi
- f. Bus
- g. Walk / Tram
- h. Car / Tram
- i. Walk / Train / Tram
- j. Car / Train / Tram
- k. Other (please describe)

2. Do you drop your child off / pick them up at or near the Academy as part of an onward journey?

Yes

No

3. If you answered Yes to Question 2, where do you drop off / pick up your child from?

- a. University Park Campus;
- b. Tenpin Bowling Alley;
- c. King's Meadow Campus; or
- d. Other

If you answered d. Other, please describe why you do not use one of the locations in a. b. or c.?

4. If you answered Yes to Question 2, why do you prefer to drive your child to school instead of public transport, cycling or walking?

5. If you live within walking or cycling distance of the Academy, how safe do you consider the route to be?

- a. Very safe
- b. Reasonably safe
- c. Unsafe

Please describe which aspects of the journey, if any, you feel are unsafe:

6. Are there any measures you feel would make your child's journey to school safer?

7. Do you feel you have been made aware of all available public transport journey options?

Yes

No

If you answered no, please describe any further information you would like to be provided with?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. The results will form part of the School Travel Plan which aims to make your child's journey to school safer, healthier and more sustainable.