



Friday 9 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all. I hope you and your families had a lovely festive break. Year 11 students have made an excellent start to the new calendar year where we are seeing a really positive attitude towards their learning as they approach the final stages of their time at NLS.

As we move into a new term I would like to take this opportunity to revisit our World Class Basics of uniform and punctuality. Wearing school uniform is an integral part of our school community in promoting positive attitudes as well as high standards, and this is being reinforced with students over the next fortnight in response to an increase in misdemeanours such as incorrect footwear and the wearing of school blazers. We will implement this in line with our behaviour and engagement policy and remind students through assemblies and tutor time of our processes and expectations. Likewise, punctuality and excellent attendance to school are an integral part of being ready to learn, therefore we will be working with students on the importance of being on site prior to 08.45am in readiness to be on time to lesson 1.

The focus for this half term during tutor time is continuing with DTTR block 2, where students will receive bespoke support on areas of academic development. There will also be PSHE sessions based around 'Gambling, Advertising and Marketing' comprising of sessions such as Probability and Luck, and Addiction and Mental Health. Students will also receive a number of assemblies linked to the upcoming Mock Exams, Prom, and the Year 11 Year Book.

North Leamington School Sixth Form Applications

A reminder that the deadline for students to apply to our Sixth Form is **Friday 16 January 2026**. All information regarding available courses, entry requirements and the application form can be found [here](#).

As Year 11 students approach interview season for either NLS Sixth Form or other college and higher education institutes, the following links provide additional guidance to support that was provided in the mock interviews back in November 2025.

College and 6th Form Interview Questions

College & Sixth Form Interview | Tips, Questions, and Answers Video

Online Safety Newsletter

As our Year 11 students spend increasing amounts of time online for study, revision and socialising, we would like to remind families of the importance of online safety. Please continue to talk with your child about responsible use of social media, privacy settings, and how to report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe online. Support and guidance for parents on keeping young people safe online can be found in our January Online Safety Newsletter. Please feel free to click on the link below:

[Online Safety Newsletter January 2026](#)

Upcoming Key Dates for Students (in school)

- **Thursday 15 January –Careers Fair and Post-16 Information** - We have secured around 30 external education and employer providers to support our annual Careers Fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with representatives from a wide selection of companies as well as local colleges. Students will receive a booklet to record the information that they find out during the event which will take the format of 'speed dating' where students will be able to ask a range of questions to gain further insight into what their next steps post Year 11 could be.
- **Friday 23 January 2026 – Mock Results Day** – to prepare students for the official results day in the summer, students will receive their grades for their mock exams completed in December 2025 during a tutor period in the theatre, just as they will in August 2026.
- **Week beginning 2 February and 9 February – February Mock Exams**
The first two stages of Mock Examinations, to prepare our students for the Summer Exams, went extremely well in October and December. We continue to be really proud of the way our students prepared for these and conducted themselves each day. We believe by giving students multiple opportunities to get used to the exam environment will inevitably support them in the long term, to help reduce levels of worry and anxiety. Familiarity in location and expectation is really important for success to happen this summer. We are now preparing students for the final window of Mock Examinations, which is mainly the same subjects as the first window in October, covering the core subjects, as well as Health and Social Care, BTEC Sport and Travel and Tourism. These will take place over two weeks. The timetable below will be shared with students in advance, so they have significant time to get ready and prepared. When students do not have an exam, they will be attending normal lessons. Please note all three Maths exams will be completed in this window.

	Mon 2 Feb	Tues 3 Feb	Weds 4 Feb	Thurs 5 Feb	Fri 6 Feb
08:45	Maths P1 (1h30)	BTEC SPORT (1h30)	BTEC T&T (1h)	Physics Triple (1h45) Combined (1h10)	
12:50		Chemistry Triple (1h45) Combined- (1h10)		Maths P2 (1h30)	
	Mon 9 Feb	Tues 10 Feb	Wed 11 Feb	Thurs 12 Feb	Fri 13 Feb
08:45	H&SC (2h)	English (1h45)			Maths P3 (1h30)
12:50			Y11 Biology Triple (1h45) Combined- (1h10)		

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!

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