



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your children had a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the new academic year we are excited to see our Year 8 students returning, ready to embark on another year of growth and learning. This year promises to be filled with exciting challenges and opportunities, both in and out of the classroom. We are committed to supporting your child's development and ensuring they have a successful and rewarding experience. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working together to make this year a great one for all our Year 8 students.

Learning Journeys

All our Learning Journeys, which contain curriculum information for all subjects, are available on our website within the Learn and Curriculum tab, linked here [Learning Journeys](#) within each subject.

In Year 8 within PSHE, students will be covering a variety of topics in Health & Wellbeing (Gambling and Crime in Society), Living in the Wider World (Careers, Digital Literacy) and Relationships (Black History Month and Anti Bullying) for example.

Careers in Year 8

In the summer newsletter, we requested some feedback on our careers provision. This to support a bid to achieve the National Quality in Careers Award. We really would welcome your support in completing this short survey, which will provide evidence for this bid. The survey can be found [here](#).

Last year students in Year 7 were introduced to the world of careers through their Tutor Time and PHSE curriculum. Some of the careers based learning they have discovered about are:

- How manage their transition to secondary school (Grow through life.)
- What skills they have, how to develop their employability skillset and how to have a Growth mindset (Grow through life.)
- Rights and responsibilities in the work place (Balance Life and Work.)
- How to make safe financial choices and budget (Balance Life and Work.)
- How to look after their mental health (Balance Life and Work.)

They also started to develop their understanding of Post 16 options and a range of different types of careers through:

- A post 16 careers event that focused on A levels and Apprenticeships hosted by an external provider from one of our local colleges. This included our own Year 13 Careers Student Leaders sharing their experiences here at NLS.
- Their subject curricula where subject teachers have shared information and real-life stories of a range of careers and routes to those careers that link to their subject.

Online Safety

You can find the latest Online Safety newsletter on our website, which includes information regarding the newest feature Snapchat have announced recently to help protect 13-17-year-olds. You can view the [Online Safety September Newsletter here](#).

A reminder your child's tutor should be your first point of contact if you have any questions and contact details of your child's tutor can be found in the [Meet the Team](#) section of our website.

Other key pages to use on our website include [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#), [Parentpay](#) and [Free School Meals](#) for those that may be eligible

Have a lovely weekend

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