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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter from the Sixth Form team. It has been a great start to the term, with students getting back into the routine following a lovely summer break. It is great to have some normality back at school and we hope to make this year special for all of the students in the Sixth Form, ensuring they have opportunities and fun along the way.

The focus for Year 12 in tutor time has been settling in and gaining advice on how to review their notes outside of lessons. Each student should be working on ways to cement their knowledge from lessons, ensuring they are going over information multiple times to prevent forgetting. Some useful techniques are writing questions and answers, mind mapping and Cornell notes taking; there will be favourite techniques for each individual. As parents or carers, do ask them, 'how have you reviewed your notes today?' and if you're feeling energetic, ask if you can test them on what they've learnt!

Year 13's main focus is UCAS and post 18 options. Writing personal statements is one of the most difficult tasks in life, but we are here to support this! Tutors have offered help and advice, with templates and feedback to ensure students' many drafts end up where they want it to be. This support continues throughout the term up until the key deadlines (see below). All students should have linked their UCAS accounts to the school so we can track and support them. Please can you remind your child to do this using the buzzword: NORTHEAM2022.

This term we are also putting on two extended PSHE sessions on a Friday afternoon, as previously advised. There are important topics to discuss with students, which will help them in their future after NLS. In order to cover these sensitively and thoroughly, the extended sessions will be on a Friday afternoon at 14:00-15:15. Our first session is on Friday 8th October and will be on STIs. Students will learn about what they are, how they can affect you and how to get help. This will be an interactive session in the theatre and is compulsory for all students.

Finally, our Student Leaders introduced themselves to the Sixth Form last week and spoke excellently on what they wish to achieve this year for the Sixth Form. The Charity Leaders and Diversity & Equality Leaders will be sending out an online form to ask students for their input on issues and charities they want to support this year. Please encourage your child to share their views.

Notices:

A reminder for parents and carers to email or telephone school if your child is unwell **before** 8.30am and each subsequent day that they are unable to attend. Email is sixthform@northleamington.co.uk or call 01926 338711.

With the transmission of Covid-19 still very evident, a reminder for your child to continue with the twice weekly LFTs and that if the LFT reports a positive result, the next step would be a PCR test bookable through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> with the need to isolate until the result comes through. Access for lessons during isolation via Teams is available but only if well enough to

do so. Please continue to notify positive cases to school through the usual absence procedure, notify NHS Track and Trace and follow all national guidance associated with reducing the risk of transmission.

If your child is having any medical treatment or there is any mental health information that you would like to make us aware of, please let the Sixth Form team know so we can ensure we give as much and appropriate support as we can. All information will of course be treated in the strictest confidence.

Finally, the tutors should be your first line of communication to the school. However, if you need to contact the Sixth Form team directly, please use the sixth form email address (sixthform@northleamington.co.uk) rather than individual email addresses to ensure your email can be replied to at the earliest opportunity.

A list of tutor email addresses is below for information.

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Key Dates Year 12 & Year 13

Date	Event	Year group
October 8	Friday SRE Session P5 – STIs	Year 12 & 13 – in the Theatre
October 13	School Deadline for Early UCAS applications	Year 13 – Oxbridge, Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry Applicants
October 18	Meet the Tutor Evening	Year 12
	Work Experience Launched	Year 12
October 22	UCAS Application First School Deadline to submit	Year 13
November 30	UCAS Application Final Deadline to submit	Year 13
November / December tbc	Friday Session P5 Drugs Awareness	Year 12 & 13 – in the Theatre
November tbc	Data 1	Year 12 & 13
February 7 - 11	Mock Exams	Year 12 & 13
February tbc	Data 2	Year 12 & 13
	Year 13 Tutor Reports	Year 13
March 7	Subject Evening	Year 13
March	Oxbridge Convention	Year 12
May 9	Subject Evening	Year 12
May	Data 3	Year 12 & 13
	Year 12 Tutor Reports	Year 12
June tbc	UCAS Launch	Year 12
June tbc	UCAS Exhibition	Year 12
June tbc	Prom	Year 13
June 27 to July 8	Progression Exams	Year 12
July 11 to 15	Work Experience Week	Year 12

Yours sincerely,

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