



Friday 12 December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers of Year 13 Students

I hope this letter finds you well.

Just a few reminders or things to flag...

1. UCAS Applications – Important Reminder of Deadline

It's good that we have now established something of a momentum with this – and many students have now submitted their application. However, a significant number are still yet to. Our internal deadline of the end of this term (i.e. December 19th) is designed to meet the needs of students and staff and also the externally set UCAS deadline of January 14th at 18:00.

If a student has not submitted by this point, then their application will not be treated equally with others by external organisations: in other words, they will more likely get 'left over' spaces which have not been allocated according to university admissions strategies and, in effect, they will likely have access only to the less-competitive organisations and courses where spaces may remain.

Such courses and organisations *can* be good but it is best to maximise opportunities and meet the deadline UCAS set!

So, please do check with your child to ensure they have submitted or to encourage action where needed.

Many thanks to all those who have been proactive and already done so...

2. Year 13 Parent Evening

This is Monday 15 December and a great opportunity to understand how to support your child in achieving their potential on a subject-specific level. Again, it's really appreciated that so many parents have already actioned this and registered for meetings.

If yet to, please see previous communications as to how you can still book meetings via School Cloud [Year 13 Subject Evening Letter](#)

3. Attendance, Punctuality, Dress Code and World Class Basics

The very vast majority of Year 13 are excellent in these areas of attendance, punctuality and Dress Code – what we include under the banner of World Class Basics. However, some students are sometimes a little remiss. We do believe attention to these areas supports high standards – and students are always reminded of their role-modelling responsibility for younger students.

So, please do remind your child (if needed) that:

- we start at 08:40 and they need to be through the school gates by then – otherwise, it impacts their own learning, that of others who have to wait while the teacher gets someone who has

arrived late up-to-speed and the perception of younger students. It's also, as we all know, important life lessons for the world of work...

- a reminder please, whenever possible, to support your child's attendance to maximise their learning.
- if individuals choose to not adhere to the Dress Code (which is designed to be as liberal as possible while retaining sight of role-modelling considerations and responsibilities) then weight is understandably lent to the argument of those who would prefer and advocate a 'suited and booted' approach

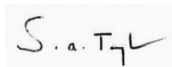
Again, thanks for all your on-going support in this!

Our Sixth Formers are brilliant and hopefully you understand the positive motivation for the content of this letter: it's about working collaboratively to support, ensure high standards and secure the positive achievement of those students who are soon to leave NLS for pastures new.

Next week, the Parent Bulletin will showcase some of the many wonderful things your children achieve here in the NLS Sixth Form.

As always, email or phone (Ext.8414) if you are unsure or have any queries.

Yours faithfully,



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