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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this finds you well, and that you feel your child has settled well back into the routine of school. This week, our Year 7 students have attended their first NLS school educational visit. Students visited Birmingham Botanical Gardens providing an opportunity to learn outside the classroom about different natural environments. This visit is one of many opportunities that have contributed to the school once again being awarded the British Council International School award. Students were brilliant ambassadors for our school and staff tutors really enjoyed time with their tutees as they are getting to know them in these first few weeks of school.

Over the course of the next few weeks staff will be talking to students about target grades and levels of progress within subject areas - I hope you found the update from Ms Foy last week helpful in signposting key information relevant to your child's stage in school. Thank you to those who have written in, quite rightly, a little confused about direct communication from a platform we use in some areas of school, SENECA. We have been in contact with them as these messages were sent in error by SENECA and should not have been sent. To confirm, all homework tasks are set via Go4Schools. Please continue to use Go4Schools— parents and carers do not need to access the SENECA platform.

It's always wonderfully busy and exciting here at NLS, not only are our children and young people working incredibly hard in lesson, some much wider work has been going on. Year 8's engaged in their first Careers event of the year this Tuesday, Year 12 & 13 students will access their Careers Fair next week. Students have been busy attending all manner of extracurricular clubs, a special mention to the Year 9, 10 and 11 Football Boys who all beat our local competitors, Kenilworth, Myton and Southam respectively! Congratulations to both Elsa and Isobel in Year 9 who have been awarded playing contracts for Birmingham City Football academy – rising superstars I am told!

Lastly as we head to the weekend, a thank you to all who have supported our Hello Yellow Day today in fundraising for YoungMinds, a mental health charity for young people. It's been great to see students wearing an item of yellow today, [NLS Website Latest News](#), from hair bands to socks to t-shirts and my favourite - a great bow tie!

Have a brilliant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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