



Friday 10 January

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and are ready for the year ahead. I have no doubt that 2025 will be our best year yet, filled with opportunities for growth and memorable experiences for our Year 10 students.

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 not wearing a tie at the end of last term. 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. The student dress code is outlined in our uniform policy, available in the uniform section on our website within the parent/carers tab [Uniform Information](#).

Likewise, punctuality and good 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 08.45 in readiness to be on time to lesson 1.

The focus for this half term during tutor time for Year 10s will be around the impacts of gambling where we will consider why young people gamble, the risks involved and discuss and understand what is gambling related harm. To support *living in the wider world* we will be discussing and understanding current events in the news.

We will take part in activities during Children's Mental Health Week, where we will be reminding students of the importance of looking after their wellbeing and signposting and reminding students of mental health support available both at NLS and externally through recommended agencies. Students will also have opportunities to discover a range of apprenticeships that are available in the different subject areas during National Apprenticeship Week towards the end of this half term.

Careers Fair

We have been lucky to secure around 30 external education and employer providers to support our annual Careers Fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with a range of local colleges, sixth form, and representatives from a wide selection of companies. Students will receive a booklet to record the information that they find out. The event itself 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.

As we move into the second term, there is so much to look forward to, including:

- The second **RE Mock Exam (February 12)** giving students valuable preparation for their GCSEs.
- **Subject Evening (3 March)** and **Revision Evening (2 April)** where we collaborate to support your child's academic journey
- A variety of trips and opportunities that some students are fortunate to be able to attend including Iceland and New York, Silver Duke of Edinburgh Training Weekend and the GCSE History trip to Battlefields of World War 1

With so many exciting events on the horizon, we are confident this term will be both enriching and rewarding for our Year 10s.

NYC Parent/Carer Evening

For those of you whose child is attending the New York City trip, I will be holding an **Information Evening** to provide you with the most up-to-date details available at this point.

During this session, I will cover:

- The **itinerary** for the trip
- Details about the **staff** accompanying the students
- Information on **accommodation** and **transportation**
- Expectations for student behaviour and preparation
- Guidance on **passports** and **ESTAs**

This meeting is an important opportunity to ensure you have all the necessary information and to address any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to seeing you there and working together to make this an unforgettable experience for your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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