

23 May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see how positively Year 11 students have started the GCSE summer exam season. They have approached this demanding period with impressive maturity and focus. In addition to lessons centred on final exam preparation, DTTR sessions during tutor time have provided valuable extra support. I continue to wish all students the very best for the remainder of their exams and look forward to celebrating their efforts and achievements on Monday 7 July at our Celebration Day, as well as on GCSE Results Day.

## Celebration Day – Monday 7 July

Once the exam season concludes, we look forward to Celebration Day on Monday 7 July for the majority of students. This special occasion includes activities in school during the day and the Prom in the evening—both memorable events that mark the end of an important chapter in students' lives. Invited students will have the opportunity to sign shirts, spend time with their peers and staff who have supported them throughout their journey, and collect their NLS Hoodie and Yearbook, if these have been pre-ordered.

Students who are invited should arrive at 10:30am, and the day will conclude at approximately 12:15pm.

## Leavers Hoodies

A final reminder that Year 11 Leavers Hoodies can be ordered up until **1 June 2025**, and they can be purchased directly from Stitch-Tech (<u>here</u>) for £22.50. These will be distributed to students on Monday 7 July during our Celebration Day.

#### Year 11 Prom

Tickets are still available to purchase on ParentPay for any invited student who wishes to attend the Year 11 Prom, taking place at Chesford Grange on Monday 7 July. Tickets are priced at £42.50 and can be purchased until Friday 6 June 2025. The event will begin at 7:00pm.

Consent for your child to attend the Prom must be provided via ParentPay, where you will also be asked to supply emergency contact details, medical information, and any dietary or allergy requirements. We have chosen a buffet menu for the evening, so it is essential that you share any dietary needs when completing the ParentPay form. Suitable vegetarian and vegan options will be available, and all dietary information will be clearly displayed on the night.

If we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour, either prior to or after signing up for the Prom, the student may be withdrawn from the event. In such cases, individual parents will be notified directly.

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### **GCSE Results Day**

GCSE results will be available for collection on Thursday 21 August 2025 between 9:00am and 10:00am. Students must collect their own results in person. For those unable to attend, results will be emailed to their school email address later that day.

Members of staff will be available to celebrate with students and provide support for any post-results queries.

On results day, we will also be enrolling students into the Sixth Form. Further information regarding this will be sent by the Sixth Form Team in due course.

Exam certificates typically arrive at school in December and will be posted to the address we have on file. If you move address before December 2025, please inform us at exams@northleamington.co.uk to ensure your certificates are sent to the correct address.

### **Student Locker Reminders**

Students who have been assigned a locker should ensure it is emptied and the key is returned to Student Services as soon as possible. Any lockers that are not emptied before the summer holidays will be cleared to make them ready for our new Year 7 students. If a student has lost their key, they should inform Student Services as soon as possible.

### **Uniform Donations**

We would greatly appreciate any donations of NLS uniform that Year 11 students no longer require after the exams have finished. These items will help support younger students who may need to borrow them in the future. Typically, students donate their items after their final exam or bring them to the Celebration Day on Monday 7 July but our reception staff will be available to receive donations at any time.

## New Year 12 Induction Day – Thursday 10 July

All Year 11 students who have applied to join the Sixth Form should have received a conditional offer via email. During the Induction Day, students will have the opportunity to meet the Sixth Form Team and their prospective peers, participate in taster lessons and team-building activities, and explore the dedicated Sixth Form areas.

We will send more details closer to the event and look forward to welcoming students on the day. We are excited for those joining the Sixth Form in September 2025 and are committed to supporting them through their final two years of study, as well as helping them prepare for their future beyond NLS.

## A message from Mr Lowdell

Given the extremely short nature of this term we will save our main bulletin until the end of the academic year. A brief note from me, on behalf of the school, to thank you as always for your continued support. Whether you are supporting your child through key terminal assessments, or helping them achieve the small milestones each day, your contribution is never underestimated. This term has been incredibly speedy but wonderful nonetheless. A couple of special notes and a well done to all those who are working hard through the exam season, our Gold DofE students for completing

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their 4 day expedition, Year 10 students who completed the Physics Olympiad and all those who continue to be rewarded daily for working hard in each lesson.

On a lighter note, a quick share as we head to the break. Every now and again I am reminded of what a brilliant, privileged and yet unpredictable job we all have here at school in working with young people. On one morning this term I was greeted by an incredibly excited lower school student who ran towards me to tell me we had two dinosaurs and a large shark on the school site... I was adamant this was unlikely only to be marched across the playground and proven wrong. Not only did we find these three characters, they were also being tailed by a large group of 6ft Smurfs!! For photos please see the latest news item as we said a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 13 students. Seeing them on their final full school day, amidst the pressures of exams and the prospect of next step destinations into adulthood is always a bittersweet moment but one where we really see the hard work of all pay off.

Have a great break and please do praise your young people for all their continued hard work.

# **Closing Paragraph**

As we approach the penultimate half term of students' journey at NLS, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past 15 months. Since taking over from Paige Clarke, it has been a pleasure working with you to support your child. I look forward to celebrating all that they have achieved through their hard work over the past five years.

While students are now officially on study leave, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your child's teachers if there is anything further we can do to support them.

I wish all parents, carers, and students a well-deserved and enjoyable half-term break.

Mr Butler | Head of Year 11

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