



Friday 28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the journey towards the summer 2025 examinations continues, I want to express my delight for the dedication and maturity Year 11 students have shown during this challenging period. It has been fantastic to see their high level of engagement in lessons, working diligently to stay organised and well-prepared for their final exams. While academics remain a key priority at school for Year 11 students, there is also a strong emphasis on the broader aspects of school life. This week, students attended a College assembly with their College Leader, where they reviewed reward points and attendance figures, comparing their performance with other colleges to foster a competitive spirit. We launched our second College Attendance Challenge, which takes place next week, where we challenge each student to make their attendance count and achieve 100% during the week. Additionally, upcoming charity and community events were highlighted, encouraging students to get involved, represent their College, and support important causes by raising money and awareness. Our next event being the Race for Life on Friday 21 March.

The recent (and final) mock exams have given students a valuable opportunity to apply their knowledge and exam techniques, with feedback from their subject teachers to follow soon. Now that the mock exams are complete—and after experiencing a mock GCSE results assembly last half term, simulating their real results day—students can now fully focus on the upcoming summer exams. To continue supporting students with their studies, I would like to remind you of the after-school sessions available to Year 11 students (3:20 – 4:00pm):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geography	English	Science	Maths	Drama
Food Technology	History	Art	Computer Science	
Product Design	German (Foundation)	French	German (Higher)	
Media Studies	Photography	Business Studies	Textiles	
GCSE PE			Photography	

All students have been issued a 'Passport to the Prom'. When a student attends a revision session, they can ask their teacher to sign their 'Passport' to confirm their attendance. Not only does this equate to free photographs at Prom, but it may also support students in demonstrating their efforts to attend revision sessions, which in turn will support their efforts to place themselves in the 'Green' category of the Celebration Day criteria (see below).

Year 11 Celebration Day – Monday 7 July 2025

While the summer exams remain the primary focus for all students, preparations are already underway for the Year 11 Celebration Day on Monday 7 July. In keeping with tradition, the day will include shirt signing, the distribution of Leavers' Hoodies and Yearbooks, and a final celebration assembly at school. The festivities will then conclude with the highly anticipated Year 11 Prom.



Although we would love for all students to attend and celebrate their past five years, it has been made clear that attendance is by invitation only. The criteria for this have been regularly communicated to students:

Criteria	Green	Amber	Red
Attendance	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Punctuality	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Behaviour	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Attendance to Revision Sessions	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Uniform	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Average	Celebration Day Invite	Senior Staff Decision	Not Invited

As there are five areas of criteria, the overall category will be determined on an average basis. The above criteria has been applied to the past 2 half terms (Autumn 2, and Spring 1) and where students have not fallen into the 'green' category, students have been informed where specifically they need to show improvements by their tutor.

This half-term, leading up to Easter, is the final opportunity for students to give themselves the best possible chance of success. This includes attending school punctually, demonstrating excellent behaviour and a positive attitude in lessons and revision/intervention sessions, and consistently wearing full, correct uniform. I hope you agree that the expectations for earning an invitation to the Celebration Day events are both fair and reasonable, especially for students preparing to sit their GCSE examinations.

Further details about Celebration Day, including information on purchasing Prom tickets, will be shared after Easter.

Year 11 Year Book

Over the past few weeks, Year 11 students have been invited to contribute to their Year Book. In recent years, students have loved contributing photos and messages to their Year Book, as well as nominating students for Awards, and (carefully) identifying celebrity look-a-likes for their teachers. Year Books can be purchased for £25 each on ParentPay, with a deadline of **Friday 7 March 2025**.

Please note: Working with our supplier we are endeavouring to complete the work so that the books can be printed and delivered in time for the Celebration Day means there can be only one print run; it will not be possible to place additional orders after Friday 7 March.

Year 11 Subject Evening - Monday 17 March 2025 (4.30pm – 7.15pm)

A reminder of the upcoming Year 11 Subject Evening. All bookings for the subject evening will be done via SchoolCloud. Appointments can be made from **Monday 3 March at 5pm** and will close on **Monday 17 March at 9am**.

A number of students may have two teachers in some subjects, and where this is the case the system will allocate you one of these to book with.

Students studying triple science will not be able to see teachers from all 3 disciplines due to the volume of students each of these teachers needs to see, but will be allocated one or two to see who will have information from across the course.

As this is a subject evening you will be unable to book appointments with your child's Form Tutor due to their subject commitments. If you do wish to speak to them at any point during the year then please contact them directly via e-mail.

The attached guide will step you through the process of booking appointments and includes the link that you need to follow.

All appointment lengths are 5 minutes, and we would encourage you to start with any specific questions to ensure there is sufficient time for these to be answered. If you need longer with a member of staff they may ask you to make an appointment to speak to them at another time, in order to keep the evening running smoothly. Members of the Senior Leadership team will be available for any general questions in the student services area.

The most recent attainment and engagement data and mock exam results will be available via GO 4 Schools in advance of the evening and we would encourage you to re-visit this prior to the appointment and to be ready to ask any specific questions you have.

If you have any issues or queries with booking appointments then please contact data@northleamington.co.uk.

I strongly urge all parents and carers to make appointments with subject teachers, and attend with their child to gain valuable feedback to support progress over the final few months.

Sixth Form

No doubt you saw Mr Lowdell's communication about our post-16 results being the highest of all Warwickshire schools – as well as our being in the Top 3% in the whole country. This is irrespective of whether a state, private, public school – a wonderful achievement. For those students who have applied to our Sixth Form the next step is that interviews will be taking place over a two period starting from March 24. Students will be advised of their interview slot shortly. Please be reassured this is an informal process and an opportunity for students to ask questions they may have.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler