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Dear Parents and Carers

I do hope this finds you well. I write today ahead of next week's termly bulletin where I will reflect on the terms highlights with general housekeeping updates so to speak.

End of Term arrangements

The last day of this term is Friday 16th December, students will follow their normal teaching timetable P1-3, with year group celebration assemblies taking place sometime throughout their morning. Students will return to their Tutor Group at the end of Lesson 3 before being dismissed from site at 12:30pm. Those students who travel to and from school on a bus will also depart at 12:30pm. Students will return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023 after the festive break. Year 11 students will continue their mock exams next week as already published.

Christmas charity events

Thank you to those who have donated to the Tutor Christmas Hamper appeal. If you have not yet done so, final donations can be given on Monday 12th December before parcels are assembled and delivered to members of our local community. Likewise, a further thank you to those who supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day today, it's great to see so many festive jumpers worn in such a good cause.

Scarlett Fever

The Director of Public Health, Dr Shade Agboola, has written to all educational settings to inform us of persistently high incidents of scarlet fever and invasive group A strep above current seasonal expected levels within the community. I have attached an FAQ sheet should you have any concerns, we here at school work closely with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), reporting incidents as directed and will keep you updated should we have any further information.

We ask

- If any student is diagnosed with scarlet fever/streptococcal infection please contact the school and keep your child at home until 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment.
- Encourage children and young people to implement good [hand hygiene](#) practices.
- Encourage children and young people to implement good [respiratory hygiene](#) practices.

Go4Schools

The first data reports for all students are now available on Go4Schools. These can be accessed by going to the web-based view of Go4Schools and selecting the Reports menu. If you have not yet accessed Go4Schools please see the [dedicated page](#) of our school website for help. Further information regarding our reporting system can also be found [here](#). During this term we have had digital literacy

focus sessions and assemblies where students have been supported in developing their understanding in areas such as how to use their Go4Schools app, access school e-mails effectively, utilise Office 365 applications, organise digital work and more. This learning will continue throughout their time at NLS, as part of our digital literacy curriculum which has been designed to support students in gaining the skills and knowledge to be able to utilise information technologies and the Internet in a safe and effective manner. An overview of this learning journey can be found on the [digital literacy page](#) of our website.

Lateness to school

As the weather changes and more students make their way to school by car and roads naturally become busier, can I remind you of the importance of supporting your child in arriving to school on time. Learning starts in classrooms at 8:50am, they should be on site well in advance to be prepared fully for the start of the day. All school entrance gates are open from 8am, the Canteen and Library are both places students can use should they arrive early to school. The school car park and alternative entrances are very busy between 8:40am and 8:50am, please do drop your child earlier rather than later to support a smooth start to the day.

Severe Weather

Please do familiarise yourself with our Severe Weather Policy, found [here](#) on our website, in the unlikely event of a school closure please be aware of our expected practice and methods of communication.

Subject evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers of Year 11 students who attended your child's subject evening last week it was lovely to have you in school. A reminder for all parents and carers of upcoming evenings this year

Year 9 – 16th January

Year 7 – 23rd January

Year 10 – 27th February

Year 13 – 13th March

Year 11 (2nd) – 27th March

Year 8 – 24th April

Year 12 – 15th May

SEND Public Consultations

Warwickshire County Council has launched two 12-week public consultations in relation to the support for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) – please see attached document.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher