## 10 November 2023

## Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I do hope you and your family had a great half term. As ever we are straight back to business here at NLS, students have returned well and continue to progress through their learning journeys at their respective stage.

On Thursday evening this week we were delighted to welcome over 400 visitors to our site for our Sixth Form Open Evening. It was great to see so many current Year 11 students and their families as well as a number of external students considering our Post 16 provision as their next step destination. A huge thank you to all our current sixth formers who supported a wonderful event – they were polite, helpful, informative and confident when talking to prospective students and families.

Year group specific communications have been sent to parents/carers in Years 7-11 today. Please do take the time to read these. They include information in relation to careers, vaccinations, Anti-Bullying Week and other relevant information specific to year groups.

This morning the whole of the student and staff body came together outside in the courtyard for a Remembrance Service.



















Many of you will be aware we organise this each year to reflect, contemplate and remember the service and sacrifice of those in the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth, along with young people from our own school. Ms Jones led the service this year and not only reflected on the lives lost in the Great Wars but also communities shattered by the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza. This time last year we witnessed the terrible events in Ukraine, we paused for thought today for all those much less fortunate than ourselves and paid thanks to those who have given their lives for our futures.

I hope many of you get to a service or take time to watch the National Remembrance on the television this weekend. A thank you and well done to Zach, Alex, Kaddy, Harry, Tyler, Sam, Laurie, Maisie, Lacey, Martin, Grace and Shingai who played a significant role in our service today.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell Head Teacher















