Friday 6 November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to begin by congratulating our Year 11 students on the fantastic attitude and commitment they showed during their recent mock examinations in October. They approached the exam period with maturity, determination and a real sense of purpose, and their behaviour throughout was excellent. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves.

These examinations provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience the demands of formal exams and reflect on their preparation. The experience they have gained, particularly in managing their time, maintaining concentration and developing resilience, will be extremely beneficial as they work towards their next set of mocks and their final examinations.

Upcoming Mock Examinations

Our next mock examination period will take place during the weeks beginning **Monday 7 December and Monday 14 December**. This round of examinations will cover a broader range of subjects, giving students further opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. Further details will be communicated next week.

Maintaining High Expectations

As we move closer to the next mock examinations and, ultimately, the summer examinations, it is essential that every student makes the most of the opportunities available to them. We ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child:

- Attends school every day and arrives punctually.
- Maintains a positive attitude and demonstrates excellent behaviour in all lessons.
- Engages fully in additional revision and intervention sessions.
- Wears full school uniform correctly at all times.

These everyday expectations play an important role in helping students achieve their full potential.

Remembrance Day – Wednesday 11 November

On Wednesday 11 November, our whole school community will come together to mark Remembrance Day. This will provide an opportunity for us to reflect, remember and pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed for others.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Wednesday 11 November

A reminder our Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on **Wednesday 11 November from 6.00 to 8.00pm**. This is an excellent opportunity for students to explore what our Sixth Form has to offer, find out more about the subjects available and consider their next steps beyond Year 11. We encourage students to attend and make the most of this opportunity.

Year 11 Subject Evenings – Advance Notice

We would also like to remind parents and carers, as detailed in our school calendar, our first Year 11 Subject Evening, takes place on **Monday 30 November 2026**.

This will be an important opportunity to meet with subject teachers, discuss your child's progress and consider any areas where further support or preparation may be beneficial. Details of how to book appointments and the arrangements for the evening will be shared in my letter next Friday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working alongside us to ensure that our Year 11 students achieve the very best they can. This is an important stage in their education, and by working together we can help them approach the months ahead with confidence, motivation and ambition.

Family Support

As parents and carers, we know that supporting teenagers through adolescence can sometimes bring its own challenges. Understanding the changes they experience, knowing how best to communicate with them and supporting their wellbeing are all important parts of this journey. Our Family Support Team has organised two workshops at NLS which we hope you may find helpful:

Understanding Your Teenager - This workshop will explore the changes that young people experience during adolescence, including their emotional, social and developmental needs. It will offer an opportunity to gain a better understanding of teenage behaviour, the challenges young people may face and ways in which we can support them as they become more independent.

Teenagers and Sleep - Sleep plays an important role in young people's physical health, emotional wellbeing and ability to learn. This workshop will look at why sleep is so important during the teenage years, some of the common difficulties teenagers experience with sleep and practical strategies that parents and carers can use to help establish healthy sleep routines.

We would warmly encourage you to consider attending either or both workshops if you feel they could be useful to you or your family. They are a great opportunity to gain advice, share experiences and explore practical ways to support your teenager. Further information, including dates and details of how to attend, will be available on the school website. We hope you will find these opportunities useful and look forward to welcoming you.

Finally, I will be in touch again next week with some further information about the GCSE mock examinations taking place in December. This will include some important details to help you and your child prepare for this next stage of their Year 11 journey.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,



Alan Boyes
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