



Friday 28 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many of you at last week's Year 11 Subject Evening. I hope you found it useful in obtaining feedback on how your child can improve during these final few weeks before the summer GCSE exams begin. As we approach the examination season, I would like to share some key messages with you.

Study Leave

Study leave will commence on **Thursday 15 May 2025**, after the morning Maths exam. Students who have a German exam in the afternoon will remain on-site for a revision lesson during Period 3 with their German teacher. Please note that there will be no signing of shirts or any celebrations on this day. Once the exam period begins, we believe the focus should remain on exams without distractions. A celebration event is scheduled for Monday 7 July (further details below).

From Thursday 15 May, students will have the option to study at home. However, they are still welcome to attend school for additional support from teachers in their timetabled lessons until they have completed their final exam in that subject. The library will also be available for personal study, and students can come in for support, if students feel they need a base for a short period of time. I understand that most students may prefer to revise at home but may also wish to attend selected lessons. Unless they have an exam, students must sign in and out through reception upon arrival and departure. Please remember when onsite the normal levels of behaviour and conduct are expected from students and are to be in full school uniform.

Summer Exams

Our students have demonstrated throughout this year that they are well prepared for the Summer exam season. I just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality that a student is unable to attend an exam or is impacted by circumstances beyond their control, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this. Where it is not possible at the last moment for a student to sit an examination, due to temporary illness, injury etc., or there is some other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment** then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body, in line with the [JCQ Guidance for Special Consideration](#) and only goes a small way to compensating for any situation rather than replicating necessarily the student's full capability. **Wherever possible it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.**

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have done.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why.

- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc. please inform the exams team as soon as possible by e-mailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.

The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed if it was appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body, in line with the guidance.

If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk

Exam Contingency Day

Please be aware that **Monday 9 June (PM only)** and **Wednesday 25 June (Full day)** are designated **exam contingency periods of time**. These dates are set aside in case any exams are cancelled and need to be rescheduled. Please ensure your child remains available on these days.

Celebration Day and Prom

When all exams are over, on **Monday 7 July, for the majority of students**, we have the celebration day, which includes activities in school and the Prom in the evening. This is a very special day and something to look forward to in the near future. Students invited will be able to sign shirts, meet with their peers and staff that have supported them over the past few years. Students will also be able to collect their NLS Hoodie and Year Book if these have been ordered.

I will write to you to inform you when tickets are available to purchase for the Year 11 Prom, taking place at Chesford Grange on Monday 7 July.

Leavers Hoodies

We are currently working with **Stitch-Tech** who are the embroidery company who will produce the Year 11 Leavers Hoodies. You will be able to purchase them directly from Stitch-Tech. Once they are ready to take orders, I will provide further details.

Results Day Year 11

A reminder that results day for Year 11 is on Thursday 21 August. Results are available between 9am and 10am. Students must collect their own results and for any students not able to attend, results will be e-mailed to their school e-mail address later that day.

Members of staff will be on hand to both celebrate with students and to support as required with any post-results queries. On results day we will also be enrolling students to the Sixth Form. More information regarding this will be sent by the Sixth Form Team in due course.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Butler | Head of Year 11

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