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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all. The vast majority of students have returned to school with a really positive attitude, and this is evident in their uniform, positive behaviours, and proactive approach, which is very encouraging.

MOCK EXAMINATION WINDOW 3

The first two stages of Mock Examinations, to prepare our students for the Summer Exams, went extremely well in October. We continue to be really proud of the way our students prepared for these and conducted themselves each day. We believe giving students multiple opportunities to get used to the exam environment will inevitably support them in the long term to reduce levels of worry and anxiety. Familiarity in location and expectation is really important for success to happen next Summer.

The next set of Mock Examinations will take place in the final week of this half term from Monday 13 February through to Friday 17 February.

The timetable below will be shared with students 4 weeks in advance so they have significant time to get ready and prepared. When students do not have an exam, they will be attending normal lessons.

*Please note all three Maths Exams will be completed in this window.

	Mon 13 th Feb	Tues 14 th Feb	Weds 15 th Feb	Thurs 16 th Feb	Fri 17 th Feb
09:00	Y11 Maths Paper 1 (1h30) Non-Calculator	No Exam	Y11 English Language (1h45)	Y11 Maths Paper 3 (1h30) Calculator	No Exam
13:00	Y11 Biology triple 1h45 combined 1h10	Y11 Maths Paper 2 (1h30) Calculator	Y11 Chemistry triple 1h45 combined 1h10	Y11 Physics triple 1h45 combined 1h10	No Exam

Pre-Christmas Examination Window

Results from these Mock Examinations will be shared with students on Friday 20th January in a special assembly, in the same style as an August results day.

Y11 Parents Evening

A further reminder that our second Y11 Parents Evenings is on Monday 27th March. Further information will be sent closer to the time. We really value your time to attend this very important

evening so you can have a greater awareness of the support you can offer at home. It really is an evening not to be missed. Can you please note the date in your diaries.

Tips of the trade supporting your child through Exams

The two PiXL documents attached - Spacing and Timing of Revision and The Chunking Technique – are information for parents and carers to support their child at this very busy time.

Revision after school sessions

An after school subject revision timetable will be created and available on the website by the end of January. This formally starts where each night Monday to Friday you will know which subjects are offering revision sessions for your child to attend. These sessions will commence the first week before February Half Term. Please encourage your child to attend as many as possible. Our Year 11 reward scheme called 'Passport to the Prom' will run simultaneously to this where students can stamp a Passport and get rewards for attendance in the shape of free photographs at the Prom. On some of these evenings we will be doing 'Pizza nights' as a thank you to our students.

Independent Advice and Guidance - Careers Interviews:

103 Year 11 students have now had the opportunity to have a 1:1 careers interview with a Careers Adviser. This is a great opportunity to receive independent advice on the options open to students based on their aspirations, skills, and abilities. Action plans will be e-mailed to parents over the coming weeks, for those who have not yet received them, and those that are currently taking place.

A reminder it is a legal requirement that students undertake one of the following until they are 18:

- stay in full-time education, for example Sixth Form or a College
- start an [apprenticeship](#) or [traineeship](#) (these links will take you to the Government websites where you can find more information.)
- spend 20 hours or more a week working or volunteering, while in part-time education or training

NLS Sixth Form:

A reminder that the deadline for applications to join the Sixth Form here at NLS is January 20th. The application can be found [here](#)

Leavers Assembly and Prom:

The date for both events is July 3rd. We've secured Chesford Grange for the Prom venue and it should be an amazing event to mark what will be the 'end of an era' for our Year 11 students. All students will have the opportunity to attend and we very much hope that all will. However, as for all previous years, this is dependent on students exhibiting the behaviours over the coming months that will allow them to maximise their success in the summer exams.

Yours sincerely

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