



10 January 2025

Dear Parents, Carers

I hope you had a terrific Christmas break.

This letter contains some key reminders as well as pointers for things you need to be aware of.

1. UCAS – Very Imminent Deadlines (Year 13) and Early Starters (Year 12)

Nearly every Year 13 student has now completed a UCAS application– which is great. We have contacted the parents of those who are yet to as well as students – we do not compel an application, of course, and will defer to the student’s personal preference but we believe it is good to have it as an option as minds do get changed.

The external, UCAS deadline is the end of January so please check-in with your child if they are yet to submit and ensure you are all happy if they are electing to not make an application.

As said before, those forward-thinking Year 12 and their families can get a head-start (ahead of our hard launch in June’s Future Pathways Week) by exploring the [UCAS Website](#).

2. World Class Basics

Just a gentle reminder for parents to please continue to support us in ensuring students adhere to the World Class Basics: on punctuality, attendance, dress code and device usage:

- Period 1 starts at 08:45 – irrespective of whether a student has a lesson, they need to be on-site by 08:40 each day

It is great so many parents ensure their children are dropped off on time but please recall that the first lane (nearest the school building) should not be used as this is reserved for buses etc.

- Any absence needs to be reported by 08:30 on the day of the absence – and communication had for each day a student is away (e.g. one call or email on the Monday does not cover an ongoing absence on the Tuesday or Wednesday)
- There are many competing views on Dress Code and the one we have strikes a reasonable balance between creative freedom, basic standards and role modelling for others: please ensure your children continue to stick to this code – refer to page 5 at the link: [Uniform Policy](#)
- Students can make use of devices (ear pods, phones etc) in the designated spaces. In other spaces, they need to ensure devices are away and out-of-sight – again to role model for the wider school community.

The vast majority do adhere to these World Class Basics, but please refer to previous communications or email us if you need reminders about the sanctions process or have any views you wish to share.

3. Upcoming Events

Please refer to recent communications (e.g. Parent Bulletin just before Christmas) for a reminder of upcoming events but please be especially mindful of the fact that there are Mock Exams for both Year 12 and Year 13 at the start of February. The timetable will be shared with students and is also available on the exams section of our website [Mock Exam Timetable](#). It is Children's Mental Health Week in February and we will be reminding students of the importance of looking after their wellbeing and signposting and reminding students of mental health support available both at NLS and externally through recommended agencies

4. Points of Contact

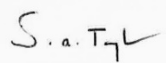
At any point, please do make contact:

- Year 12 student queries, Steve Taylor: staylor@northleamington.co.uk
- Year 13 student queries, Miles Schofield: mschofield@northleamington.co.uk
- Head of Sixth Form, Steve Taylor: staylor@northleamington.co.uk
- Welfare, Attendance & Study Support Officer, Kimberley Lunn: klunn@northleamington.co.uk
- Sixth Form Manager (administrative queries), Nic Short: nshort@northleamington.co.uk

Alternatively, you can email your child's tutor: [Link to list of tutors and their email](#)

I hope you have a restful and pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Steven Taylor

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