



Friday 11 October

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is so surprising that six weeks have passed since the start of term. It has been a busy, productive and successful start to Year 9 for the vast majority of our students. It amazes me to see how hard they work in lessons and how appreciative their teachers are of their efforts. Year 9 have gained an amazing 15,276 rewards points so far this half term.

The Year 9 Netball Team did us all proud in September with an outstanding victory against Kingsley. It was a hard-fought match and our girls won 12-7 (they pulled it back to win in the last quarter of the game!). Well done to our players and those nominated as players of the match.

Congratulations on their brilliant win!



In our tutor-time students have been discussing combatting and fighting extremism and terrorism, and also how to recognise radicalisation. In assembly last week, I talked about vaping and use of e-cigarettes, and what the consequences of using these products can be for young people.

### **International Schools Opportunity**

I am pleased to inform you about an exciting opportunity that is available for your child to apply for. We have secured some funding, from the Turing Scheme, to take twelve students to visit our partner school (Anjuman l' Islam Girls High School) in Mumbai, India. Six of the places have been specified for Year 9 students. This visit will take place between Sunday 23 March and Saturday 29 March 2025. Two members of staff will also be attending. Students will have the opportunity to be involved in lessons with students from our partner school. The full proposed itinerary (which may be subject to change) is detailed below. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with students in another culture and experience school in a different setting.

If your child would like to apply to come on this trip they will need to fill in the application form (which is below and also attached separately) and you will need to give your consent. All applications will be considered and the students with the strongest applications, particularly linking to any work they have done as an International Leader or through opportunities they have enjoyed during the wide variety of International School projects throughout their time at NLS, will be selected. These opportunities may have included trips in Year 7, workshops in Year 8 and the numerous activities within tutor time

and in the curriculum as outlined on the Learning Journey (further information is available on the website at the [International School Website Page](#) within the Learn tab.)

The deadline for applications is Monday 4 November. Students should return the application in an envelope addressed to Mrs Harding via Student Services or by email ([rharding@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:rharding@northleamington.co.uk).) If there are any queries, please do make contact with Mrs Harding. You, and your child, will be informed by Friday 22 November via email if your child has been successful.

We anticipate this opportunity being very popular so please help to manage your child's expectations by reminding them that it is an application process.

This is a great opportunity which is heavily subsidised. This means the cost to students will be £250 – for those students who attract Pupil Premium funding (primarily those with Free School Meals) or for those who have SEN status this charge will not apply. For those successful in their application a deposit of £50 will then be payable by 10 December 2024 and the remaining £200 by Friday 17 January 2025. This is non-refundable and will include travel, food, accommodation, excursions and insurance.

If your child is successful, students will need their own passport. Parents/carers will need to fund their required visas (up to £127 for a tourist UK to India visa, e-visas where appropriate are less) and vaccinations (Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Tetanus and Typhoid) which are usually available on the NHS. We will need proof from your GP surgery that your child has had these vaccinations before they can travel. For any students who attract Pupil Premium funding, or those who have SEN status, the cost of the visas will be covered.

We will be flying from Heathrow airport direct to Mumbai. Travel to Heathrow is included.

As with any trip, there are inevitable Health & Safety (H&S) risks. Please be assured that we undertake strict H&S processes and complete Risk Assessments. We recommend parents/carers explore the potential issues with visiting specific areas of the world (see note about vaccinations) and content themselves before signing the consent form. The [Government website for foreign travel advice - India](#) maybe a useful start in your research.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

I am sure this will prove to be a fantastic opportunity for a number of our terrific students.

A letter is also included today from Mr Barrett as a final reminder that Year 9 students have the opportunity to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and need to register via ParentPay by **23 October 2024**. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme is another fantastic opportunity available to students as part of our wider curriculum.

With my best regards,

Alan Boyes

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	11am meet at NLS.  Coach to Heathrow airport.	Arrive at Mumabi - 06:55  School - Joint activity	School (7.30-12.30)	School (7.30-12.30)	Guided tour of key sites	Visiting significant cultural sites such as the Gateway of India and potentially the Elephanta caves tour.	Arrive in Heathrow at 7.20 Heathrow Terminal 5.  Arrive back at NLS at 10am.
Afternoon	16.25 Fly to Mumbai from Heathrow airport	Joint activity with the school	Meeting with Student Leaders (Joint activity)	Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya (Museum dedicated to Gandhi)	Nehru museums including the Planetarium (History/Geography and Science)	Sightseeing and shopping (Crawford market?)	
Evening	Fly	Dinner at a local authentic restaurant	Dinner at a local authentic restaurant	Pizza dinner by the beach	Dinner at a local authentic restaurant	Dinner at a local authentic restaurant  Then fly at 02.15am back to the UK	

## Application for the trip to India, March 2025

Name:

Year group:

Age on the trip:

<p>How will this trip benefit you academically and more personally? What skills would you develop if you came on this trip? <b>Maximum 100 words</b></p>	
<p>Which International Schools opportunities at NLS have you taken part in or contributed towards? How have you contributed to these projects? <b>Maximum 100 words</b></p>	

Please tick below.

I consent to my child .....  
to potentially attend the trip to India and will cover the costs of all required visas plus the £250 contribution.

I consent to photos/videos of my child being taken on this trip and being used to support the project in both schools. These will be used and shared within the local community in India and relayed back to the UK for use across the school's digital media and website, internal and external promotional activity and displays and within the media. I also consent to the use of my child's personal data for necessary travel and organisation purposes and that these can be shared with third parties.

(NLS is fully compliant with its GDPR responsibilities and the use of personal data. For further information please see our privacy policy on our website)

Signed..... (Parent/Carer)

Full name .....

Date .....