



22 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are well and that your child continues to enjoy life here at NLS Sixth Form.

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

1. Summary of and Response to Student and Parent Voice

After both the Year 12 and Year 13 Parent Evening – the latter of which is imminent, we invite parents to feedback on our standard parent survey document which is used across all year groups. At a later date, we will publish the outcomes of those surveys and what we are doing or intend to do as a response.

At the start of each year, and to complement the above from Parent Evening, we canvass Year 12 students and parents specifically on the transition in to Sixth Form. We complement this by canvassing Year 13 students and parents at the end of the year to review their overall Sixth Form experience. Below are summary headlines of what has been fed-back to us.

The transition into Year 12 continues to be a positive experience, with students very happy to advocate our Sixth Form provision and parents reassured with how their children have settled in:

- Students come to NLS Sixth Form as they are confident in the great academic outcomes we help our students achieve
- Students appreciate the greater sense of independence, coupled with the support of great teachers and strong pastoral care
- Enrichment continues to be a hugely popular element of our curriculum offer – the benefits are far reaching and the breadth of offer means there is something for everyone

Students have raised some areas where we could look to further enhance our provision:

- Demonstrate how the student voice is used by showcasing the improvements being made off the back of it
- Explore opportunities for Sixth Form catering facilities and capacity of social spaces
- Review the Tutor Time and PSHE curriculums content and work with Tutors on how it is best delivered to strengthen student engagement

In terms of associated actions, we have initiated conversations around enhancements to the Tutor Time and PSHE curriculums and we have brokered links between student leadership and catering providers – with some immediate impact seen already. Meanwhile (and even though our dedicated Sixth Form facility is very rich compared to most post-16), we have increased the study space available to us by beginning a process of converting the C2.08 room which adjoins the C2.07 Study Room.

Parental feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. See below for response to the question: What has been good about your NLS Sixth Form experience so far?

- *'Every effort has been made to help her settle in, feels like she's been at NLS for years!'*
- *'Seamless transition'*

- *'She has settled in well and enjoys the increased freedom and more 'grown up' approach, and the freedom to make her own choices about what she wears'*
- *'Our son wanted to change one of his A Level subjects as it wasn't really hitting the mark for him. The process for managing the subject change was handled well'*
- *'Good communication between parents and school'*
- *'The teaching, the extra- curricular activities, the communication with families, the pastoral care'*
- *'High standards expected, sets young adults up well for the world outside of school / sixth form. Students are supported well'*
- *'Emphasis on hard work!!'*
- *'(Name) is enjoying his A levels, he appears well supported and looking forward to completing Gold D of E'*
- *'The communication to parents but more importantly the learning platform for my daughter and the quality of teaching she has so far received'*
- *'Teacher support and encouragement'*
- *'Enthusiasm of the teachers'*

We will continue to respond to Student and Parent Voice with all of this feedback in mind to enhance all we do here in the Sixth Form at NLS.

2. GCSE and EPQ Examination Certificates

EPQ and GCSE certificates for students who joined Sixth Form will be passed on week commencing Monday December 2. Students will have to sign that they have received these certificates.

Parents need to know that students should be bringing certificates home in that week commencing 2 December 2024 and that these certificates must be kept safely. If they are lost, replacements can **only** be obtained from the exam board(s) which will incur a cost.

3. 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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