



Friday 8 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to express how proud I am of our Year 11 students following their recent mock exams in October. They demonstrated an excellent level of commitment, maturity, and determination throughout the exam period, and their conduct has been exemplary.

I am pleased with the way students approached these exams and I am confident that this experience will be invaluable as they continue preparing for their next set of mocks and the real exams in the summer of 2025. The skills they have developed in terms of time management, focus, and resilience will undoubtedly stand them in good stead for the challenges ahead.

The next mock exam window is week beginning Monday 9 December and Monday 16 December, which will include a wider range of subjects for students to apply their knowledge to. More information will be shared in a couple of weeks.

### Year 11 Celebration Day – Monday 7 July 2025

Year 11 students will conclude their final year at NLS with a Celebration Day on Monday 7 July 2025. In keeping with past traditions, this will consist of a shirt signing, the distribution of Leavers Hoodies and Year Books (if ordered) and (a final!) celebration assembly within school. The day will conclude with the Year 11 Prom at Chesford Grange. Whilst we would like all students to attend and celebrate the past five years it will be on an invitation only basis and the following criteria was shared with students in a recent assembly:

Criteria	Green	Amber	Red
Attendance	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Punctuality	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Behaviour	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Attendance to Revision Sessions	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Uniform	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Average	Celebration Day Invite	SLT Decision	Not Invited

The above criteria will be applied to each of the next three half terms (including this current half term), where at the end of each half term, individual analysis of the above will be completed. As there are five areas of criteria, the overall category will be determined on an average basis.

For example, if a student has excellent attendance, behaviour and uniform, but their punctuality and attendance to revision sessions requires improvement, they would be placed in the Green category

overall. Where students fall into the 'Amber' and 'Red' categories overall, they will be made aware of the area(s) that need to be addressed.

During the build up to the mock and final exams, it is crucial that students give themselves the best possible chance of being successful by attending and being punctual to school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitude in lessons and additional revision/intervention sessions, and are wearing their full uniform at all times.

### **Year 11 Subject Evenings in Year 11 - Advance Warning**

I would like to remind you the first of two Year 11 Subject Evenings is approaching. **Monday 2 December 2024** is the first of these opportunities to come into school and speak with subject staff regarding your child's progress. Information on how and when to make appointments will be shared next Friday.

### **Sixth Form Open Evening**

It was lovely to see so many Year 11 students who were able to join us at our Sixth Form Open Evening last night; I hope you found it informative and enjoyable. If you were unable to attend please do not hesitate to ask myself or the Sixth Form Team if you have any questions. A reminder to all that the Admissions Form is online and can be found on the Sixth Form Website page [NLS Sixth Form Admissions Form](#). Applications are to be submitted by Friday 17 January 2025.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to achieve their best. We look forward to working closely with you as we guide them through this pivotal stage in their education.

Have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler  
Year 11 Lead