



28 February 2025

Dear Parents, Carers of Sixth Form students

I hope you are well and are enjoying the fact spring seems to have tentatively 'sprung'!

No doubt you saw Mr Lowdell's communication about our post-16 results being the highest of all Warwickshire schools – as well as our being in the Top 3% in the whole country. This is irrespective of whether a state, private, public school – a wonderful achievement. While this is the highest we have performed academically, this is part of a sustained trend of high performance and the on-going culture of 'high challenge, deep support' is something parents contribute so vitally to.

So, thanks for all you continue to do.

As always, we are keen to assert that we do all we can to develop your children **holistically**: we resist what some term the 'exam factory' approach to education and we believe that the superb results achieved at NLS can only really be had when attention is paid to the 'whole child' or young person.

1. Mock Results and Data 2

Following the recent round of Mock Exams, just to flag to you that students should receive their results next week. The week after is scheduled to see the publication of the latest student data – Mock Exam results will help inform the predicted grades which you see then. We will implement support packages for students where needed via our SIT process but please do discuss performance with your children and speak with us or subject-specific teachers if you need to.

2. Year 13 Yearbooks and Leaving Arrangements

The Year 13 Yearbooks (while not yet complete) are now available to pre-order at £10 each.

Please go online to www.parentpay.com

Students are being invited to make contributions and Student Leaders are driving the project.

As part of the process for marking Y13's gradual 'flying of the NLS nest', a reminder: Prom is 30 June 2025 and will be at Chesford Grange Hotel.

Please ensure that your children do not book any holidays until the Exam Season is fully complete.

Your children may see exam dates published for their subjects but be aware that there is an "Exam Contingency" date - which is used if any scheduled exams have to be sat at a different time for whatever reason.

So, by all means book holidays in the cheaper period before the end of the school term proper but:

1. It cannot be before Thursday June 26th
2. It ideally would be after Monday June 30th so students can go to Prom

3 Y12 & Y13 Privileges

We are reviewing the privileges available to Sixth Form students.

We are proud of the balance we strike here: there is an effective blend of expectation and high, group standard offset by freedom of choice. However, we need to ensure students operate in a way that role-models well and which does not present workload or other issues for staff and younger students.

While it may **seem** slight, forgetting to bring in Swipe/I.D. cards really can present issues. As such, we are due to conduct an audit of those who do and do not have their cards – anyone without one will be required to purchase a replacement.

Please support us in supporting your children by prompting them to bring in cards – as well as by continuing to have them meet Dress Code, arrive on time, attend regularly etc.

This will be part of a review of student entrance and exit points and processes – again, it may superficially seem slight but it is detail such as this which can really contribute to standards.

Please also recall that on a Friday, Year 13 now do not leave site until 13:20 – though they do still have lunch at 12:20.

Again, parental support is vital and very appreciated.

4. Race for Life

Our commitment to charity and wider community takes shape on March 21 with the Race for Life Event. This is from 13:50 and so, while the vast majority of Sixth Formers will ordinarily leave at 13:20, they are very much invited to stay and take part. It is not compulsory but a great opportunity for participation, role-modelling and recognising that cancer impacts all of us either directly or indirectly.

Please encourage your children to strongly consider staying behind to participate.

5. 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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