



September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers of Year 13 Students

*I hope you are well and your child has had a good start to Year 13!*

This letter contains some key reminders around the impending examination season.

### UCAS Fair Edgbaston – Friday 11 October

As you know, this important opportunity is looming - Visit Leader is Mr Schofield. A number of Y13 students (who would benefit a lot from the trip) are yet to sign up. Please see the ParentPay item and sign up this weekend as we have to finalise numbers and make payments early next week. If students have not signed up by Monday they will unlikely be able to come on the trip.

### Examination Season and Pastoral Support

With the first mock examinations fast-approaching, please recall we are here to support your child as we understand the demands and strains which examinations can place upon individuals. We focus on wellbeing throughout our pastoral curriculum (assemblies, Tutor Time, Wellbeing Wednesday) and you can contact us at any point:

- Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 13) Mr Schofield: [mschofield@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:mschofield@northleamington.co.uk)
- Senior Assistant Head-teacher/Head of Sixth Form Mr Taylor: [taylor@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:taylor@northleamington.co.uk)
- Sixth Form Manager Miss Short: [nshort@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:nshort@northleamington.co.uk)
- Attendance, Study Support and Welfare Officer Mrs Lunn: [klunn@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:klunn@northleamington.co.uk)

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

Of course, you can also phone in if you prefer to speak rather than email.

### Mock Examination Schedule

I am sure you probably already do so, but please do emphasise to your children the importance of mock examinations – they are a key checking point on progress and feedback from there informs improvements.

	Mon 4 Nov	Tues 5 Nov	Weds 6 Nov	Thurs 7 Nov	Fri 8 Nov
<b>08:45</b>	Computing (2h 30mins) History (2h 15mins) Media (2h 15 mins) PE (1h 45 mins)	English Lit (3h) Further Maths (2h) RE (2h)	Business (2h)	Drama (1h 45 mins) English Lit/Language (3h) Geography (1h 40mins) Physics (2h) Politics (2h)	Sociology (2h 45mins)
<b>12:50</b>	Art (2 hours) Design (1h 45 mins) Textiles (2h) Photography(2h)  Art - D104 Textiles - D008 Photography- D113	NO MOCK EXAM	Biology (2h)	NO MOCK EXAM	NO MOCK EXAM

	Mon 11 Nov	Tues 12 Nov			
08:45	Maths (2h)	Psychology (2h)			
12:50	Chemistry (2h)	NO MOCK EXAM			

### Examination Season, Expectations and Support

There have been updates to the examination regulations which are really important for students to adhere to. Please use this link to make yourselves aware: [Link to Exams Information](#)

To support students with their revision for their mock exams, and ongoing throughout the year the table below shows the subject revision session times. Start times are after school unless indicated otherwise.

Subject	Day	Location	Finish Time
Art	Tuesday – Thursday	D.1.04	4.30pm
Biology	Tuesday	S0.08 S.0.18	4.30pm
Business	Wednesday and Thursday	C.1.42	4.00pm
Chemistry	Wednesday	S.1.15	4.15pm
Computer Science	Wednesday – generally weekly but check specific dates with teachers	S.2.18	4.15pm
Drama	Thursday	C.0.34	4:15PM
English Literature	Tuesday	H.0.08	4.15pm
English Language & Literature	Thursday	H.0.08	4.15pm
Geography	Tuesday	H.1.16	4.00pm
Maths	Tuesday – Mr Fotheringham Tuesday – Mr Roberts	C1.41 S.2.04	4.00pm
Photography	Thursday Students may also use the Studio during the day if they have a study period when the studio is free	D.1.13	4.30pm
Physics	Thursday	S.0.17	4.00pm
Product Design	Tuesday-Thursday	D.0.07	4:15pm
Psychology	Friday** Wednesday	C.2.29	2:15-3:15pm** 4.00pm
R.S.	Tuesdays	H1.18	4.15pm

These sessions are ongoing across the year as well as to support in the build-up to these Mocks. As other subject sessions are added, I will update you accordingly.

The mock examinations (which begin Monday 4 November) are important as they will help inform the Data 1 predicted grades made by teachers for the end of Year 13. *These, in turn, help inform what we can put into UCAS for predicted grades.*

### UCAS and Future Pathway Applications

Please recall that some UCAS applications will need to be submitted by the first deadline, October 15, (Oxbridge, Medicine etc) while the remaining students (the majority) will need to complete

applications by the end of the second term – i.e. by Christmas. Students have their tutors to support them in the first instance and have a member of the Sixth Form Team allocated to them as well.

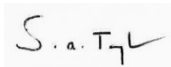
Please recall what we have previously shared: that, **for UCAS purposes only**, we can support aspiration and ambitious course choices by predicting in the UCAS application 2 grades in total above the latest predictions had in the most-recent data cycle.

So, for example, if a student has BBB predicted in Data 1, we can put AAB in to UCAS for predicted grades and course targeting. A student's 'UCAS Strategy' should mean that an individual targets 1 or 2 courses which are aspirational but the other 3 or 4 should be in-line with or below the latest predicted grades.

As always, email or phone (Ext.8414) if you are unsure or have any queries.

*I hope you have a great weekend!*

Yours faithfully,



Steven Taylor  
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