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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents in attendance with their children at this week's Year 13 Subject Evening. This letter primarily is to highlight some key points of contact and reference for you in light of feedback from the questionnaires completed. Where the response was overwhelmingly positive (for which, many thanks), there were three key areas where some parents felt provision might be enhanced:

1. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year
2. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at NLS
3. My child can take part in clubs and activities at NLS

In response to this, please see below for some pointers or reminders.

## **1. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.**

If you are keen to know what is being covered in our Tutor Time curriculum:

<https://www.northleamington.co.uk/sixth-form/curriculum>

If you want to see the journey for a specific subject in Sixth Form, click on the links to the left of the page in the link directly above. When you have selected the subject page, you can scroll down to the link which says "View the Learning Journey for..."

For example:

<https://www.northleamington.co.uk/learn/curriculum/science/biology>

Alternatively, subject teachers and leaders will always be happy to speak directly with you so please make contact as you see fit.

If you want to have an overview of the P.S.H.E (personal, social and health education) provision:

<https://www.northleamington.co.uk/learn/curriculum/pshe-rse>

This provision very much complements the Tutor Time curriculum.

*We recognise that for students to be academically successful they need to feel safe, happy and confident.*

## **2. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at NLS**

Our curriculum is recognised as being rich and diverse as well as broad and balanced and we are proud of how our timetable blocking is constructed around the indicative preferences of students – preferences identified in the Sixth Form application process. This year, we anticipate a terrific 96% of students' indicative preferences being met by the timetable we are implementing – a rise on last year's

93% success rate. That said, we are always looking to enhance provision and have recently introduced Politics, Dance and Product Design. Each year, we look at staffing potential as well as gauge student interest and seek, where possible, to accommodate personalised interests and to introduce new courses.

### 3. My child can take part in clubs and activities at NLS.

We have a very popular Enrichment Programme in place – on Wednesdays, Period 5 – where we offer a range of opportunities, some of which are self-directed and many of which are teacher-led. The initial offer in Term 1 was as follows:

	SESSION
<b>Teacher Provided</b>	Duke Of Edinburgh Silver
	Dance & Fitness
	Indoor Sports - Indoor Football, Basketball etc.
	General Sport - Table Tennis, Football
	Digital Literacy and Online Research
	EPQ
<b>Self-Regulated</b>	Strategy Board Games
	Reading for Pleasure
	Leadership
	Debating Society
	Creative Writing
	Sixth Form Magazine
	Super-Curricular Research
	Mindfulness: Colouring and Painting

In response to Student Voice, we have also this term introduced opportunities in Music and other strategy games that exercise the mind and stretch & challenge in a social context.

There are also lots of subject-specific and whole-school trips on offer (such as the Ski Trip 2024 available to those currently in Y12 as well as other year groups) and the wider curriculum offer is enhanced by experiences such as:

- Alternative Sports Day
- Work Experience Week
- Peer Mentoring as part of Student Leadership


A list of all school clubs and extra-curricular provision can be found [here](#)

We will look to enhance this further moving forwards with more opportunities offered by the subject areas as well as the Sixth Form Team and wider school.

It is always important for us to attend to both student and parent voice so please recall the contact details for the Sixth Form Team if there is any query you may have:

- Attendance, Welfare & Study Support Officer Mrs Thomas: [sthomas@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:sthomas@northleamington.co.uk)
- Sixth Form Manager Mrs Short: [nshort@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:nshort@northleamington.co.uk)
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Yours sincerely



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