



Friday 5 December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a superb start to the second half term, with students picking up exactly where they left off at the end of Autumn Term 1, where they made such strong first impressions. Feedback from tutors and teachers continues to be extremely positive, reflected not only in the large number of reward points being issued, but also in the recent attitude to learning (ATL) data recorded for each student.

Data 1

I hope you've had a chance to look through Data 1 with your child since it was released last week. If you need any help accessing it, please do look at the letter Ms Foy sent last Friday ([Data 1 Letter](#)). It's been wonderful to see that so many of our students are being recognised for the positive attitudes they bring to their learning every day.

This half term has already been a busy and meaningful one. On 11th November, we held our annual Remembrance Day service ([Remembrance Service - Latest News](#)) with the whole school gathering in the courtyard to honour those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. Our Year 7 students conducted themselves superbly throughout, including during the two-minute silence, and I was incredibly proud of the respect and maturity they showed.

College Assemblies

Students also attended their second College assembly, where their College Leader highlighted the range of events coming up over the next few weeks. First on the agenda are our Christmas-related activities. Our annual Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 12th December 2025. On this day, students may wear their most festive Christmas jumper instead of their blazer to raise money for the Save the Children charity. A suggested donation of £1 can be made via ParentPay or in cash, which will be collected at school.

In addition, each tutor group has been tasked with putting together a Christmas Hamper, which will be donated to a member of our local community who could benefit from our support. This might include a local care home, elderly neighbours, or families in need. Suitable items include biscuits, jams, cheese, tea, coffee, long-life juices, or other non-perishable treats.

Finally, our first Rewards Event of the term will take place on Monday 15th December. Students who have earned the most reward points will be invited to a special Christmas-themed celebration. Students and parents will be made aware if they have been selected.

Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes Trip

I am pleased to confirm that we have secured places for all 174 students who have signed up for the Year 7 Whitemoor Lakes trip. The second payment is now due via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com). I will write to you again in the new year with further details about the trip, including information about a Parents' Evening where we will share the finer points of the visit prior to our departure.

Online Safety and Family Support

Social media continues to be a key topic for our students. Access to social media and similar technology can present significant challenges for young people, and we ask that you work with your children to help them navigate this aspect of their lives safely.

All social media platforms have age restrictions in place to protect young people from content and environments they may not yet be ready to manage. Your support in managing your child's social

media use—including WhatsApp group messaging—and ensuring that phones are not used during school hours is greatly appreciated. This helps your child use their social time responsibly and ensures that social media remains a positive part of their day.

While we will continue to educate students about the benefits and risks of the online world, we also ask that parents monitor their child's activity at home in line with our guidance.

There is plenty of useful information available on our school website should you need any further guidance or support. This includes our [Online Safety section on the NLS Website](#), where you can find the monthly Online Safety Newsletters covering current online issues. The December edition, for example, includes information on AI chatbots, online grooming, and smartphone safety.

Further guidance can also be found through the ThinkUKnow Internet Safety link on the website which provides valuable advice on how to help keep young people safe from online abuse.

We are also pleased to share that we will be hosting two upcoming family support workshops. "Understanding Your Teenager" will take place on 13th January from 1–3pm, followed by "Boundaries and Rules" on 27th January from 1–3pm. Further information about these sessions can be found within the Parents and Carers tab and the [Family Support page on the NLS Website](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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