



Friday 27 February 2026

Dear Parents, Carers of Sixth Form Students

I hope you are well and looking forward to what appears to be an imminent spring!

This letter is to welcome you back after the recent break and to make you aware of a few things which look on the horizon for this (rather short) half term.

College Assemblies

Part of our provision (and part of Sixth Form dovetailing neatly with main school), sees students allocated to Colleges as part of their NLS identity: Binswood, Blackdown, Croft, Manor, Park. This also ensures continuity of experience and affiliation for those who have been with us before Year 12. This week and next sees a series of College-based assemblies to help cement that link.

Future Pathways – UCAS and Work Experience

Offers for university places are coming in thick-and-fast for Year 13. Please talk to your children and refer to the previous communications around advice about accepting and rejecting offers – including, of course, ensuring that any Insurance (2nd) choice course has a lower grade offer than the Firm (1st) choice course.

Parents of Year 12 students should please see the communication which went out before half-term and talk to students about the drive for securing a quality Work Experience placement (as per previous, this is the week commencing July 6). The deadline for securing a placement is the end of this half-term (March 27) and so there is a need for real, concerted action – support appreciated!

Data 2 Publication, ATLS (Y12 and Y13) and Tier 1-3 (Y12).

Data 2 comes out in the middle of March and will see us review which Tier of support (Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3) our Y12 will be allocated. While data is about implementation of support to help everyone be as successful as they can be, it is also about celebrating the many positives.

Please be aware that there will be an adjustment as to how ATLS (Attitude to Learn) scores are assigned. At the moment, ATLS sometimes do not always neatly correspond to academic performance: for example, a student might be recognised as having a “good” ATL but are two grades below target. We do understand that a student may have what is essentially a “good” attitude but if that is not translating into effective performance then they need to be conscious of a need for change. This may mean adjusting how they do things – so it may be more about how they approach learning rather than any negative attitude.

As such, where your child may previously have been given “good” for their ATL they may now see “improvement required”, for example. Please be reassured that we continue to recognise all the efforts students make and to praise where it is due. Ultimately, we want students to be successful **and** for all concerned parties to know the current reality of performance in as transparent and supportive a way as possible.

Year 13 are on their final “run in” and will be well supported – but the expectation now is that the dynamic between support and independence shifts a little more towards the latter as we prepare to send them off in to the world beyond NLS. Hard work pays off and so this should hopefully be with some terrific experiences as well as results!

Charity and Community

As Year 13’s experience at NLS begins to draw to a close, we are ensuring a great send-off with many initiatives launching or deepening this half-term: Yearbook, Hoodies, Prom, Last Day arrangements...

Year 13 (as well as Year 12) have been a key part of the NLS community and been involved in all sorts of terrific activities – including things like the upcoming Culture Day which is nearer completion of planning and which will launch towards the end of the term.

Beyond that, students will continue to be actively involved in initiatives such as the upcoming World Book Day, March 5 as well as charity events – again dovetailing with main school.

Autism Awareness event to celebrate World Autism Day -Tuesday 24 March 2026 5.30-6.30pm

We are holding an Autism Awareness event on March 24 from 5.30-6.30pm here at NLS in the library. The event is for parents/carers with a child at NLS who has a diagnosis of autism or is on the pathway for assessment.

The event, hosted by our NLS SEND team, will provide advice and signposting around autism support, mental health and anxiety and sensory needs. In order for us to plan for the event please register your interest or to find out more information, please email send@northleamington.co.uk

Invitation from Warwickshire's Road Safety Partnership to join free Webinar- Information for parents of learner drivers

We have received an invitation from Warwickshire's Road Safety Partnership for parents and carers to join a free webinar on Thursday 19 March 2026, 6–7pm.

This can be an exciting but sometimes nerve-wracking stage for young people and the aim of the session is to give parents simple, practical advice that can make a real difference to young driver safety.

The webinar brings together specialists in road safety and young driver development. They will share guidance on areas such as:

- choosing a driving instructor
- building confidence
- supporting new drivers during their first few months on the road

You can sign up for the webinar here: [Parental Support Webinar - Together on the Learning to Drive Journey](#)

Further information about the webinar can be read here: [Essential Information for Parents of Learner Drivers](#)

The event is free and open to all but places are limited.

Talking Teens Programme here at NLS

Our Family Support Team are supporting Warwickshire Families First in a Talking Teens Workshop being run here at NLS which may be of interest.

Starting on Tuesday 14 April, the programme will run weekly, each Tuesday from 1 to 3.00pm for four weeks and is at no cost.

Topics that the workshops will cover include:

- Help gain confidence and insights in understanding why teenagers behave as they do
- Learn how teenage brains develop
- Explore positive parenting strategies to help behaviours
- Explore different ways to communicate and connect with teenagers
- The importance of parents in teenage years

To book a place please scan the QR code on the flyer on our website [Talking Teens Flyer on NLS Website](#) or you can email ehparenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk

Information re clinics for missed immunisations from Public Health Warwickshire

Public Health Warwickshire have asked us to remind parents/carers that they can rebook for vaccinations their child may have missed. This is not facilitated at NLS but at clinics held by the School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) and a list of clinic details they have provided is attached. Appointments are booked via the [Swiftqueue link](#).

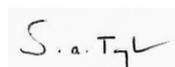
We have no further information here at NLS regarding vaccines your child may have had or regarding the clinics so please use the [Swiftqueue link](#) and click on the contact tab if you require any further help or have any questions regarding this. We are unable to provide any further information regarding this.

As ever, we will look to work collaboratively with students and parents and look forward to continued successes and student happiness rooted in terrific achievements!

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

I hope you have a great weekend!

Yours faithfully,



Steve Taylor
Senior Assistant Head-teacher (inc. Head of Sixth Form)

Elm Tree Multi Academy Trust. Registered Office: Sandy Lane, Blackdown, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 6RD
Registered in England No. 09648936. A Limited Company by Guarantee.

