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Dear Parents and Carers of Y13

I hope you are well, had a good Bank Holiday Weekend and are looking forward to the one upcoming. I also hope that the information below around Year 13 Prom and processes for your sons' and daughters' last few days at NLS prove of use.

Also, I would like to draw to your attention the Parent Voice opportunity at the foot of this letter.

Year 13 Prom

As you know from previous, we have booked the Woodland Grange, Old Milverton Lane, Learnington Spa CV32 6RN from 19:00 until 23:00. This is on Friday, June 30th. Most of the year group signed up which is lovely – a real opportunity for the cohort to celebrate together.

Just a reminder that, regrettably, no partners or friends of students can attend. If you can please reiterate this to your sons and daughters. Also, while it is unlikely to be necessary, please be aware that if there is any issue on the evening (for example, a student feels unwell) then we may need to contact you. It has not been necessary to do this in the past but perhaps best to flag.

We are currently asking students for seating preferences – which we will seek to accommodate as far as is reasonably possible. We will also be ascertaining their meal preferences. While they are intelligent and diligent young adults, if you can please prompt them to respond to Mrs Short's communications around this as soon as possible.

Last Day Arrangements

Friday, May 12th marks the final day before Exam Leave – though BTEC Sport students have arrangements with P.E. staff in order to complete their programmes of study. On the 12th, the day is as follows:

P1-2: usual lessons

P3: A buffet lunch in the Common Room for an informal social gathering

P4: Formal assembly with awards and reminiscences of the time spent at NLS

Tutor Time and P5: Tone's Cones (ice cream) and congregation in the overflow car park before departure for photos and goodbyes.

We anticipate students leaving before the end of the school day. The theme for Fancy Dress is "Characters" and we all look forward to a perhaps bitter-sweet day before the rigour of exam season.

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Staff Availability During Exam Season

At any point over the exam season, the Sixth Form Team can be available to students. Tutors know they need to be available in regular timetabled Tutor Time sessions for support as well should students want to see them. In terms of subject lessons, staff can be available – again in the regular timetabled lessons – up to the point of the last examination in their subject area.

Please refer to my previous communications around exam expectations and ensure your sons and daughters are aware – which I am sure they will be.

Parents can contact us at any point – please see the usual email addresses and recall my extension is 8414.

Results Day Year 13

A reminder that results day for Year 13 is on Thursday 17th August. Results are available between 9am and 10am. Students must collect their own results and for any students not able to attend results will be e-mailed to their school e-mail address later that day.

The Sixth Form Team will be on hand to both celebrate with students and to support as required with any results and next-step queries.

Parent Voice

At entry point, we have started to gauge parent views on transition – i.e. with the parents of Year 12. At what is essentially the student exit point, we would like to extend to you an opportunity to feedback to us on the overall Sixth Form experience. Please see <u>HERE</u>

Finally, we wish students every success in these examinations as well as in their futures – they have been a privilege to work with.

I hope you have a restful and pleasant Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

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