



June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12 and Year 13

I hope you are well and that your child has found external examinations (Year 13) or the preparation for Progression Exams (Year 12) as positive an experience as they might. I also hope everyone is looking forward to something which might resemble a summer in the very near future!

### **Year 13 Prom**

As this fast-approaches (Tuesday 2 July at Chesford Grange), please be gently reminded that no partners or friends of students can attend. If you can please reiterate this to your child. 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.

### **Year 13 Parent Voice**

Thanks so much to those who have taken five minutes to respond to the exit point Parent Voice opportunity – feedback has been overwhelmingly and extremely positive: e.g. 100% of respondents are pleased their child came here and would recommend NLS Sixth Form to others. We are happy to hear all these many great positives but also constructive, critical feedback. If you are yet to respond the Parent Voice form can be found [here](#).

### **Year 12 Progression Examination Season**

Please refer to previous parent communications available on the website to be reminded of the exam schedule and expectations as well as regulations. Please also recall the need to be available for a meeting in the week commencing July 15 in the event your child performs at a U grade (i.e. a fail).

### **Year 12 Future Pathways Launch – Wednesday 19 June**

A highlight of working in Sixth Form includes sharing with students the excitement around their post-18 plans – their ‘next step’ destination. Whether that is university, a gap year, employment, apprenticeships or something else, it really is a privilege to share in the planning.

Please be aware that next Wednesday 19 June sees the Future Pathways launch event for students. Parents can themselves be oriented by viewing the narrated powerpoint, available *from Wednesday 19 June* which can be found [here](#)

### **Work Experience – w.c July 8**

Thanks for all your support in helping to ensure so many students have secured a place independently.

*As of today (Friday), those few remaining students who were unable to source their own placement are being allocated one by the Sixth Form Team.*

We understand the challenges sourcing a placement can present to some and we would prefer students organised their own but it is really important for UCAS and other applications for post-18 destinations that all students can reference a recent experience.

To have nearly all Year 12 students source their own placement is testimony to their initiative and diligence but also to parental support – so thanks again!

### **Year 12 Sports Day – Wednesday 17 July**

Another highlight of the year (see previous Parent Bulletins) is the Sixth Form Sports Day. This event offers a combination of fun, inclusive sports but also the more traditional competitive events such as the sprints. This is due to take place during Tutor Time and Enrichment on Wednesday 17 July and we look forward to sharing results with you at a later date.

I hope you have a restful and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely



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