

8 March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers

I hope you are well and your child is looking forward to the imminent Easter Break – it's been a comparatively short term but a busy one none-the-less.

This letter contains some key reminders as well as pointers for things you need to be aware of.

1. Supported Study Year 12 and Year 13

We now have in place three tiers of Supported Study - Tier 1 since October, Tier 2 since the start of term, Tier 3 from next Friday:

- Tier 1: specific-needs students who have **no independent non-contacts** and are registered to work in the Sixth Form Office or the Library.
- Tier 2: students identified in the data review process who are placed in Supported Study weekly in one or more of P1-2 Weds and/or Fri P1-2. This is on an **on-going basis** in the C220 Study Room in order to have students complete tasks which aim to bring them on track for their aspirational targets.
- Tier 3: students who are to be referred by their teachers on a **weekly**, **ad-hoc basis for Fri P5** in the C220 Study Room. For example, to complete a missed homework or to undertake some work which supports them with better-understanding of a challenging topic.

2. Year 13 Leavers Hoodies

Leavers Hoodies are now available to order for Year 13 and can be ordered direct at Stitchtech <u>HERE</u>. The deadline to order a hoody is **Friday 7 June**.

However, in order for a student's name to appear on the back of the hoody students need to have completed an MS Form. Students have been emailed the link to this form last week and it must be completed by **Monday 11 March**, to opt in to have their name included. After this date it is not possible for the supplier to accept any additional names to be added.

To avoid disappointment if you can please check with your child that they have done this if they do wish to have their name added to the back of the hoody.

3. Year 12 Work Experience

Thanks for all the support you have given your child to help them secure a Work Experience placement for July.

I am sure you will recall that work experience is a key means to enrich an application: whether to university, an apprenticeship or the world of work. At the moment, many of the cohort have completed the process – with the necessary forms submitted to the Sixth Form Team.

In terms of support for those yet to complete, we have published to students a database of historical providers who were happy to be contacted again about the possibility of a placement.

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While we want students to self-regulate and take responsibility for securing a placement, please do continue to actively work with them and reference the database - as well as support with other ideas or contacts.

Last year, every single Year 12 secured their own face-to-face experience and could use this to bolster applications.

It is, though, an increasingly competitive market.

The deadline is March 31 for all three work experience forms to be completed and emailed to the Sixth Form Team.

4. Year 13 Yearbook, Prom and Official Leaving Date

As the external examination season fast approaches, it is important to flag or begin to highlight some of the arrangements for Year 13's 'disembarkation' from the good ship NLS!

The Yearbook for Year 13 is now available to order on ParentPay. Despite their very busy schedules, this has been created almost-exclusively by a team of Year 13 students – with some support by the Sixth Form Team. We appreciate the efforts of all those involved for taking on this additional responsibility.

Prom is on Tuesday 2 July at the Chesford Grange Hotel – details are to follow.

The official leaving date will be shared as soon as possible. However, please recall students need to be available for Exam Contingency Days – so should not book holidays prior to July. Also, BTEC students should note that any leaving date applicable to students *en masse* may not extend to them given the assessment format of BTEC – their teachers can advise them on specifics.

5. Pastoral Support and Communications

Please recall we are here to support your child in many areas:

- Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 12) Mr Schofield: <u>mschofield@northleamington.co.uk</u>
- Assistant Head of Sixth Form (Year 13) Mr Piper: jpiper@northleamington.co.uk
- Senior Assistant Head-teacher/Head of Sixth Form Mr Taylor: staylor@northleamington.co.uk
- Sixth Form Manager Ms Short: nshort@northleamington.co.uk
- Sixth Form Student Support Officer Mrs Lunn: <u>klunn@northleamington.co.uk</u>

We are delighted that Mrs Lunn has joined the team and is now available to be contacted.

Alternatively, you can email your child's tutor.

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

I hope you have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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

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