



Friday 23 May

Dear Parents/Carers

As we end the penultimate term of the school year, I hope this communication finds you and your children well and looking forward to all the challenges and opportunities which will present themselves over the next few (crucial) weeks. As ever, we are here to support you and your children so please do recall all the contact points shared in previous communications – we will help in whatever ways we reasonably can. I am sure ongoing successes (collective and individual) will persist with this concerted, people-centred approach.

Events

Despite it being a very short term, plenty has still happened beyond preparation for exams and the departure of Y13 and, here in the NLS Sixth Form, we like to celebrate successes both within and without.

Sporting Success



For example, Fin in Y13 and Sam in Y12 play for OLs who won the county cup 57-5 in a massive victory over Nuneaton RFC. Also, after a hard fought league run they beat Kenilworth rugby club 10-54 which allowed them to narrowly clinch the league on points difference.

Year 12 Subject Evening

It was great to see so many parents at the Year 12 Subject Evening. Your overwhelmingly positive feedback was also very valued. Please see this summary of key questions from the parent questionnaire.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	N/A
My child is happy at NLS	71%	29%	0%	0%	0%
My child feels safe at NLS.	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%
NLS makes sure its students are well behaved.	54%	43%	0%	0%	4%
I would recommend NLS to another parent/carer	79%	18%	0%	0%	4%

No question returned lower than a 96% satisfaction rating (where satisfaction means parents either 'strongly agree' or 'agree' with the given statement).

We very much appreciate all the many, many positives shared. We will always look to address those few areas which do not quite score 100% satisfaction. For example, we continue to explore ways to enhance our strong curriculum offer in light of considerations such as staffing availability, expertise, student interest.

Year 13 Leavers' Day

It has been a massive privilege to work with the whole of Sixth Form but part of our purpose – almost like a parent as we are to some extent *in loco parentis* – is to nurture increasing independence. Again, we are very grateful for how well you as the *actual* parents and carers work collaboratively with us. With that in mind, it is with a sense of the bitter-sweet that this term has seen us send off in to the sunset our terrific Year 13 students. The Leavers' Day celebration involved fancy dress and reflections on the time spent at NLS. Hopefully, these pictures do some justice to what was a lovely day.



New Student Leaders

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed two very able students to the role of Senior Student Leaders. Jimmy and Amelia will work together to continue to drive enhancements to the student experience and to ensure that the voice of the *entire* student body (Y7-13) is heard.



We thank again those student leaders (including Will and Millie, our outgoing Senior Student Leaders) for all they have done over the past year.



DofE Gold

Our intrepid Y12 have also completed their expedition for the DofE Gold Award this term. After a gruelling four days in North Wales, our terrific students undertook a range of tasks to prove their mettle and commitment to achieving the exacting standards required at the highest level of the qualification.





Tutor Time and P.S.H.E Curriculums

In terms of the Tutor Time curriculum, Year 12 have focused on finalising Work Experience while Year 13 have been making final preparations for the exam season and their post-18 plans. Both year groups have commemorated V.E. Day and the 80th anniversary and also worked together to reflect on the outgoing Year 13 and consider succession planning so that the current Year 12 can step in to the very big shoes vacated by their slightly older peers.

Meanwhile, there has been a sharp focus in Year 12 on Health & Wellbeing within P.S.H.E. while in Year 13 attention has been paid to Politics – all of this linking in nicely with previous P.S.H.E. provision and other initiatives so please see previous communications.

Rewards

For efforts in tutor time, across lessons and in school in general, students have accrued many rewards points in Sixth Form – which is great to see. With their College affiliation noted, here are the Top 10 in Year 12:

Student	College
Henry J	Binswood
James W	Binswood
Katie M	Croft
Laurie F	Manor
Elissa W	Croft
Luke S	Binswood
Jaydon C	Manor
Harry P	Manor
Joe C	Park
Georgia P	Binswood

Well done to these Top Ten students but to all of those who are so committed to their studies and to school life here at NLS.

Progression Exams

Year 12 Progression exams will commence week beginning 23 June. Please see below for the exam schedule and information.

- Students will receive a personalised timetable with seat numbers and rooms
- Morning exams – go to the canteen at 8:45am.
- Afternoon exams – eat lunch then report to the canteen at 12:50pm.
- The exception to this is Art, Photography and Textiles where you should go straight to the classroom stated.
- Equipment/rules for mock examinations need to be followed.
- All students not in assessments will go to normal lessons. These may need to be re-roomed in some cases and this information will be sent out via tutors and placed on the exam noticeboards.
- Once an assessment is complete and students are dismissed they should return to their normal timetabled lesson or break.

	Mon 23 June	Tues 24 June	Weds 25 June	Thurs 26 June	Fri 27 June
9:00	Chemistry (2h) Sociology (2h 15)	Media(2h 15) Computer Science (2h)		Psychology (2h)	English Lit (2H 30) Further Maths (2h) Geography (1h 30) RE (2h)
13:00		Biology (2h)			
	Mon 30 June	Tues 1 July	Weds 2 July	Thurs 3 July	Fri 4 July
9:00			Maths (2h)	PE (2 x 1h) PD (1h 40) English Lang/Lit (3h) Politics (2h)	Art (2h) D104 Textiles (2h) D008 Photography (2h) D113 Physics (2h)
13:00	History (2h15)			Business (2h)	

A message from Mr Lowdell

Given the extremely short nature of this term we will save our main bulletin until the end of the academic year. A brief note from me, on behalf of the school, to thank you as always for your continued support. Whether you are supporting your child through key terminal assessments, or helping them achieve the small milestones each day, your contribution is never underestimated. This term has been incredibly speedy but wonderful nonetheless. A couple of special notes and a well done to all those who are working hard through the exam season, our Gold DofE students for completing their 4 day expedition, Year 10 students who completed the Physics Olympiad and all those who continue to be rewarded daily for working hard in each lesson.

On a lighter note, a quick share as we head to the break. Every now and again I am reminded of what a brilliant, privileged and yet unpredictable job we all have here at school in working with young people. On one morning this term I was greeted by an incredibly excited lower school student who ran towards me to tell me we had two dinosaurs and a large shark on the school site... I was adamant this was unlikely only to be marched across the playground and proven wrong. Not only did we find these three characters, they were also being tailed by a large group of 6ft Smurfs!! For photos please see the [latest news item](#) as we said a fond farewell to our brilliant Year 13 students. Seeing them on their final full school day, amidst the pressures of exams and the prospect of next step destinations into adulthood is always a bittersweet moment but one where we really see the hard work of all pay off.

Have a great break and please do praise your young people for all their continued hard work.

Upcoming Events and Calendar

- Future Pathways Launch (including UCAS) – Wednesday June 18
- Year 12 Progression Exams – Monday June 23 for 2 weeks
- Whole School Celebration Evening – Wednesday 25 June, for those students nominated for an award
- Year 12 Work Experience – W.C. Monday July 7
- New Year 12 Induction Day (current Y11) – Thursday July 10
- Sixth Form Sports Day – Wednesday July 16

Finally, there is a great opportunity open to all year groups upcoming. Please see this from Mrs Hill in Drama.

Summer Drama Production - A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare

The VIBE Drama club students will be performing an edited version of A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare. This on Tuesday, July 1. Under the guidance of Mrs Hill, the students have collaborated as an ensemble to explore the text through practical workshops to bring the story to life through physical theatre and narration.

The performance will take place on 1 July in the theatre and will start at 6.00pm. It is free of charge to attend but for us to gauge numbers and make the arrangements, please go online to www.parentpay.com to indicate if you are attending.

Induction Day Thursday 10 July for Year 11 Students with a conditional offer to join our Sixth Form

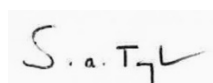
Year 11 applicants to join the Sixth Form have been emailed a conditional offer. Information regarding induction day which takes place on Thursday 10 July and enrolment, which will take place on GCSE results day, will follow shortly so please do look out for this.

During the Induction day, students will have an opportunity to meet the Sixth Form Team and their prospective peers, experience taster lessons and team building activities. They will also be able to orientate themselves around some of the dedicated Sixth Form areas. We will send more details out nearer the event and we look forward to seeing students there.

In the meantime we wish Year 11 students all the very best for their GCSE & BTEC exams over the next few weeks. We are excited for those joining in September 2025 and supporting them through their final two years of study and helping them to prepare for their future after NLS.

On behalf of myself, the Sixth Form Team and the school, have a terrific Spring and any Whitsun /May Half-term break you may have.

Yours sincerely



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