



10 November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers

I hope you are well and your child has settled in well to the new half-term.

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

1. Examination Season, Data 1 and Pastoral Support

We are delighted that this week's exams window – which was primarily for Y13 but which also impacted some Y12 – has gone so well. Please recall that we are always here to support with the stresses and strains your children face, whether exam-related or otherwise. The next tranche of examinations will be in February and for both Y12 and Y13. The latter part of this half-term sees the launch via G4S of Data 1, upon which we will identify any academic and pastoral support needs. Of course, you need not wait for these data windows to let us know of any support you may feel is needed.

2. UCAS – Y12 and Y13

Even though our Future Pathways (including UCAS) Launch for Y12 is a long way off in June of 2024, it is always useful for students and parents to begin or to continue thinking about the process – UCAS being the body and platform which administers applications to higher educations (H.E) but which now also offers good insights in to apprenticeship opportunities and gap years too. A good starting point is here: <https://www.ucas.com/>

The Y13 process is well under-way – for which, please recall **our deadline of the end of this term** for submissions. If you as parents have any queries, please do make contact.

We are delighted that all of our record number of early applications (Oxbridge etc) went off successfully and that we have already submitted a further 10 applications to other organisations. It will now build up something of a head of steam as most applications (around 100 more) will be going out over this half-term, so please be aware and exercise your discretion as to how you might support your child - in collaboration with us in the Sixth Form Team, of course.

With reference to those Oxbridge applications mentioned above, we will soon be offering support to those who – in what is an exceptionally competitive process – have secured interviews.

This links in with the following...

3. Supporting the Y11 Mock Interview Process

As the wider school approaches an important milestone in our students' academic journey, I would like to bring your attention to the upcoming Year 11 mock interviews taking place on Tuesday 28th November.

These play a crucial role in preparing our students for future job interviews and college admissions processes. They provide a valuable opportunity for them to practice their communication skills ,build confidence ,and receive constructive feedback from professionals in various fields.

We would greatly appreciate your support in this endeavour as we are seeking volunteers to act as interviewers during the mock interviews . Your insights and expertise can greatly benefit our students in their preparations ,and as your own child will have gone through the experience in year 11, I'm sure you can appreciate their value . Your support and involvement in this process are invaluable in shaping our students' future success.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Careers department :
careers@northleamington.co.uk Tel: 01926 338711 ext. 8429.

4. Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. The theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying' came about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in the UK. We wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. The nature of the activities will encourage young people to consider what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. On Friday all Year 12 & 13s will be encouraged to wear odd socks. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,



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