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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Meet the Tutor Evening**

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October from 4.30pm to 7pm we have our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening. This is the first opportunity for parents and carers to have some face to face contact with staff at school. There will be three sessions running throughout the evening:

1. **Formal Presentation-** this will be led by Mr Lowdell and other senior staff in school which will provide some key information for the year ahead including training and guidance on the school's main communication method Go4Schools (G4S). This will take place within the theatre at school and there will be two sittings for you to choose from, 4.45pm and 5.30pm. Please aim to arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the presentations to allow for seating and entrance to the theatre. This presentation is 30 minutes long.
2. **Meet the Tutors-** After you have attended the formal presentation there will be a short presentation by individual form tutors followed by an opportunity to ask any questions. Again these will take place during two sittings on two occasions during the evening, 5.20pm and 6.10pm. If you attended the 4.45pm Formal Presentation, you will attend the 5.20pm 'Meet the Tutor' presentation or the 6.10pm 'Meet the Tutor' presentation if you attended the 5.30pm Formal Presentation first. Please ensure you are aware of your child's form group and tutor before the evening so you are able to access the correct presentation.
3. **Marketplace-** We will also have a 'drop-in' marketplace running throughout the evening with stalls led by key members of our support staff in school. This will be an opportunity to gain information but also ask additional questions to support your child's well-being and progress outside of the classroom as well as specific learning needs, along with checking and help with some admin including Parentpay, parental contacts and information re our PTA.

No booking is required for the evening and entrance to school will be through the main reception. We look forward to meeting you

## **Homework**

To support student's transition into secondary school life we have asked staff to set minimal homework of over the first few weeks of term. From October, homework will begin to be set in a more formal manner.

Homework activities set by teachers will provide students with a range of opportunities, such as:

- To consolidate and extend learning from the classroom
- To conduct research, that either deepens their learning or prepares students for future learning
- To develop revision skills
- To develop organisation and proactive learning behaviours

The provision of homework opportunities will differ between subjects however, it will always be:

- Relevant to the learning in the classroom
- Pro-actively engaged with post completion
- Timely and purposeful, in line with individual Department planning and policies

Homework will be communicated to students in lessons by their teachers and will be recorded in Go4Schools (G4S) so that parents can view homework which has been set (including the task and deadline). Extra challenges for students wanting further home learning opportunities are available on the school website.

Students have had a lesson on accessing thie Go4Schools accounts in their ICT lessons at school and now have access to single sign in for G4S.

Information on how students and parent/carers can log into their account are as follows:

### For Parent Login

## Go 4 Schools Parent Login

Go to [www.go4schools.com](http://www.go4schools.com)

Click on 'Parents Login' from the drop down menu

Click on First time user and enter the email address that you have used for your parental contact at NLS.

G4S will then send you a 'password reset link' that will be sent to that email address.

From your emails open the link and create your password for G4S.

Finally return to the main login page and enter password.

You will now be able to see the details of your child including homework, rewards and other information.



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## For Pupil login

# Go 4 Schools Student Login (single sign in)

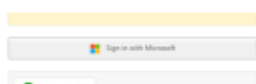
Students now have access to single sign in for G4S

Step 1: Go to NLS Website [www.northleamington.co.uk](http://www.northleamington.co.uk)

Step 2: Click on student G4S login link (top right)



Step 3: Click on Sign in with Microsoft



Step 4: Enter your school email address

([username@stu.northleamington.co.uk](mailto:username@stu.northleamington.co.uk)) and school password

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If a student forgets their password and is at home they should ask their parents/carers to email [Helpdesk@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:Helpdesk@northleamington.co.uk) with their child's name, username and tutor group. When in school the student should go to the IT technician's base on Humanities top floor and they will be able to help.

**We are aware that, at present, students are not able to log into the G4S app. We are working with G4S to develop a solution to this issues and will communicate further once this is resolved. In the meantime, students should access G4S via the NLS website.**

## Maths and English groupings

For the majority of lessons students are taught in their mixed ability teaching groups (7N, O, R, T, L, E, A or M). In the core subjects of Maths and English, half of the year group (4 teaching groups) have lessons at the same time and we have invested in the staffing to enable us to have one or two additional groups in these subjects.

In Maths we have now received all Key Stage 2 data, and completed our own baselines. The team have used this information to create initial Maths sets and students will be given a new timetable next week, with a view to these new groupings commencing on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022**. From this date you will also be able to see their class information on Go4Schools.

We do recognise that this system is a starting point and all students progress at different rates, but given time the students will sit more tests and through seeing these results, coupled with their progress in class we expect there to be some movements between sets

We will ensure that whichever class your child is placed they will receive excellent teaching and they will have every opportunity to succeed and develop their maths skills as much as possible.

If you have any queries about Maths please contact Miss Wood, KS3 Maths Co-ordinator  
[cwood@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:cwood@northleamington.co.uk).

In English the majority of students will not go into sets based on ability but will remain in mixed ability teaching groups. The teaching of this subject lends itself much better to this model and evidence from research organisations supports this way of working in English. However, where a child is in need of additional support in English, likely because they were working some way below the expected standard in KS2, they may be taught in one of our additional support sets where they will benefit from a more individualised curriculum and smaller group interaction. Where this is the case, a member of the English team will contact parents/carers individually.

If you have any queries about English please contact Mrs Wilson, KS3 English Co-ordinator  
[lwilson@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:lwilson@northleamington.co.uk).

### **Additional information**

If you were not already aware our school website has lots of useful links that I would like to draw your attention to. There will be opportunities to gain additional information around the areas identified below in the market place of the Meet the Tutor evening.

Please see the following [link](#) for information around **Free School Meals** and how to apply

Please see the following [link](#) for information **Family Support** and how this can be accessed through school.

Please see the following [link](#) for information around supporting **Positive Mental Health** and how to seek additional support from school

Please see the following [link](#) for information around the extensive extra-curricular programme at school. On this note a special shout out to the boy's football team who won their first fixture of the season on Tuesday with a resounding 6-0 victory over Myton. Thank you to Mr Biddle and Mr Guilfoyle for their support in leading the team.

Kind regards

Mr J Foxon  
Head of Year 7