



Friday 19 January 2024

Dear Year 8 Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to those I managed to meet and speak to at the Year 8 subject evening on Monday 15 January. I feel it was a really positive evening and there were lots of smiles. We hope that you found it a useful evening too. Thank you to the 120 people that took the time to answer our parent/carer survey, your feedback is very valuable to us and we really do appreciate you taking the time to support us in this way. The significant amount of positive comments made around the evening itself and the wider day to day experience of our students in school were much appreciated and these will be shared with staff as appropriate. The overall feedback will be used to help us reflect on our practices in school, and some of the themes will feature in future year group and whole school bulletins. Any parents/carers who left feedback with their name in the comment box will receive contact from an appropriate member of staff as soon as possible.

For me, as a new member of the teaching staff at NLS, your feedback helps me enormously. It is warming to see that practically all of you, who completed the questionnaire, believe and feel that your child feels happy, is safe and does well at our school. Especially pleasing is that the vast majority of you would recommend us to other parents and carers.

We've had an amazingly successful week this week with enormous amounts of awards given to students for all their hard work and efforts in their lessons. I am extremely proud!

As I mentioned last week, Year 8 are off to Paris in June for a long weekend of fun and all things French. As a French teacher myself, I am really looking forward to taking the children to France from 7-10 June.

For me, residential trips are an excellent way to enhance learning and build upon foundations learnt in the classroom. They also allow young people to develop their skillset and try a range of exciting activities such as a selection of popular, tried-and-tested excursions across France's capital city including: a memorable day trip to Disneyland Paris, opportunities to test language skills in real-life situations with French language speakers as well as hands-on authentic group activities. We will be staying in the spectacular setting at Château de Grande Romaine

If you haven't signed up yet but would like to, the enrolment is open until Sunday 21 January. A deposit of £75 is required to secure a place and the payment is through ParentPay www.parentpay.com.

The remaining balances can then be paid in four instalments or a one off payment if you prefer. The payment schedule will be:

£150 to be paid by 2 February 2024.

£100 to be paid by 1 March 2024

£100 to be paid by 5 April 2024

£100 to be paid by 3 May 2024

We will be arranging an evening event nearer the time of the visit, to share important information specific to this trip. Please be reminded that it is of the utmost importance that in all correspondence you must use your child's official name – the one stated in their passport.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

With best regards,

Alan Boyes
Head of Year 8