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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term, I do hope you had a restful and enjoyable break as a family. I am pleased to inform you that students have returned well. Students in Year 13 have completed their first mock exam week of this year and Year 11 students have attended our 6th Form Open Evening as they start to plan their next step destinations. As part of our ongoing work to both educate and support a fire evacuation process should one be required, tutor groups this week have been rehearsing fire drills as part of their tutor curriculum.

Next Friday 11th November our school will complete a Remembrance Day service to remember the Armed Forces and their families from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those who have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism. Please ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate coat as we will be outside as a whole community for our service. Poppies can be purchased from Student Services and Reception and during Tutor time Charity Leaders will visit Tutor Groups too.

Our community work continues on Friday 18th November with NLS does X Factor, a time honoured tradition here at NLS in support of Children in Need where students can witness and hopefully enjoy staff showing off their musical and rhythmic skills! Information on when students can purchase tickets is below.

Year	Date	Location	Time
Year 7	8 th November	C034	Break
Year 8	9 th November	C034	Break
Year 9	10 th November	C034	Break
Year 10	15 th November	C034	Break
Year 11	16 th November	C034	Break
Year 12/13	15 th & 16 th November	Mezzanine	Break
Spares	17 th November	C034	Break

Our school is taking part in an international research project led by Wolverhampton University looking at student motivation. Next week all students in Years 7-10 will be given the opportunity to complete the first of two questionnaires this year. This will be optional, but I do hope students take part as it will be useful data that may inform policy changes moving forward and is an opportunity for students to have their say. The questionnaire is anonymous, students will create their unique user code and any responses will not be shared with school staff. More instruction will be given to students prior to this activity next week.

Please do continue to look at the school calendar for key events, the first student reports of the year will be sent via your G4Schools account on Friday 25th November. A reminder we have a staff training day on Friday 2nd of December whereby the school will be closed to students. We will also have our



usual early finish on the final day of term at Christmas on Friday 16th December. I hope this is a great term for all students. As always should you need anything please do contact your child's tutor in the first instance or any named member of staff for a more specific enquiry.

Many thanks

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher