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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Lunchtime Arrangements after Half Term: updates

In the final half term of the academic year we begin our preparation of new and existing students progressing into the next academic year. An important part of this will be to amend our lunchtime rotations for students in current years 7-10. This will commence on Monday 19 June. The updated arrangement will be timed in line with our Year 11 students who will be sitting their final exams, and also the Year 10 students who will be prioritised in sitting their progression exams. This will also accustom each year group with the rotations which will remain in place for September. Years 8 and 10 will be on first lunch and years 7 and 9 will be on second lunch. This will not affect your child's timetabled lessons.

	7	8	9	10	Sixth Form
<b>Lunch 1</b> 12.20 to 12.50		<b>Food:</b> Canteen <b>Indoor area:</b> Canteen <b>Toilet:</b> Canteen		<b>Food:</b> Pod or canteen <b>Indoor area:</b> Design <b>Toilets:</b> Design	
<b>Lunch 2</b> 13.20 to 13.50	<b>Food:</b> Canteen <b>Indoor area:</b> canteen <b>Toilet:</b> Canteen		<b>Food:</b> Pod or canteen <b>Indoor area:</b> GF Hums <b>Toilet:</b> Ground Floor Hums		<b>Food:</b> common room <b>Outdoor area:</b> Peace Garden

## School Uniform: Reminders for parents and carers

As we move into the final Half Term I would like to take this opportunity to signpost parents and carers to our uniform policy, in readiness for students' return to school in September.

As with other areas of school life, we are returning to pre-Covid routines, including concessions with some areas of uniform items. Wearing school uniform is an integral part of our school community in promoting positive attitudes as well as high standards, and this will be reinforced with students over the coming term and in September, and we will implement this in line with our behaviour and engagement policy.

To this end, please be reminded of our expectations of student dress code, which is outlined in our uniform policy, available on the Uniform section of our website [here](#) . From September we will apply our policy in line with previous years and we are keen to give parents and carers sufficient notice of this.

## Where can parents and carers buy uniform?

Stitchtech supply items of NLS branded uniform. They also supply separate logos which can be attached to skirts and blazers if purchased elsewhere. Whilst parents are entitled to source their child's uniform from different suppliers, our uniform supplier Stitchtech <https://www.stitchtech.co.uk/> have a variety of waist sizes whilst maintaining the required fit for blazers and length of skirts.

We also have a wide range of new and second hand uniform items available to collect from school. If parents would like to request items they can request items from [nls@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:nls@northleamington.co.uk)

To summarise our uniform expectations:

### School footwear: guidance

- Plain Black leather shoes
- "Plain" is defined as being without embellishment, other colours or sports logos
- Must not be boots, canvass shoes, pumps, trainers high top shoes, open toes, sling backs or high heels

To support with cost incurred by parents, if students are moving into Year 11 and have existing footwear items which are not compliant with these requirements, students will not be reprimanded as long as their shoes are leather and black. For all other students in years 7-10 this criteria will be non-negotiable unless there is a medical or Special Educational Need exemption agreed with the school.

### Other uniform expectations:

- Hoodies and black jumpers are not listed on our uniform items and therefore not permitted to be worn in school
- Blazers are expected to be worn at all times except in the event of hot weather and in classrooms
- Girls' skirts are expected to be no shorter than just above the knee, and with the NLS logo visible (see recommendations for skirt length on the summary below)
- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum (see guidance below)
- We are unable to safekeep valuables for students in PE lessons, therefore students bring valuables into school at their own risk
- Whilst we appreciate that most students will carry mobile phones to/from school for safety purposes, phones, electronic devices and ear buds must be kept in bags during the school day. These items will be confiscated if seen.

We will work hard to maintain good standards and ask for your support in reminding your child of this.

### Uniform (Compulsory for years 7-11)

- Black blazer with school logo
- Black school trousers (no jean/denim trousers) or school skirt (just above the knee **with logo visible at all times**)
- White school shirt, long or short sleeved and school tie or revere blouse (no tie required with revere style blouse)
- Plain black or white socks or neutral/black tights (no patterns or frills, or socks over tights)
- Plain black leather shoes (no boots, canvass shoes, pumps, trainers, high top shoes, open toes, sling backs or high heels canvas or trainer shoes with sports logo, no boots)

### Optional items

- Navy school v-neck jumper or cardigan with logo
- Navy ¼ zip long sleeve technical top
- Gum shield, shin-pads and football/rugby studded boots may be required for some activities

### NLS PE Kit (Compulsory)

- Navy/sky reversible rugby top with school logo **or** Navy/sky sports ¼ zip sweatshirt with logo
- Navy/sky PE sports short sleeved polo top with logo
- Navy/sky PE jogging bottoms **or** leggings, both with NLS print
- Navy/sky PE sports shorts **or** skort
- Navy/sky socks
- Trainers suitable for sports hall and astro turf and different to school shoes

Excessive jewellery is not suitable wear for school and can be dangerous. Body and facial piercing is not permitted, in part due to health and safety risks. Discreet plain studs in the ears are permitted. Minimal makeup is permitted. Nail varnish or acrylics are not permitted. We look forward to working with you in readiness for the Half Term ahead and in preparation for September.

Yours sincerely

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