



Friday 22 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we progress through a busy term at North Leamington School, we wanted to provide you with some important updates and information on upcoming events.

Careers: Year 11 Mock Interviews Tuesday 26 November

We are delighted that we have been able to secure a number of external interviewers from a range of local businesses and providers to support running Year 11 Mock Interviews.

The event will take place on Tuesday 26 November and will be an opportunity for us to provide all Year 11 students with the experience of an interview and to receive feedback from it.

Students have been told that they are attending an interview for a generic job.

They spent some time last year creating a CV/personal statement in tutor time and we are encouraging them to update this and to print off a copy to bring to their interview so that they can receive feedback on that from the interviewer as well. We have set a G4S homework to this effect with a template that they can use.

To set the scene it has been a topic during our assembly and students have completed a tutor session on:

- How to prepare for an interview
- The key elements to secure a positive interview
- The questions that they will be asked

Students received a copy of the interview questions this week and the questions have also been added to the G4S homework.

Each student will have a 10-15 minute interview allocated to them during the day. The way they present themselves is a key part of the interviewing process so we suggest students wear their school uniform. Alternatively they may wear smart business-like clothes if they have them; it is not expected to purchase new items of clothing for this interview. For the boys this should be a smart shirt, trousers and shoes; for the girls a smart blouse or shirt, a skirt or trousers and appropriate shoes.

We want to ensure that all students have a positive experience, whilst presenting the best image of our students to our external interviewers and appreciate any support parents and carers can provide for their child during this process.

Year 11 Subject Evening for Parent/Carers Monday 2 December 2024 4.30 – 7:15pm

A reminder that you can now book appointments for the Year 11 Subject Evening (via SchoolCloud) and bookings will close on Monday 2 December at 9am. If you have any issues or queries with booking appointments then please contact data@northleamington.co.uk.

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams – December

The first stage of mock examinations, to prepare our students for the summer exams, went extremely well in October. We are really proud of the way our students prepared for these and conducted

themselves each day. The results of these mock examinations are now on G4S and can be accessed by parents/carers.

We believe by giving students multiple opportunities to get used to the exam environment, this will inevitably support them in the long term, to help reduce levels of worry and anxiety. Familiarity in location and expectation is really important for success to happen next summer.

We are now preparing students for the next window of mock examinations, which is the biggest window of almost ten days. These will take place in the final two weeks of this half term. The timetable below has been shared with students three weeks in advance, so they have significant time to get ready and prepared. When students do **not** have an exam, they will be attending normal lessons and using this time productively with retrieval and revision at the heart of these sessions, whichever subject is being delivered.

	Mon 9 Dec	Tue 10 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Thu 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
9:00am 08:50 for Textiles	English Literature (1h 45m)	Business (1h 45m) Drama (1h 45m)	Physics Triple only (1h 45m)	Computer Science (1h 45m) Textiles in D008 (2h)	Biology Triple only (1h 45m)
1:00pm 12:50 for Fine Art	PE (1h)	DT (1h) Food Technology (1h)	German and Spanish - writing (F tier 1h; H tier 1h 15m)	Geography (1h 30m)	Fine Art (2h) In D101 - NN In D017 - CC

	Mon 16 Dec	Tue 17 Dec	Wed 18 Dec	Thu 19 Dec	Fri 20 Dec
9:00am for 08:50	English Language (1h 45m)	History (1h 15m)	Photography (2h) H208 NN D113 CM	Chemistry Triple only (1h 45m)	No exam
1:00pm	French- writing (F tier 1h, H tier 1h 15m)	German and Spanish – listening & reading (F tier 1h 20m, H tier 1h 45m)	Media (1h 30m)	French – listening & reading (F tier 1h 20m, H tier 1h 45m)	No exam

In the above window of exams, there are no Maths papers. Maths will be part of the February series with all three exam papers scheduled in the timetable. Combined Science students will also be examined in February.

Students will receive a personalised timetable with seat numbers and rooms on shortly before the exam weeks. Students should report to the canteen in advance of the exam time, with the exception of Art, Photography and Textiles where they should go straight to the classroom at the start of period 1 or 4. Students need to ensure they are familiar with the examination rules that they have heard in assemblies, including wearing their full uniform and having their own correct equipment, including:

- Clear pencil case for equipment such as pens, pencils, calculator (where permitted)
- Water bottle with a sip lid only

Also please recall, the following JCQ regulations, of what is not allowed-

- No mobile phones
- No watches
- No calculator cases
- No writing on hands
- No glasses with AI technology built in

Once an assessment is complete and students are dismissed, then students should return to their normal timetabled lessons or morning break. Where an exam finishes during break time, please report to the canteen for an extended break time.

Results from these Mock Examinations will be shared with students on during a special assembly in January, in the same style as an August results day.

Tips of the trade supporting your child through Exams

There are a variety of revision information resources on the website under the exams tab, [here](#) that you may find useful in supporting your child. We recommend you take a look at this and use in discussion with your child at home.

It goes without saying that we are entering a very busy period and collectively, by working together, we are convinced we can make this period of time as enjoyable and rewarding as possible.

Revision timetable

We will be offering after school revision sessions and a timetable with the subject details will be sent nearer the time and will also be available on the website so everyone is aware what subjects are on offer. This will start on Monday 3 February, each night after school from 3.20-4pm, and run until exams commence. All subjects will be offering support to our students at this crucial time. Please encourage your child to attend as many as possible

GCSE History Revision Guide

The History Department is providing the opportunity to purchase a revision guide for all GCSE History students, payable through ParentPay at £11.00 (www.parentpay.com.) This covers all four units examined across all three examination appears. If you haven't as yet purchased a revision book for History, this will be especially useful for the Year 11 December mock examination covering Paper 1 on Medicine. The deadline to purchase is by Friday 6 December.

GCSE Certificates

GCSE certificates for students who sat a GCSE in Year 10, will be distributed to students week beginning Monday 2 December 2024. Students must sign the list to say they've received their certificate(s). These certificates must be kept safely. If they are lost, replacements can only be obtained from the exam board(s) which will incur a cost.

Christmas Community Initiatives

As the festive season approaches, we're excited to announce a couple of community initiatives to spread holiday cheer while supporting important causes. This year, we'll be taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day** for *Save the Children* and organising a **Christmas Hamper Appeal** in tutor groups to assist those in need within our local community.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13 December 2024, students are invited to wear a festive Christmas jumper in place of their school blazer. We're asking for a small donation of **£1**, which will go directly to Save the Children to support their ongoing efforts to improve the lives of children worldwide. Please help us make this a fun and meaningful day by encouraging your child to participate.

Tutor Group Christmas Hamper Appeal

This year, each tutor group will also be collecting items for a Christmas hamper. The hampers will be delivered to individuals or families in need within our community, spreading a little holiday joy to those who may be struggling. We welcome donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, small gifts, and festive treats. Items can be sent with your child anytime between **Monday 25 November** and **Monday 16 December 2024**.

These initiatives provide a wonderful opportunity for our students to give back, show kindness, and embody the spirit of the season. Thank you for your support in helping us make a positive impact!

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!



Mr. Butler



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