



13 December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers

We hope you are well and that your children continue to enjoy life here at NLS Sixth Form – and also that everyone is looking forward to the imminent festive season.

This letter contains some key reminders as well as pointers for things you need to be aware of.

## 1. UCAS – Imminent Deadlines (Year 13) and Early Starters (Year 12)

We are really pleased that a majority of our terrific Year 13 have now completed and sent off their UCAS applications – recall UCAS can be used for university and Degree Apprenticeship applications and form a key part of the Future Pathways provision we have in place at NLS.

As you can imagine, ensuring a high-quality programme which leads to the outstanding next step destinations we secure year-on-year is no easy organisational feat with around 150 students: it relies on a really effective collaboration of parent, student and teacher.

So, thanks for your key part in this.

We have what is an internal deadline of Christmas for the submission of UCAS applications in order to organise high quality submissions – this is necessary to meet the hard, external deadline set by UCAS which is in January. With this in mind, if your child is yet to send off their application, please actively encourage them to seek out the SF Team **before** Christmas so we can minimise the numbers we may have to support in the January period.

The whole process is actually a highlight for the SF Team – it's really great being able to share in your children's future aspirations and to get to know them even better than we already do – it's also lovely when they celebrate receiving offers and, in particular, on Results Day when they achieve what they have worked so hard for.

Those forward-thinking Year 12 and their families can get a head-start (ahead of our hard launch in June's Future Pathways Week) by exploring [UCAS website](#). The careers tab on our website also has a wealth of information including Future Pathways [Student, Parent / Carer Guide to post 18 Choices](#)

## 2. Work Experience Week Year 12 – W.C 7 July

Work Experience is a key means to write an effective application for university, apprenticeships, employment – admissions tutors, for example, cite it as the second most important selection consideration. Perhaps understandably, grades achieved is the key determinant – even if we all know there is more to your children than an A-level or BTEC grade profile!

Work Experience has now been launched for Year 12 and documentation shared – there are three forms which need completing.

Work Experience is a competitive process: all local schools in Year 10 will be contacting prospective employers around this and, as with NLS, some local Sixth Forms too. Calendar logistics tend to mean placements are all roughly the same time across schools while the post-Covid context means fewer prospective placement providers are now available.

*We launch prior to Christmas bearing this in mind and to 'get in early'.*

As such, it will be really appreciated if parents of Year 12 can:

- proactively discuss Work Experience with their children
- support with identifying possible placements – perhaps canvassing friends, family, employers
- ensure the three forms distributed are completed and returned as soon as possible

The Sixth Form Team will of course support in the process (and have already shared support tools) but it really is designed to be a student-driven process as much as is reasonably possible.

Deadline for securing a placement and returning of completed forms is March 28 but starting early will be key in the competitive market alluded to above.

You will find a link to the three forms (which the students have had emailed to them) in the Work experience section within the Careers tab on our website: [Work Experience Forms](#)

### 3. Points of Contact

At any point, please do make contact - about UCAS, Work Experience or anything else:

- Year 12 student queries, Steve Taylor: [staylor@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:staylor@northleamington.co.uk)
- Year 13 student queries, Miles Schofield: [mschofield@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:mschofield@northleamington.co.uk)
- Head of Sixth Form, Steve Taylor: [staylor@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:staylor@northleamington.co.uk)
- Welfare, Attendance & Study Support Officer, Kimberley Lunn: [klunn@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:klunn@northleamington.co.uk)
- Sixth Form Manager (administrative queries), Nic Short: [nshort@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:nshort@northleamington.co.uk)

Alternatively, you can email your child's tutor: [Link to list of tutors and their email](#)

I hope you have a restful and pleasant weekend and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Year 13 subject evening on Monday evening (the Year 12 variation will come at the end of April).

Yours faithfully,



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