



June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 12

I hope you are well and enjoying the mild upturn in weather.

Future Pathways Launch – Wednesday 19 June

Our Future Pathways Launch was a real success. Students testified as to how they feel the day has provided a strong platform for them to explore next steps destinations. Please recall the parent orientation video (which has both generic and pathway specific advice on). It is available on our website [here](#)

University Open Days – Leave of Absence Requests

Part of the process of deciding their future pathways will of course involve students wishing to attend university or college open days and we are supportive of this *in principle*. Further to previous communications, please recall that:

- Any request for a planned absence for such things requires a parent to complete a Leave of Absence Request [Form](#)
- Please be aware that NLS may only be able to consent to such requests for Open Days if the college or university does not offer the Open Day at a weekend or in school holiday time –the vast majority of organisations do

We are sure you will understand the reasoning: studying for the qualifications (especially in the immediate run-up to end-of-year Progression Exams) needs to be the priority and especially where there are alternative dates available which do not get in the way of study.

Dress Code

Please recall the agreed Dress Code for the Sixth Form, it takes a collective effort to ensure full adherence. Please, then, continue to ensure your child respects it so that we can continue to offer a balance between creative freedom of expression and role-modelling for other students. Dress Code information is detailed in our Uniform Policy [here](#)

The very great majority stick to expectation (for which, thanks) but we need it to be all who do in order to ensure fairness and the balance alluded to above. Please recall we do contact home for infringements and, where necessary, require those who repeat infringements to go home and change if necessary – obviously this is something we wish to avoid given the reference above to how vital learning. However, we also need to ensure expectations are met.

As the warmer weather slowly begins to emerge (and the potential for wearing more summery clothing which infringes the Dress Code becomes more likely), please continue to be especially supportive of us in supporting your children.

School Ski Trip

There are still a few places on the school Ski Trip. Last year's trip involved some brilliant role-modelling from Sixth Form. It would be great to repeat this. Please refer to the item in parentpay or contact me as Visit Leader if you have any query: staylor@northleamington.co.uk

Progression Exams and Subsequent Weeks

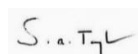
We wish your children every success in these upcoming exams. If you want any guidance as to how you might support your children, please do make contact. A useful starting point is [here](#)

After the demands of the Progression Exams comes the Work Experience Week (w.c. July 8) which we have all worked to facilitate. There are many great opportunities upcoming. We will ensure students are all checked in on and we will be making some visits 'in the field' to ensure students settle.

The final week of term will involve celebrating exam successes, identifying any support needs through parent Progression Exam Meetings and events such as Sports Day for Year 12. This will mark an end to what has been a really positive year working with your child – so thanks again for all the support.

I hope you have a restful and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely



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