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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a restful and enjoyable break over the festive period. It has been absolutely wonderful to welcome all our students back to school this week, with everyone settling back into their routines and starting the New Year with great energy and focus.

As we step into this term, we are looking ahead to a busy and productive few months. Please do regularly check our school calendar and website for key dates and information, ensuring you stay updated on everything happening in school.

I would like to highlight some key events this term:

- Year 7 and Year 8 Subject Evenings – These are an invaluable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their teachers. Please keep an eye on the calendar for specific dates and booking information.
- KS4 and KS5 Mock Examinations – These are a crucial part in preparing our Years 10, 11 and 13 students for their final assessments in the summer. The mock exam window is now open, and we are already seeing our students approach this with dedication and resilience.

Please do continue to use Go4Schools for real-time updates on your child's timetable, attendance and progress, as well as for accessing reports when published. Our website also remains a key resource for the latest news and any additional information you might need. In addition to this letter, all Year Leaders have sent bespoke letters relevant to your child today. These contain specific information tailored to their year group and I encourage you to read through these carefully to ensure you have all the key details for the term ahead.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who expressed an interest in becoming a school Governor here at NLS. I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Chris Tagg and Emily Scott, who will join the Board of Governors at the end of January. I would like to thank them in advance; their time and dedication in supporting the continual development of the school is most welcome and greatly appreciated.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support as we begin what promises to be another fantastic term. I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events planned over the coming weeks and months.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher