



Friday 10 January

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very Happy New Year to you all. We very much hope that both students and parents/carers had an enjoyable festive period.

As we move into a new term, we would like to take this opportunity to revisit our World Class Basics of uniform and punctuality. Wearing school uniform is an integral part of our school community in promoting positive attitudes as well as high standards, and this is being reinforced with students over the next fortnight in response to an increase in misdemeanours such as incorrect footwear, the wearing of leggings, not wearing a blazer or tie at the end of last term. We will implement this in line with our behaviour and engagement policy and remind students through assemblies and tutor time of our processes and expectations. The student dress code is outlined in our uniform policy, available on the Uniform section of our website [Uniform Policy](#).

Punctuality and good attendance to school are an integral part of being ready to learn, therefore we will be working with students on the importance of being on site prior to 08.45 in readiness to be on time to lesson 1.

Likewise, students need to be equipped for learning and it is concerning that some students are arriving to school without a school bag, or in many cases a pen. We do look to parents and carers to support us in our endeavours to create a fair and equitable environment where our young people can flourish.

In tutor time this term students will be looking more in depth at the reasons for and risks of gambling, including the impact it can have on mental well-being. During the first week of February NLS will be recognising Children's Mental Health Week where we will be reminding students of the importance of looking after their wellbeing and signposting and reminding students of mental health support available both at NLS and externally through recommended agencies. Students will also have opportunities to discover a range of apprenticeships available in the different subject areas they study during National Apprenticeship Week towards the end of this half term.

Year 8 has had a very successful start to the academic year, with the overwhelming majority being polite, positive contributors to school life. We will continue to support all our students so that they can have the best chance of being the very best versions of themselves.

We look forward to seeing you at the Year 8 Subject Evening on Monday 13 January.

Kind regards,

Sarah Barley-Morey

Head of Year 8, Croft College Leader, Careers Leader