



19 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get closer to the Examination Period, our thoughts are with Year 11 Students and how we can continue to support them throughout this very busy, and demanding time in their life.

Study Leave

Students will effectively go on Study Leave on **Thursday 16 May**, after the Mathematics exam. Please note there are no signing of shirts on this day or any celebration. This will happen on Monday 8 July (see below for further details). Once the exam window has begun, we believe the focus should be on exams and not any distractions at this time.

The date of Thursday 16 May is just to make all students aware that if they prefer to study at home they now have this option. Students are allowed to come in and still get support from teachers, through their timetabled lessons, until the terminal exam paper has been sat in that subject. The library will be available to work in, for personal study, if students feel they need a base for a short period of time. We accept that the majority of students, will want to revise in the comfort of their home, but may also want to attend a selection of lessons. Unless they have an exam, they will be expected to sign in and sign out through reception. Please remember when onsite the normal levels of behaviour and conduct are expected from students and to be in full school uniform.

Summer Exams

Our students have demonstrated throughout this year that they are well prepared for the Summer exam season, which has now returned to pre-pandemic standards and arrangements. We just wanted to take this opportunity to share some key points from the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) guidance which we have to follow in the unlikely eventuality that a student is unable to attend an exam or is impacted by circumstances beyond their control, and to highlight some of our school specific procedures to support this. Where it is not possible, at the last moment, for a student to sit an examination due to temporary illness, injury etc, or there is some other circumstances where a student can sit the exam but is adversely impacted by something beyond their control **at the time of the assessment** then the awarding body **may** make some form of special consideration.

The awarding of special consideration for circumstances at the time of the assessment is at the discretion of the awarding body, in line with the [JCQ Guidance for Special Consideration](#) and only goes a small way to compensating for any situation rather than replicating necessarily the student's full capability. Wherever possible it is usually in the best interest of a student to sit the examination.

All examinations measure what a student knows and can do at the time of the assessment, and awarding bodies do not consider longer term circumstances that may have prevented a student from reaching the standards they may otherwise have done.

If there is a situation where a student cannot attend or is experiencing difficulties then we ask:

- Parents/Carers to phone into school before 8:30am if a student is unable to attend on the day explaining the reason why.

- Where a student is able to attend exams but is impacted by something such as injury, family bereavement etc please inform the exams team as soon as possible by e-mailing exams@northleamington.co.uk.
- The Exams team will then be in touch to discuss how we can support and to liaise regarding any paperwork and evidence that would be needed if it was appropriate to make a request for special consideration to the awarding body, in line with the guidance.
If you do have any queries please contact exams@northleamington.co.uk

Celebration Day and Prom

When all exams are over, on Monday 8 July, for the majority of students, we have the Celebration Day, which includes activities in school and the Prom in the evening. This is a very special day and something to look forward to. Students invited will be able to sign shirts, meet with their peers and staff that have supported them over the past few years. Students will also be able to collect their NLS Hoodie and Year Book if these have been ordered. The activities in school will begin at 10:30am, and they will finish at 12:15pm.

Tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay for any student who wishes to attend the Year 11 Prom, taking place at Chesford Grange on Monday 8 July. Tickets are priced at £35 and the deadline for payment is 31 May. The event will begin at 7pm.

Results Day Year 11

A reminder that results day for Year 11 is on Thursday 22 August. Results are available between 9am and 10am. Students must collect their own results and for any students not able to attend, results will be e-mailed to their school e-mail address later that day.

Members of staff will be on hand to both celebrate with students and to support as required with any post-results queries. On results day we will also be enrolling students to the Sixth Form. More information regarding this will be sent by the Sixth Form Team in due course.

Student Lockers

With students approaching the end of Year 11, it is necessary to start preparing for their departure. If your child has used a locker within school, could we ask that they begin emptying it and returning the key to Student Services. All lockers assigned to a Year 11 student where keys are not returned, will be emptied during the summer holiday. If the locker key has been lost, please could you ask your child to inform Student Services.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Butler
Head of Year 11