



Year 11 Parent Bulletin – Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all – I hope you and your families had a lovely festive break. Year 11 students have made an excellent start to the new calendar year where we are seeing a really positive attitude towards their learning as they approach the final stages of their time at NLS.

The focus for this half term during tutor time is continuing with DTTR block 2, where students will receive bespoke support on an areas of academic development. There will also be PSHE sessions based around ‘Gambling, Advertising and Marketing’ comprising of sessions such as Probability and Luck, and Addiction and Mental Health. Students will also receive a number of assemblies linked to careers, post-16 options, and mental health.

In PSHE lessons, students will be studying aspects of the RSE (Relationships and sex education) curriculum this half term. This will include assertive communication in relationships, how to handle unwanted attention and abuse, including online, and how to challenge harassment and stalking, including online. If you have any queries about these topics please contact Mrs. McGwinn (emcgwinn@northleamington.co.uk)

North Leamington School 6th Form Applications

A reminder that the deadline for students to apply to our Sixth Form is **Friday 19 January 2024**. All information regarding available courses, entry requirements and the application form can be found [here](#).

As Year 11 students approach interview season for either NLS Sixth Form, or other college and higher education institutes, the following links provide additional guidance to support that was provided in the mock interviews back in November.

[College and 6th Form Interview Questions](#)

[College & Sixth Form Interview | Tips, Questions, and Answers Video](#)

Attendance Challenge – “Challenge 24!”

With there being 24 school days this half term, all students are being challenged to be achieve 100% attendance this half term. Attend all 24 days to be in the draw to win Amazon vouchers. Will your child achieve this?

Year Book

On Monday 15 January, during Tutor Time, students will be given information regarding the 2024 Year Book and an email will be sent to them with a questionnaire for their contributions that will fill the pages. Please encourage your child to contribute.

The opportunity to purchase a 2024 Yearbook for your child is now available on Parentpay (www.parentpay.com), the cost is £23.

Orders need to be placed no later than Monday 4 March. There can be only one print run; it will not be possible to place orders after this date. Working with our supplier we are endeavouring to complete the work so that the books can be printed and delivered in time for the Celebration Day.

As an RSC Associate School we have been offered tickets to the preview of First Encounters with Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet on Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 18:30 - 20:00, at Sydenham Primary School, Leamington Spa. Tickets are available for NLS using the following link. There are 150 available and have been offered to all the schools in the Leamington Network. Access to the ticket sales is [here](#).

Upcoming Key Dates for Students (in school)

- Monday 15th January – Pre-Careers Fair and Post-16 Information Assembly
- Thursday 18th January – Careers Fair - We have been lucky enough to secure around 30 external education and employer providers to support our annual Careers Fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with a range of local colleges, sixth form, and representatives from a wide selection of companies. Students will receive a booklet to record the information that they find out. The event itself will take the format of ‘speed dating’ where students will be able to ask a range of questions to gain further insight into what their next steps post Year 11 could be.
- Friday 19th January – Mental Health in Schools Team Assembly
- Friday 26th January – Mock Results Day – to prepare students for the official results day in the summer, students will receive their grades for their mock exams completed in December 2023 during a tutor period in the theatre, just as they will on 22 August 2024.
- A reminder also that the date for the Year 11 Prom is July 8.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!

Mr. Butler
Head of Year 11