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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back, I do hope you had a lovely Easter. I would like to start today with a well done to all students who went to Spain on the Sports Tour. Feedback from our providers, staff, opposition teams and the general public was so complimentary about our young people. We focus intently here at NLS in supporting student academic outcomes but additionally want to provide opportunities for our young people to manage and challenge themselves in wider society. I was so pleased to hear of the great time had by all - I thank the staff, parents and carers who supported the event, without both this trip would simply not have taken place. We send off the vast majority of Year 7 students later today to Whitmoor Lakes for the weekend and look forward to many more wonderful student opportunities later this year such as a trip to Paris for Year 8 students in the May Half Term.

We have now entered the summer exam season for students sitting terminal assessments. Year group specific letters have been sent today with key examination and end of term arrangements for you to familiarise yourself with. I wish all students the very best of luck. The vast majority of our young people have worked well throughout their time at school and are superbly placed to perform brilliantly. We will continue to support all students in this vital run in.

Given the importance of summer exams I hope you will once again support the school operating plan for another two days of Industrial Action this term. Unfortunately the Trade Union dispute between the NEU and Government has yet to be resolved, members can strike on Thursday 27 April and Tuesday 2 May. For both days we ask students in Year 7-10 to work from home and students in Years 11-13 follow normal timetables in school. Any planned exams will continue as normal on both days, students will be given the usual high level of support to be successful in school. The only exception is for students in Year 9 on Tuesday 2 May who have already been booked onto a STEM event here at school. We have confirmed that this externally supported event will still take place and all students, who have been invited, are to arrive in full school uniform starting their day in the main Theatre for registration.

Our in-school provision for vulnerable learners will continue - you will have had an individual invite should this pertain to your child. Likewise our offer to provide students, who are eligible, with their Free School Meal entitlement will continue. Please order [here](#) by Tuesday 25 April at 12 noon, collection will be available on both days between 1:00pm – 1:30pm from the canteen. Students need not attend in uniform and can access the school direct at the front via the canteen.

As before, for students working from home, work will be set on Go4Schools where teachers are available. If work is not available, supplementary centrally set work will also be provided for students to complete. Students in Year 10 will be set RE revision style activities for Thursday 27 April instead of

timetabled subject lessons, this will give all students the opportunity to revise for an extended period of time utilising the revision strategies that they have been working on recently. Additional advice and guidance will be provided to Year 10 students during their assembly next Wednesday.

Please do keep up to date with the school calendar [here](#), we have two Subject Evenings this term for students in Years 8 and 12 and school closures for upcoming bank holidays.

I look forward to seeing many of you this term.

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher