



17 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 11 Subject Evening for Parent/Carers -Monday 4th December 2023 from 4.30 – 7:15pm

It is with pleasure that I write to inform you of the arrangements for the Year 11 Subject Evening, which will take place face-to-face in school. It is strongly advised that your child also attends the evening to allow them to hear the feedback their teachers provide.

All bookings for subject evening will be done via [Schoolcloud](#). Appointments can be made from Monday 20th November for 2 weeks at 5pm and will close on Monday 4th December at 9am.

A number of students may have two teachers in some subjects, and where this is the case the system will allocate you one of these to book with. Students studying triple science will not be able to see teachers from all 3 disciplines due to the volume of students each of these teachers needs to see but will be allocated one or two to see who will have information from across the course.

As this is a subject evening you will be unable to book appointments with your child's Form Tutor due to their subject commitments. If you do wish to speak to them at any point during the year then please contact them directly via e-mail.

The attached guide will step you through the process of booking appointments.

All appointment lengths are 5 minutes, and I would encourage you to start with any specific questions to ensure there is sufficient time for these to be answered. If you need longer with a member of staff they may ask you to make an appointment to speak to them at another time, in order to keep the evening running smoothly. I and members of the Senior Leadership team will be available for any general questions in the student services area.

The most recent attainment and engagement data will be available via GO 4 Schools in advance of the evening and we would encourage you to re-visit this prior to the appointment and to be ready to ask any specific questions you have.

If you have any issues or queries with booking appointments then please contact data@northleamington.co.uk.

Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams – December

The first window of mock examinations, to prepare our students for the summer exams, went extremely well in October. We are really proud of the way our students prepared for these and conducted themselves each day. We believe by giving students multiple opportunities to get used to the exam environment this will inevitably support them in the long term to help reduce levels of worry and anxiety. Familiarity in location and expectation is really important for success to happen next summer.

We are now preparing students for the next window of mock examinations, which is the longest window of almost ten days. These will take place in the final two weeks of this half term. The timetable below has been shared with students today, 4 weeks in advance, so they have significant time to get ready and prepared. When students do **not** have an exam, they will be attending lessons as normal and using the time productively with retrieval and revision at the heart of these sessions.

	Mon 11 Dec	Tue 12 Dec	Wed 13 Dec	Thu 14 Dec	Fri 15 Dec
09:00	English Literature (1h45)	Biology (triple 1h45; combined 1h10)	Geography (1h30)	Fine Art (2h) 11D D017 (Mrs Copeland) 11B D101 (Mrs Crowley) Health & Social Care (1h20)	Chemistry (triple 1h45; combined 1h10)
13:00	Food Prep & Nutrition (1h)	German and Spanish writing (F tier 1h; H tier 1h15)	Media Studies (1h30)	French writing (F tier 1h; H tier 1h15)	German and Spanish – listening & reading (F tier 1h20; H tier 1h45)

	Mon 18 Dec	Tue 19 Dec	Wed 20 Dec	Thu 21 Dec	Fri 22 Dec
09:00	History (1h15)	English Language (1h45)	Computer Science (1h30) Textiles (2h) D008	Physics (triple 1h45; combined 1h10)	Photography (2h) 11C H208 (Ms. Nicholls) 11D D113 (Ms. Muddyman)
13:00	French – listening & reading (F tier 1h20; H tier 1h45)	Design & Technology (1h)	Business Studies (1h45)	Drama (1h45) Physical Education (1h)	

In this window of exams, there are no Maths papers. Maths will be part of the February series with all three exam papers scheduled in the timetable.

Students will receive a personalised timetable with seat numbers and rooms on shortly before the exam weeks. Students should report to the canteen in advance of the exam time, with the exception of Art, Photography and Textiles where they should go straight to the classroom at the start of period 1 or 4. Students need to ensure they are familiar with the examination rules that they have heard in assemblies, such as wearing their full uniform and having their own correct equipment, including:

- Clear pencil case for equipment such as pens, pencils, calculator (where permitted)
- Water bottle with a sip lid only
- No watches/no calculator lids

Once an assessment is complete, and students are dismissed, students should return to their normal timetabled lessons or breaks. Where an exam finishes during break time, please report to the canteen for an extended break time.

Results from these Mock Examinations will be shared with students on Friday 19 January 2024 in a special assembly, in the same style as an August results day.

Tips of the trade supporting your child through Exams

There are a variety of revision information resources on the website under the exams tab, [here](#) that you may find useful in supporting your child. We recommend you take a look at this and use in discussion with your child at home.

Revision after school sessions

We will also be offering after school revision sessions from Monday 29 January. A timetable with the subject details will be sent nearer the time and will also be available on the website. Please encourage your child to attend as many as possible

Our Year 11 reward scheme called 'Passport to the Prom' will run simultaneously to this. In January each student will receive a Passport to Prom Booklet and for every revision session they attend after school the member of staff will sign a box in their Passport. The number of filled boxes will then translate into rewards, for example, a free professional photograph at the Prom. There will also be pizza at some of the revision sessions as a thank you.

It goes without saying that we are entering a very busy period and collectively, by working together, we are convinced we can make this period of time as enjoyable and rewarding as possible

Year 11 Celebration Day – Monday 8th July 2024

Year 11 students will conclude their final year at NLS with a Celebration Day on Monday 8th July 2024. In keeping with past traditions, this will consist of a shirt signing, the distribution of Leavers Hoodies and Year Books, and (a final!) celebration assembly within school. The day is then concluded with the Prom. Whilst we would like all students to attend and celebrate the past 5 years, it will be on invitation only, and the following criteria was shared with students in a recent assembly:

Criteria	Green	Amber	Red
Attendance	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Punctuality	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Behaviour	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Attendance to Revision Sessions	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Uniform	Excellent	Improvement Required	Poor
Average	Celebration Day Invite	SLT Decision	Not Invited

The above criteria will be applied to each of the next 3 half terms (including this current half term), where at the end of each half term, individual analysis of the above will be completed. As there are 5 areas of criteria, the overall category will be determined on an average basis.

For example, if a student has excellent attendance, behaviour, and uniform but their punctuality and attendance to revision sessions requires improvement, they would be placed in the Green category overall. Where students fall into the 'Amber' and 'Red' categories overall, they will be made aware of the area(s) that need to be addressed.

During the build up to the mock and final exams it is crucial that students give themselves the best possible chance of being successful by attending and being punctual to school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and attitude in lessons and additional revision/intervention sessions, and are wearing their full uniform at all times.

Careers Opportunity - RAF

The NLS Careers team are delighted to be able to inform you of a fantastic opportunity for Year 10 - 13 students and parents/carers to join the next RAF World event on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for details of the online event.

This is a free event and will provide a chance to explore 3 different operational zones from around the globe and delve into the roles on offer within the RAF. This is followed by interviews with real-life RAF personnel and chat rooms where you can talk to the friendly recruit and engagement staffs who will be ready to answer any of your questions no matter how big or small.

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



Mr. Butler

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