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Dear Parents and Carers,

My usual Friday letter reaches you on Monday this week. I hope, therefore, that you and your families had a lovely weekend. There is so much happening at school at the moment that it is difficult to know what to include in my letters to you without turning them into an epic! This is particularly true of our sporting achievements, with so much to celebrate across our teams. These letters can only offer a snapshot, so I do strongly encourage you to follow our Instagram feed for a fuller picture of school life. We share students' achievements and updates throughout the week, and I would not want you to miss the successes that your children are helping to make possible. On a practical note, we also share updates on Instagram during adverse weather, making it a useful source of information about any changes to the usual school arrangements.

Remembrance

Last Wednesday, we paused to remember those who lost their lives in war and conflict. Remembrance offers an important opportunity to consider what respect means in practice: how we honour the sacrifices of others, but also how we choose to treat one another today. I was immensely proud of our cadets and musicians, whose contributions brought such dignity to the occasion. The Last Post, performed by Isobel and Max, was note-perfect, and our Student President, Millie, gave a wonderful reading of *In Flanders Fields*. I know how much preparation goes into these contributions, and I would like to thank everyone involved for the care they took. My thanks, too, to Mr Devlin for organising and delivering last week's Remembrance assemblies, helping our students understand why we continue to pause and remember.

Wear It Pink: £1,035.68 raised

I am delighted to confirm that our Wear It Pink activities raised £1,035.68 for Breast Cancer Now. Thank you to our students for taking part so enthusiastically, and to you, our families, for supporting their efforts so generously. As a girls' school, this cause feels particularly close to our community. Your contributions will help support vital breast cancer research and care, and we are very grateful.

Lunchtime lectures: exploring future possibilities

Our lunchtime lectures last week gave students an insight into a wonderfully varied range of careers, from medicine and physiotherapy to photography, product development at Dr Martens and apprenticeship opportunities with the Department for Work and Pensions. We are very grateful to our visiting speakers for giving their time so generously and sharing their experiences with our students. Hearing directly from people about their working lives helps students discover possibilities they may never have considered.

I was particularly impressed by the engagement of our Year 7 and Year 8 students. There is certainly no expectation that they should already know what they want to do as a career at this age, but there is every reason to encourage them to be curious about what their future could hold. It is wonderful to see them making the most of these opportunities so early in their time with us.

Welcoming prospective students

We welcomed over 1,000 people to our Cognitive Ability Testing days, with prospective students and their families filling the Spinney Theatre for two sessions. It was lovely to welcome so many families considering NSG for their children, and to have the opportunity to talk to them about life at NSG too. We know that moving to secondary school brings both excitement and some apprehension, and I am grateful to the staff who supported the sessions and helped our young visitors feel at ease. We remain significantly oversubscribed, with waiting lists in every year group, and we never take for granted the confidence that parents and carers place in us when choosing a school for their children.

Christmas concert: Thursday 10 December, 7.00pm

Although I am not quite sure how we have reached this point in the year already, tickets for our Christmas concert, *A Season in Song*, on Thursday 10 December at 7.00pm are now available! They are selling faster than in previous years, so please do book soon if you would like to join us. Our musical events are always a highlight for me. There is something particularly special about seeing students perform for their families, and I would love to see many of you there to enjoy the evening with us. Tickets are available from our Box Office here: Spinney Theatre event tickets from TicketSource.

Swimming pool refurbishment

Alongside all this activity, work on the swimming pool continues, including further investigative work as the refurbishment progresses. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We know that the disruption creates practical difficulties, particularly around arrival and collection, and we do not underestimate the additional pressure this can put on families.

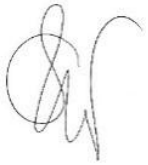
Your cooperation makes a real difference as we manage the school day alongside the works. While there is some way to go, we have a wonderful pool to look forward to, which will benefit our students and the wider community for years to come. Mrs Bright will be in touch this week with a further update and details of any small adjustments to the current arrangements, should these be necessary.

Teacher training days: Friday 20 and Monday 23 November

Finally, please remember that the school will be closed to students on Friday 20 and Monday 23 November for our disaggregated teacher training days. Teachers undertake the training associated with these days at other scheduled times. The school will reopen to students as usual on Tuesday 24 November.

Thank you, as always, for your support and for the many ways you help your children make the most of their time at NSG. I hope the week ahead is a good one for you and your families.
With very best wishes,

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