

9 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term and I can say, without reservation, that this has been a particularly busy one, albeit wonderful! Having so many changes to deal with has been a challenge for everyone and I am very happy, and undeniably relieved, that we have reached this point with everyone still moving forward positively. When we return, we will be much more accustomed to our new systems and past the initial adjustment period so Northampton School for Girls will feel more normal, even if it is a 'new normal'.

The weather has been largely kind to us this half term and many of our students have been spending time outside during breaktimes and enjoying plenty of fresh air. After half term, it is more likely that it will turn much cooler very quickly. Therefore, as there will still be windows open in lessons, I would strongly recommend that all students wear a school jumper under their blazers and bring a coat. Our heating will be turned on but I would still advise wearing additional layers as we will be encouraging students to spend as much time outdoors as possible to support their wellbeing.

Our focus for the early part of this term was on ensuring that our students were settled back into school safely and that they were supported with their wellbeing and academic needs. Over the past two weeks, tutors, Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team have spoken to all students to also remind them of the expectations of school uniform. Please do ensure these are followed; we want to keep everyone looking smart and taking pride in being part of our school community. We continue to have high expectations of their behaviour and attitudes; their adherence to the expectations of uniform forms part of this expectation. I respectfully ask for your absolute support in addressing this by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times. We will continue to reaffirm this with students next term. Further information about our school uniform can be found on website at: <https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/parents/main-prospectus>

Upon our return, we will continue to ensure that all students are wearing masks around school when not with year groups. We will also emphasise the importance of this as they go out into the community, when leaving school and coming into school. We ask for your support in reminding them of this expectation also. It is important that students remember their responsibility to support the confidence and wellbeing of our local community outside of school; we rely on our students to continue the behaviour expected inside school when they leave.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We remain committed to maintaining the highest standards of provision at Northampton School for Girls, be it in school or remotely, and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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