

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Happy Half Term!

This first half term has certainly flown and it really has been an incredibly busy one! We have thoroughly enjoyed having everyone back in school and seeing our many new students settle in so quickly. As much as possible, we continue to use our social media platforms to capture the highlights of our week – there have been so many!

In my previous letter to you I explained that we have written and met with Council representatives on a number of occasions regarding the hedges along Bradlaugh Fields that have become overgrown and are now covering the streetlights along the public footpath that is used by our students. As we move into winter, and the days become much darker sooner, we are hopeful that the Council will take action to address this issue promptly. We will continue with our efforts until this matter is dealt with appropriately. If you would like to support the school in raising awareness and concerns about this issue, please contact: Councillor Nunn, Leader of the Council, c/o The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton. We would be grateful for any support you can offer.

## Vaccination Update

Further to previous information shared with you regarding the government COVID-19 vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds, I can now inform you that West Northamptonshire have confirmed that these will take place on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November** and **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. We will share more detailed information with you regarding these upon our return to school following the half term break.



## Sixth Form Virtual Open Evening – Save the Date!

Life in the Sixth Form at NSG is varied, vibrant, inspiring and fulfilling and we have an ever-growing number of students choosing to remain with us once they have completed Year 11. As well as a broad range of courses to choose from, there are many opportunities to take part in an array of interesting enrichment activities that both enhance our students' applications for post-18 pathways and develop the skills they need in later life.

This year, we have a range of activities taking place that will give our current Year 11 students a clear understanding of what to expect from their Sixth Form experience with us: this will begin with a virtual Open Evening event taking place on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. This event will include a live webinar, online course videos showcasing our extensive curriculum offer and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Further events will be scheduled over the course of the next few months, ensuring that our Year 11 students can make fully informed choices about their next steps. Mrs Green, Director of Sixth Form, will be communicating these details to all Year 11 students, as well as parents and carers, shortly.

## Apethorpe Donation

Having recently submitted a bid for funding to Apethorpe Educational Trust for seeking support for additional resources for our Music and Performing Arts department extra-curricular provision, I am delighted to let you know that they were hugely supportive of the bid you and have approved a donation of £8400 to the school. This money will be used to buy an ensemble set of ukuleles to include different sizes, soprano, tenor and baritone, as well as new lighting, sound desks and speakers for our dance studios. We are very grateful to Apethorpe Educational Trust for their generous ongoing support and look forward to putting this to good use for our students.

My sincere thanks, once again, to all of you for your support. I would also like to say a special thanks to the staff and governors of NSG for their unstinting positivity and enthusiasm - I wish them all a well-earned break.

With best wishes,



Mrs Cristina Taboada-Naya  
**Headteacher**

