

16th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy term, and a bitterly cold and wintery week, it is fair to say that we are all ready for a very well-deserved break. In the past few weeks, we have been treated to some wonderful concerts, celebration assemblies and, of course, our annual Awards Evening earlier this week. It has been a real joy to share our students' talents and achievements. I also want to pay particular praise to the current Year 11 students who have been excellent in their approach to their PPEs. We know that they have been working hard towards them and this will help them enormously with their final revision. As in previous years, we will hold our 'mock' Year 11 results day on Tuesday 24th January 2023 and students will also have the opportunity to speak to staff once they have received their results. I wish them all the very best of luck with this.

### **Basketball England: Education Institute of the Year**

You may have seen on our social media channels that we have recently been named the regional winners for 'Education Institution of the Year' by Basketball England and, alongside this, Year 12 student, Lucie Wilson Gray, was named 'Volunteer of the Year'. We are immensely proud of this achievement and are keeping our fingers tightly crossed for the finals next year. Over 150 of our students are actively involved in extracurricular basketball activities every week, which is incredibly impressive. We have sessions for all abilities, but have seen continuous success locally and nationally with our five teams from U12 to U19. Our football teams, hockey squads, netball teams, as well as our swimmers and athletes have had some great results too - it is incredible to see the number of matches played and the quality of play achieved week in week out by NSG sport. We will continue to share the results and photographs of the matches with you on social media.

### **Foodbank appeal**

Thank you for all your incredible support with, and contributions to, our annual Foodbank appeal. This charity event represents student leadership at its absolute best and makes us immensely proud of the civic responsibility our students show! As has become the custom at NSG, this event was organised and managed from start to finish by our Sixth Form student leadership team; from the organisation of the collection boxes, to the communication with students parents and carers, and to ensuring that the donations received make their way safely to the local Food Bank. It has been great to the most senior students of our school acting as role models and inspiring and motivating students in the younger years.



## Academic Student Council

Elections have taken place and the votes have been counted and we now have a wonderful new team of Academic Student Council members! Thank you to everyone who applied and voted, and to staff who invested their precious time scrutinising and deliberating over students' applications. Congratulations to the following students who are our Academic Student Councillors:

**Year 8:** Sophia P (8BBA), Ananya B (8PJS) and Prudence W (8CHY)

**Year 9:** Adaobi O (9ESW), Bethany R (9JMS) and Caroline-Lily B (9GBI)

**Year 10:** Tahra S (10PHD), Princess O (10MDN) and Lily H (10LSP)

**Year 11:** Maisha H (11RCL), Laiba M (11PLS) and Susana L (11PMN)

## Royal Society of Chemistry Regional Finalists

A few weeks ago, Mrs Morris, entered a number of students into the Royal Society of Chemistry's Top of the Bench competition. This was an online competition against other schools in the county. We are immensely proud to share with you that we have been selected to represent Northamptonshire at the Regional Final. This will be held on the morning of Saturday 28th January at the University of Derby and we will be competing against schools from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland.

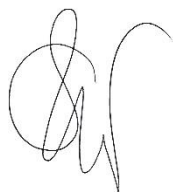
The team who scored the highest and that will be representing NSG are: Catria L (11PLS), Jules P (10AWS), Sadhika S (9RBT) and Sharvika S (9JKG).

## Additional Bank Holiday

As you know, next year there will be an extra bank holiday that has been awarded for the King Charles' Coronation. This will take place on **Monday 8th May 2023** and, therefore, our school will be closed on that date.

Thank you for all of your continued support this year and we look forward to seeing all of our students again on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

With very best wishes for a safe and peaceful holiday,



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