

Friday 18th November 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and students,

Headteacher Update

It has certainly been a busy few weeks for us at NSG and our feet have hardly touched the ground! Last Friday, the whole school community gathered together to mark Armistice Day with members of the army cadets, sea cadets and scouts parading out and leading the senior leadership team on to the steps of the theatre. My sincere thanks to each of them and to our school president, Ava Joyce, who read 'In Flanders Fields' eloquently and also to the musicians who each played beautifully. As the entire school fell silent to pay their respects for those that have given so much for us, only the stark sound of birds hovering above could be heard. This is always an incredibly moving occasion and this year felt like an even more poignant one as we reflect on the wars and tensions currently taking place across the world. We have posted a handful of photographs of the event on our social media pages if you would like a snapshot of the event.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Our Sixth Form open evening event took place on Tuesday 15th November. As part of this, current students and external students, along with their families were able to hear more about the Sixth Form provision and pathways available to them and to explore the Sixth Form Centre and site. It has been lovely to hear the positive feedback from our Year 11 students and their parents/carers who were clearly appreciative of the opportunity to hear more about the subjects they are considering for A Level and BTEC. They were highly complementary, in particular, of the Sixth Form students they met on the evening. Our applications portal for prospective Year 12 students is now open and we are already receiving applications. If your daughter is a Year 11 student interested in remaining with us in the Sixth Form, I would encourage you to complete an application as soon as possible. All offers of places are conditional to securing the grade requirements. Full details are available here:

<https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/sixth-form/nsg6admissions>

Anti-bullying

This week is anti-bullying week and we have been spending time in assemblies and tutor times reminding all students of the importance of showing kindness and respect to others, not just for one week but always. We have been reminding them to talk to you, us or friends if they are experiencing unkindness from others. Please do contact your child's tutor as the first point of contact if you have any concerns, or the Head of Year/Head of Academic Standards for your child's year group. They will gladly discuss any concerns with you and work with you to decide next steps and actions to be taken.

Safeguarding Newsletter

Earlier this week, Mrs Boddy shared our Safeguarding Newsletter with you. Our intention is to ensure that you are kept fully informed about any local and national safeguarding issues that may affect your child. We know that this is a period of unprecedented uncertainty for young people and families as society continues to find its way



through new Covid variants, the challenges of a cost-of-living crisis and the impact of global events. All of these can lead to an increased risk for young people and we want to provide as much information for you about this as possible. We hope that you find it helpful and would welcome your feedback on this. If you have any comments that you would like to share with us about this newsletter please contact us on:

dsl.safeguarding@nsg.northants.sch.uk.

There is a lot coming up for us at NSG in the next few weeks and we will be sharing more information about key events in due course. By way of a reminder, here are a few important dates for your diaries:

Thursday 24th November: Year 10 consultation evening

Friday 25th November to Monday 28th November: school is closed for Teacher Training

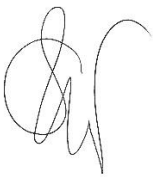
Wednesday 7th December: Christmas Concert

Monday 12th December: Awards Evening

Friday 16th December: last day of school

As ever, thank you for all your support.

My sincere best wishes,



Mrs Taboada-Naya | Headteacher

