

16 April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school this week and the kinder weather has meant that even more of them have been enjoying the sunshine and fresh air at break times and lunchtimes.

Following the latest guidance from the Department for Education, it remains our expectation that students continue to wear face masks in lessons and communal areas, including corridors, where it is not possible to maintain a two-metre distance. We are pleased that students are adhering to this expectation so respectfully.

Although many restrictions are now reducing on a national level, we will continue to maintain the zoned areas that we established last September across the school site, as well as the one-way systems and rotas for going into the Clare Dining Room and the food serveries in Oak and Elm. This is making a significant difference in avoiding congestion and also preventing students from mixing between year groups. It is our intention to continue with these measures into next term. We are grateful to everyone for persevering with this.

Extra-curricular and enrichment activities

We are delighted to be resuming even more of our extra-curricular sporting activities from Monday 19th April. The wonderful Faculty of Sport and Performing Arts have done an incredible job in ensuring that our provision is exceptionally broad and inclusive, whilst also making sure that safety measures are in place to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19.

Looking ahead to the summer term, we are in the process of organising some much-needed enrichment and personal development opportunities for Years 7 to 10 and Year 12. Over recent months, students across England have missed out on outdoor education, sport, drama, careers and other activities, and these have always been fundamental to our core offer at NSG. Therefore, we will be arranging for our staff, sports coaches, outside providers and speakers to further enhance our offer in these areas in coming months.

School lanyards

Next week we will be issuing new NSG lanyards, photo identity cards and card holders to all students in Years 7 to 11. The lanyards have worked very well in supporting us to ensure that all year groups are kept separate from each other, at lunchtimes and break times in particular, and have been very beneficial in many other ways also. Please can I remind you that it is the expectation that students arrive wearing their lanyards and continue to do so whilst at school at all times; I would be grateful if you could support us by giving your child a gentle reminder about this when they are heading into school. Mrs Boddy will be writing to all parents with more information about the lanyards and expectations of uniform early next week. We know that moving in and out of lockdowns over the course of the last year has made it more difficult for parents and carers to access the correct uniform for their children quickly; however, it is important that we continue to maintain our expectations of smart dress for our students.



Examinations: Year 11 and 13

Students have been working very hard over recent weeks ahead of their next assessment, 'Assessment 2' and we are pleased with the conscientious manner in which they have approached these. Assessment timetables, topic guidance and all other relevant information was shared with students at the end of last term. As a reminder, this information is also available on our website here:

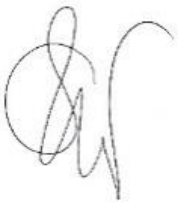
<https://www.nsg.northants.sch.uk/students/exams-and-intervention-information>

We will continue to update this area of our website to ensure that all the information you and your child needs about this year's examinations is available in a centralised location.

I would like to wish all students in both of these year groups all the very best in their assessments next week. They are now moving quickly through to the final stages of the assessment process and they are doing so with determination and focus; we are incredibly impressed with them! We now need all of our students to continue to persist with their revision and positive work ethic and, as we have said all along, to speak to us if they need more support, whether that is with their wellbeing or academically.

Thank you so much everyone for your continued support.

With very best wishes,



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