

10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

At this early stage in the autumn term, in what has been a much more normalised start to a school year, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Head of Year 12. I am very much looking forward to working with the students in the year group as they progress through the sixth form. Post-16 studies are an exciting and important stage in education and I look forward to helping your child access the opportunities available to them.

I would also like to thank the year group for the extremely positive start they have made to the year. With approximately 200 students enrolled, the building is very much alive and buzzing and it is something that I know myself and Mrs Green (Director of Sixth Form) have been looking forward to seeing and experiencing. As a year group they have faced an unprecedented set of circumstances and uncertainties as well as a significant break in their education over the last 18 months. They have settled back into lessons with remarkable ease and should be commended for their positive attitude.

Sixth form students are important role models for the whole school and expectations are high. Thus far, I am pleased to see the year group meeting these expectations. Our welcome assembly on Monday morning reiterated many of our expectations along with the opportunities that students can access and the support offered here at NSG to ensure your child does the best that they can both academically and in a wider sense. I would like to take this opportunity to share with you once again the link to our Welcome to NSG Sixth Form Flip book that can be accessed [here](#). This booklet outlines the many key facts that are useful to know and have to hand in one place when starting our sixth form. In particular I would like to draw your attention to our expectations regarding attendance and the student dress code which appear on page 13. Students were reminded in one of their morning PSHE sessions this week about the dress code and from Monday of next week we expect to see all students adhering to this code.

Regarding attendance, students need to be in school by 8:40 at the latest every day and need to stay in school until 3:30pm, unless of course they have a medical or other appointment that can not be rearranged to outside the school day. Once we feel they have settled into our routines, we will look at relaxing this requirement and allowing students to be in school for tutor time and taught lessons only. We will communicate with all students and parents ahead of any relaxation of this rule.

We are hoping that we have seen the last of our periods of remote learning for the whole year group but should your child test positive for Covid and therefore have to isolate, remote learning, if they are well enough, will take place through the Google Classroom. Please let us know straight away of a positive test by phoning 01604 679540; this is also our absence line for reporting daily absence.



Finally, I would like you to help us by reminding your child to check their emails at least once a day as this is the primary form of communication we have. Any changes to routines or guidance as well as opportunities for enrichment activities will be emailed directly to students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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