

26th April 2022

Dear students, parents and carers,

With only 16 school days remaining before study leave commences, I am writing to share some important information with you.

Last Assessment Data of the Academic Year

Today, you should be able to access the final progress report for Year 13 via the documents on Edulink, where you will be able to see how subject staff have assessed students' performance, taking into account their last assessments in March. We are now in the final few weeks of revision ahead of the public examinations. Please remember students can access subject-specific revision resources via their Google Classrooms or on the [Year 13 Revision Hub](#). Many subjects are also offering intervention/revision sessions beyond lesson times too and we would strongly encourage our students to attend these.

Study Leave for the Summer Examination Series

A reminder of the arrangements shared previously:

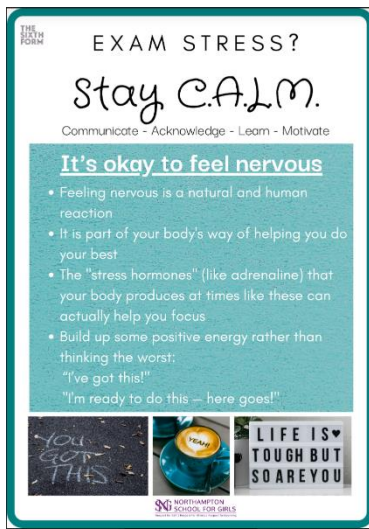
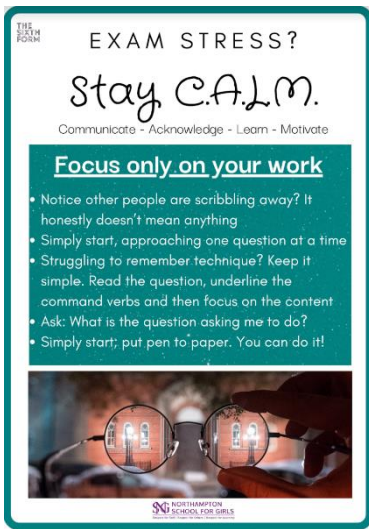
- **Year 13 will continue to have taught lessons up to and including period 4 on Wednesday 18th May.** Attendance in these remaining weeks is extremely important, to allow our students to make the most of their remaining time with our staff subject experts.
- The **Year 13 Leavers' Assembly** will take place during **periods 5 and 6 on Wednesday 18th May** in the Spinney Theatre. Our wonderful Student Leadership Team are planning a celebratory assembly, featuring performances from Year 13 students and speeches from staff. Weather-permitting, we will then move outside onto the steps in front of the theatre and the quad to enjoy ice-creams together and take a final year group photograph.
- **Study Leave will begin Thursday 19th May.** Students will be permitted to study at home for their exams. Please note that staff will remain available, in their usual classrooms, for all lessons up to the final exam in each subject to allow students access to support, should they need or want it. Students should ensure they 'tap in' with their lanyard cards whenever they come onto the school site and 'tap out' upon their exit.

Support

We appreciate that this period of Year 13 can be incredibly stressful for students and their families. The final exam series can be a daunting prospect, especially for a year group which did not get the chance to sit their GCSE exams.

Please remember that students have a range of ways of accessing support in school, should they need it. Mentors are the initial point of contact for all students and will be able to direct students to the most appropriate member of staff if they cannot help directly. Subject teachers are also putting in a range of intervention and support for their courses to ensure our Year 13 students' achievements are optimised.





Mrs Pruden has also been running the 'CALM' project, designed to reduce student anxiety around exams. All students who requested a one-to-one session previously have been seen this week or are booked in for one-to-one appointments. We are also providing a range of resources, including posters around the school site and cards to be kept in students' lanyards, with key reminders of strategies to use to remain calm in exam situations.

Alongside Mrs Pruden's work on the CALM project, we also want to remind students of our Mental Health and Wellbeing Google

Classroom. Through this, Mrs Nicholson shares a wealth of resources to support students' wellbeing, which will prove particularly useful in the run up to the final exams.

Year 13 Prom

Along with the Leavers' Assembly, I am thrilled to be able to confirm the summer celebration for Year 13 on 14th July at the beautiful Brampton Grange, in the Venice Barn, with floor to ceiling draping and fairy lights.



Ticket prices include venue hire, a welcome drink, a DJ and disco, hot dogs/burger meals (dietary requirements will be catered for) and a photo booth (8 x 6 photos are charged at £5 each, payable by cash or card on the evening, for group or individual shots – formal or informal – the photographer will bring props for those who'd like a more fun shot!).

We hope this gives our students the chance to create some lasting memories of this important milestone with their friends and teachers. With so much disruption due to Covid throughout their sixth form experience, and without having had the chance to have a Year 11 prom, we would love to celebrate with as many students as possible on the evening and mark the end of their time with us at NSG in this special way. There is no formal dress code for this event, but most students who responded to the Google form sent previously suggested they'd like 'semi-formal' attire.

Brampton Grange have agreed that they will serve alcohol **only to those over the age of 18, with a valid driving licence or passport to verify their age. Students who are eligible to purchase alcohol will NOT be permitted to purchase alcoholic drinks for friends who are yet to turn 18.** Senior staff and the sixth form



staff team will be in attendance on the evening to celebrate with our students. For safeguarding reasons, 'plus ones' are not permitted; the event is only open to current NSG students and staff.

All the details you need to know are below:

Venue: Brampton Grange

<https://www.bramptongrange.co.uk/find-us.html>

Date: Thursday 14th July 2022

Time: 7pm - 10.30pm

Tickets: £40 purchased via Parent Pay only

If you would like to attend, please pay as soon as possible in full via Parent Pay. The deadline for tickets to be purchased is **Monday 16th May 2022**.

We hope the final few weeks of term will be a really positive experience for our Year 13 #RoleModels. Please do let us know if we can do anything more to support them at this time.

Yours sincerely,



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Director of Sixth Form



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Head of Year 13

