



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Thursday, 13 March 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

March Newsletter

I am writing to update you on some of the recent developments here at NUSA, and with some important dates for your diaries.

Ofsted Monitoring Visit

We are now working with Ofsted to improve standards at NUSA, and as part of this process their inspectors will visit us every term. Their first visit was just before half term, and our link inspector was very impressed with how much progress we have made since November. I was incredibly proud of all of the pupils, and delighted to see teachers and pupils working together as a team. You can view the letter on the Ofsted website by searching for Nottingham University Samworth Academy, and then opening the Section 8 inspection report, dated February 2014.

Parents' Forums and Tours

I would like to extend my thanks to all of the parents and carers who gave up their time to attend the second parents' forum of the year, and for sharing their thoughts and suggestions. We will continue to hold these forums on a termly basis. The next forum will be on Thursday 22nd May, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a presentation on how pupils can best prepare for the internal assessments that will be held in June for Years 7, 8 and 9.

Our parent tours during the school day have also proved popular, and so we will continue to offer this opportunity to all current and prospective parents and carers. If you would like to join a tour of the school, please direct your request to Mrs Claire Sarris, who will book you a place. The next dates are as follows:

Tuesday 18th March 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Monday 24th March 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday 2nd April 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Wednesday 23rd April 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday 1st May 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday 8th May 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

After these dates, we will be into the GCSE examination season, and so the round of tours will be towards the end of the summer term.

P.T.O.

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Study Days for Years 10, 11, 12 and 13: Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th April

On Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th April NUSA will be partially open. These days were to be INSET days, but now we are intending to use them as focused days to support pupils with coursework and exam preparation. Only Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 should attend school on these days.

Day of Action: Proposed strike by the National Union of Teachers

On Wednesday 26th March the National Union of Teachers is calling on its members across England and Wales to hold a one day strike. The unions are still seeking to engage in discussions with the government, but if the strike goes ahead, NUSA will only be partially open. Only Years 7, 11, 12 and 13 will be expected to attend school.

Yours sincerely,



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