

Monday, 30 January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a change to our INSET pattern for this academic year, and to ask for your support. NUSA will now have an INSET day on the last day of this half term, Friday 10th February. As you may be aware, there is a significant amount of change taking place this year as pupils prepare for the government's new GCSEs, and staff require additional training time in order to be appropriately prepared.

NUSA will remain open for pupils in Year 11, who will spend the day completing focussed examination preparation. Pupils in Years 7 to 10 will be set a range of private study tasks to be completed at home. If you or your child would rather they attend school and complete the study tasks under supervision, then please complete and return the slip below accordingly. If you do not complete the slip, we will assume that you are happy for your child to complete the work set at home.

I hope that parents and carers can support this change as part of our efforts to best prepare pupils for the new, more challenging GCSEs. If you have any queries about these arrangements, please can you contact your child's Assistant Head of Year in the first instance via our main school reception telephone number: 0115 929 1492.

Assistant Heads of Year

| Year 7 | Ms Green |
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| Year 8 | Ms Dabbs |
| Year 9 | Mr Snow |
| Year 10 | Ms Fletcher |
| Year 11 | Mr Ball |

Yours sincerely,

Mark Watts Head of School

NUSA Inset Day on Friday 10th February 2017

Pupil Name:_____

Tutor Set: _____

I would prefer for my child to attend school and complete study tasks under supervision

on Friday 10th February.

Please tick

Parent/carer signature: ____

Executive Headteacher: John Tomasevic B.A. (Hons) Econ. M.Ed. N.P.Q.H. N.L.E.