



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

WC: 06/02/23

Dear Parents/Carers,

At NUSA this week:

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Awareness week. Our wonderful Year 13 students arranged stands containing different information about mental health in our canteen on Wednesday. Students were able to go and along and view the information and ask questions. We also celebrated our unique identities today with a 'Dress to Impress' day.

On Thursday, Year 9 were treated to author sessions from external providers. The sessions proved really enjoyable for the students and some of the creativity from students was really impressive.

This week we interviewed Year 10 students for Prefect roles. We were really proud of how they performed.

Those of you that attended NUSA or William Sharp as students may remember Mr Erentz. We said goodbye to him this week as he goes on to retire after 43 years at our school. We have loved having Mr Erentz with us and are incredibly grateful for all he has done for families and the community of NUSA.

Next week we will have interventions for Y11 for some subjects. Letters have already gone home to parents about this and texts will also be sent today.

Please ensure your child is ready to return to school in full school uniform on the first day back. If you are struggling with purchasing any items of uniform, please get in touch with your child's HOY to see if we can help.

Coming up at NUSA:

End of term – 3pm – Friday 10th February

Start of term – Monday 20th February

Reports for all students sent home to parents – Tuesday 21st February

Y11 Mocks – Two weeks for weeks commencing Monday 20th and Monday 27th February

'Prison me no way' day for Y9 students – Wednesday 22nd February and Thursday 23rd February

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

SEND drop ins – Wednesday 9th March and Wednesday 19th April

Year 11's last day is on Thursday 22nd June

Year 11 Prom is on Friday 30th June

Free school meals :

Free School Meal Vouchers February Half term

Nottingham City are sending to us a voucher of £15 for each student, that is currently eligible for free school meals. This will cover the February half term.

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for the Christmas 2022, you will receive another voucher for Huggg, to cover the break and will be sent to the same email address, you do not need to do anything else, relax.

For those that are eligible, that did not receive vouchers or that have questions, please read the below.

Q&A

My child is eligible for Free School Meals, but I did not receive them from NUSA over Christmas 2022, how do I receive them for February 2023?

Please email contact@nusa.org.uk

What is the value of the vouchers?

£15 per week, per eligible child.

I did not receive a voucher previously; can I receive my other vouchers now?

No, vouchers that were available for previous holidays have now expired. We only have vouchers relating to the upcoming break.

When will I receive the vouchers?

Vouchers have been issued today - Friday 10th February 2023.

Safeguarding corner:

Online safety – parent support session

If you are anything like me as a parent, you will find it hard to keep up with the endless new apps available for our children to use. The NSPCC are offering a free session for all parents/carers to attend via Zoom on Thursday 28th February 2023 at 7pm.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.

Date: Thursday 28th February 2023
Time: 7-8pm
Location: Virtual session held on

Zoom details are below.

Topic: NSPCC online safety webinar
Time: Feb 28, 2023 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82274589287?pwd=SFVEL1Eva0ZSaHhPcDcwSmovSCtiUT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/kdjxC613kS>

ISTs (Independent Study Tasks)

A reminder that 'IST Club' runs after school in B003. If your child needs to use the schools' facilities to complete their ISTs, please contact the Head of Year and use this facility:

KS3: Tuesdays 3pm-3.50pm

KS4: Thursdays 3pm-3.50pm

Our wonderful Head Pupil, Gracie, has created the next video/ short which can be found on our YouTube channel. The theme is 'Pictowords' and this technique will be used until the Summer term for KS3. The link can be found: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/8hsKC0OVVTs>

Here is a QR code to the latest video:



Questions we get asked: "How can I check my child is completing ISTs?"

Our dedicated staff log on our Kickboard app. They log positives when an IST has been completed in time and log negatives when this hasn't been completed. You must use the 'access code' to log into Kickboard provided by NUSA. Should you need the code, please contact reception or your child's Head of Year.

<https://parents.kickboardforschools.com/home/activate?role=parent>

The schedule for Year 7-9 is below:

KS3:		
Maths	Sparx Maths	Per week
English	IST recall	Per week
Science	IST recall	Per week
Enterprise	IST recall	Per 2 weeks
Spanish	IST recall	Per 2 weeks
History	IST recall	Per 2 weeks
Geography	IST recall	Per 2 weeks
DT	IST recall	Per 2 weeks
Music	Booklet per half-term	Per half-term
Drama	Booklet per half-term	Per half-term
Art	Booklet per half-term	Per half-term

The schedule for Year 10 is below:

KS4:		
Maths	Sparx Maths	Per week
English	GCSE Pod/ Pupil packs	Per week
Science	Kerboodle/ GCSE Pod	Per week
Engineering Design	GCSE Pod	Per 2 weeks
Geography	GCSE Pod	Per 2 weeks
History	GCSE Pod	Per 2 weeks
Spanish	GCSE Pod	Per 2 weeks
Art	Practical/ Coursework	Per 2 weeks
Drama	Practical/ Coursework	Per 2 weeks
Business	Practical/ Coursework	Per 2 weeks
GCSE Sport	EverLearner	Per 2 weeks
Catering	Practical/ Coursework	Per 2 weeks
BTEC Sport	Practical/ Coursework	Per 2 weeks
H&Sc	Coursework	Per 2 weeks
Psychology	GCSE Pod	Per 2 weeks

Year 11 should be doing at least two hours per week on core subjects and one hour each on subjects they have need to prioritise.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Emma Howard