



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

**WC: 20/03/23**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**At NUSA this week:**

Another action-packed week here at NUSA.

Our Year 11 students received their mock results today. This is a pivotal time in their school journey now and we are really excited about their success in the summer. I delivered an assembly to them today on 'choice' and the fact that, they now have a choice as to how they spend the remainder of their time leading up to the exams; I hope they choose wisely!

A group of students have travelled down to London today to watch Hamlet at the National Theatre. This is an incredible opportunity and I know they will have had a brilliant time.

On Wednesday we welcomed Parents and Carers into school for Year 9 to choose their options subjects. 93% of students attended this event and we are so proud of the fact that this shows that they are so clearly invested in their futures.

This week saw the start of Ramadan for some of our students and staff. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody who is observing Ramadan, a peaceful, happy, healthy and prosperous time.

**Would you be interested in helping with invigilating exams?**

We have a small number of students who, for various reasons, will be doing their summer exams at home. There needs to be an invigilator at the house to make sure that the exam is done fairly.

Would you be interested in joining our invigilation team to carry out this role?

Here are some key points:

- Pay is £10.78 per hour. Minimum pay is two hours for any exam. If people do both morning and afternoon exam they will be paid for the whole day.
- It is a zero hours contract so completely flexible - people work when they want to.
- Training will be given.
- The application process is relatively simple.

There will be short interview following the application.

By doing this role, people are supporting young people at a crucial time in their lives.

If you would be interested in joining our invigilation team this summer, please email [jmather@nusa.org.uk](mailto:jmather@nusa.org.uk). We will send you a list of requirements in order to do the job and an application form to complete.

**Easter Free Fund and Food Club**

Nottingham Forest Community Trust, in partnership with Nottingham City Council, will be hosting a holiday activities club over Easter, on various dates and location across the city. Students in receipt of free school meals will have automatically been emailed a voucher directly, to the email address they provided to us. This voucher entitles your eligible child, to a place on the Nottingham City Council's Spring 2023 Free Fun and Food Programme. Each eligible child has 4 credits available. Other students are able to attend but there may be a charge. More information is available using the below link. If you have any queries – please email them directly to [haf@nottinghamforest.co.uk](mailto:haf@nottinghamforest.co.uk). NUSA are unable to answer further queries on this club as it is not ran by the school.

### **Free School Meal Vouchers Easter Half term**

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

For all of those that received free school meal vouchers for the February 2023, 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. Completing the form again where you have received vouchers during February 2023, will cause a delay in receiving vouchers, as it impacts the vouchers being processed. So please refrain from doing this.

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

### **Q&A**

#### **I received vouchers for February 2023, from NUSA – should I still complete the form?**

No, please do not apply again where you received vouchers for February 2023, you will automatically receive them for Easter 2023. Reapplying will cause a delay in receiving your voucher(s). Rest assured, where you received them for Christmas, you will be included automatically for February. **Unless** you have a child now at NUSA, that has joined year 7 for example. In this scenario you should complete the form, but just for the child you need to add.

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

Please [click here](#) and complete the form. Ensure you input all of your information carefully.

#### **If I need to complete the form, when must I do this by?**

Midnight on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

#### **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 will be issued before 12pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **Coming up at NUSA:**

SEND drop ins – Please contact reception for dates and times if you wish to discuss your child's SEND needs

Pathways Evening for Year 9 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 11's last day is on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Year 11 Prom is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

### **Safeguarding corner:**

This week's safeguarding corner is from 'Catch 22' who are an organization who aim to reduce Child Exploitation.

# CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION - HOW DO GANGS RECRUIT AND COERCE YOUNG PEOPLE

Catch22 believe that children involved in criminality are victims first. Groomers exploit young people and force them to commit crimes. The stages below outline the pattern of exploitation we have seen in our Child Exploitation services:



## 1. 'FRIENDSHIP'

The groomer or gang builds a friendship with the young person and make them feel like a valued member of the group. They'll often give them money, gifts and lifts in their car. They usually also supply them with alcohol or drugs. At this stage the young person may enjoy the sense of freedom and lack of rules, they may also begin to feel a sense of belonging within the gang. Over time, many young people begin to see this group as family.



## 2. TRUST

Once the young person feels part of the group, the groomer begins to give them responsibilities. This could be something like holding a package overnight –and they'll be paid about £50 for doing a task like this. This makes them feel like the group trust them. The young person may feel in debt to the group gang "for everything they've done for them", and they'll begin to enjoy and get used to the money they're being given.



## 3. THREAT

At this stage the group may start asking the young people to carry out serious crimes. If the young person refuses, the group will then threaten the young person.

These threats could be to the young person themselves, to their friends or to their family. By this stage the young person is entrenched in the criminal group, and they will almost certainly have witnessed violent acts committed by the gang. They will understand that threats of violence are not empty threats, and are likely to do what is asked of them.

Levels of threat can vary depending on which area of the country the young person lives in. Typically, the more established criminal gangs are in the area, the more violent the threats to the exploited young person are.

### Type of crimes a young person may be forced to commit:

- Holding firearms for an organised crime gang
- Carrying and using firearms or knives
- Supplying, sourcing class A-C drugs
- Involvement in planned harm to others
- Shooting and causing violence to others
- Planning and carrying out burglaries
- Damage of community or properties
- Mugging or street robbery

Have a lovely weekend,

Emma Howard