

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first of our termly newsletters. It has been a busy first half term and each of the Year groups wanted to share with you what has been happening since September.

Thank you for your support with school uniform. Our students are looking very smart. Just a reminder if you are buying winter coats over the half term break they need to be plain black for school.

We have booked in our Christmas Trips for Monday 14th December. There will be more information on this after half term.

Year 7

Year 7 have made an excellent start. They have settled in following a smooth transition from their primary schools. Attendance and punctuality have been good. We have also had some visits back to our Primary schools, take a look at the pictures.



We have been learning about the 'Work Hard, Be Kind' message at NUSA. The theme for our Personal Development lessons is Citizenship and we have looked at British values and what it means to be a member of the community. The students have also had a speaker in who talked about going to University. In the next term they will be learning about developing positive relationships.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening. If anyone was unable to make it please contact Mr Kirkby who will arrange an appointment for you.

Year 8

Morning Tutor Time

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| Monday | Personal Development |
| Tuesday | Literacy |
| Wednesdays | Numeracy |
| Thursdays | Assembly |
| Friday | Futures Friday |

Extra-Curricular (After School)

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| Mondays | Girls' football |
| Tuesdays | Maths and NUSA radio |
| Wednesdays | Badminton/ Boys' football/ Film club/First story/ Science and Sign Language |
| Thursdays | Netball/ Drama and Sing out Choir |
| Fridays | Basketball |

School Council Representatives

Students nominated and voted for representatives on the School Council. It is their responsibility to voice student opinions and ideas and share them with staff.

We are delighted to announce that they are Bilaal Ahmed and Asharntay Cespedes.

Goals for Life

We have actively been involved in a project with Notts County Football Club called 'Goals for Life.' The project will be run for the next eight weeks and the following pupils are participating: Aiden Hall, Jack Mousley, Nathan Robinson, Alex Toner, Lee Musson, Callum Ryan, King Sing, Ewan Bamford, Jacob Mann, Jaroslav Horvath, Brandon McCormick, Callum Charlemagne and Abdulla Jama.

Year 9

This Girl Can

Fifteen Year 9 girls are currently taking part in a nationwide project called 'This Girl Can' sponsored by Sports England. The project is about each girl taking part in a different sporting activity every Friday after school between 3.30-5 pm. The project also promotes self- esteem and self- awareness regarding healthy lifestyles.

This started On Friday October 2nd. Participants are as follows: Peterlee Graham, Maceypaige Robinson, Katie Limb, Danielle Wilson, Iqra Nadeem, Ebenezer Lokote, Lashae Fogo, Sally Russell, Natasha Siddique, Syntia Andrasz, Renee Brandy Harris, Allison Asanza, Shirly Miranda, Abbie Norman and Kiera Hylton.

Duke of Edinburgh

The following year 9 boys are currently taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh: Gervais Davis, Calvin Lancaster, Jack Mawer, Kieren McNaul, Ewan Mercer, Owen Morris, Jack Newstead, Rossi Reynolds, Lloyd Searcy and Jayden Watts.

Over a period of time the boys complete 6 stages to gain a Bronze Certificate. They have just completed 'The Young Life Saver' sponsored by St Johns Ambulance'. The next stage is sponsored by NICAS which stands for National Indoor Climbing Award Scheme.

NUSA in Bloom

A group of Year 9 pupils entered the 'Best School grounds award 2015' and received a Bronze award for the 'NUSA in Bloom' project. Pupils designed and prepared the grounds, their work included sowing seeds, recycling unwanted items in to planters. Pupils also sprayed old pots, car tyres and wheelbarrows, along with planting herbs in old wellies!



Pintsize

On 22nd October Pintsize Theatre will visit NUSA, all our year 9 pupils will watch a play called 'Kids having kids' this is to raise their awareness of sexual health and teenage pregnancy. Pupils will also take part in workshops and activities supported by their tutors and year team.

Year 9 Boys' Badminton



We would like to congratulate a group of year 9 boys. Previously these boys have never played before, but through lesson time and afterschool practice finished runners up. Their effort and commitment has been fantastic and took them to the finals! Kane Khalfan, Tuschaun Kauser, Mckai Upton, Kiran Duncan, Dylan Sharpe, Kaide Henry and Brian Ajayi. Well done boys!

Year 10

Residential to Kingswood, Norfolk

At the end of Year 9, 27 students went to Kingswood centre Norfolk on a programme run by Skillforce aimed at increasing motivation for school and increasing self-confidence through adventurous activities. Analysis of recent data will see if this had an impact on engagement in lessons this academic year. Follow up coaching from Skillforce will also be booked in to reinforce the aims of the programme.

Students were: Arvin Appiah, Kian Armstrong, Ethan Bentley, Tyler Baylis, Bethany Camfield, Adam Cross, Daniel Drew, Shane Easton, Niall Fletcher, Courtney Graley, Jake Greening, Billy Howell, Niall Hylton, Shannon Jepson, Shannon Johnson, Jamie-Leigh Quinn, Ben Randall, Reece Roadley, Samuel Ryan, Peter Sheppard, Elliot Shooter (Lloyd), Adam Smith, Damien Smith, Brandon Vickers, Ethan Ward, Savannah Webb

Calais Action Appeal

Year 10 Ambassadors raised awareness and assisted in collecting items for Calais Action appeal. Food was taken to a local food bank at Bilborough Baptist church on Wigman road who were very thankful for the donations.

Macmillan Cake Sale



Ambassadors and friends ran a bake sale in Aid of Macmillan and helped to raise £337. Students were: Jessica Roebuck, Ashleigh Martyn, Ciccone Martin, Kaitlin King, Ayena Khan, Nia Powell, Julia Stachowiak, Elycia Chell, Lucy Lane, Jake Roebuck.

Shugborough Outdoor Centre

A successful reward trip to Shugborough Outdoor Centre went ahead 9th-11th October. Twenty five Year 10 students who had shown excellent effort in lessons, had excellent attendance and few negative PARS were chosen for the reward. Same dates are already provisionally booked for next year.

Students Were: Hannah Ryley, Katie Blanchett, Renice Mcann – Jones, Ashleigh Martyn, Merissa Hickman, Ali Siddique, Aleksandra Sobeiraij, Julia Stachowiak, Zaydn Conroy, Tafi Tavanhira, Shatyma Anderson, Chipra Mikielle, Wongani Jere, Hilary Ifediora, Lucy Lane, Victoria Bird, Keylan Renault, Jason Yik, T'Angelo Symour, Connall Forde, Ciccone Martin, Zoe Sheppard, Nia Powell, Taylor Green, Joelle Wogui.



Boys' Football



Year 10 football team are through to round 3 of Forest Bowl with Victories over Kimberley and Christ The King schools in rounds 1 and 2 respectively. The boys will play Either Carlton Le Willows or Oakwood in the quarter finals. Squad: Taylor Green, Niall Hylton, Tafi Tavanhira, Billy Howell, Adam Cross, Coden Duncan, Zaydn Conroy, Dylan Lawlor, Tom Swinton, Leo Muxito, Luke Reynolds, Keylan Renault, Ethn Ward, Jason Yik.

Football training, open to all boys in year 10, takes place every Monday and has been well attended. The above students plus Gabriel Uhunmwagho, Tyrese Huggins, Elliot Lloyd, Jarel Carruthers, Luke Bradshaw, Kian Armstrong, Brandon Vickers have attended.

Girls' football is also available on Mondays run by Miss Rooney.

Key dates

14th December – Christmas Trip (Information to follow).

19th - 23rd January – Internal Assessment Week.

11th February – Reports issued.

3-6th May – Internal assessment week.

Year 11

Key dates

Monday 19th October to Friday 23rd October - Work Experience (Students in A band). Please contact Mr Hamilton or Mr Atkinson regarding work experience.

Monday 26th October to Wednesday 28th October - Half Term Intervention – Extra support sessions for Year 11.

Wednesday 4th November (AM) - IGCSE English Exam for 11a1 and 11a2.

Wednesday 18th November - Year 11 Progress Evening.

Monday 30th November to Thursday 10th December - Year 11 Mock Exams in all subjects.

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December - December Intervention – Extra support sessions for Year 11 (Programme to follow later this term).

Post 16

I would like to introduce myself as the new Head of Post 16 at NUSA. Having spent 9 years at the Nottingham Academy as Head of Business and working closely in Post 16, I have built up a wealth of experience in teaching as well as delivering outstanding results. My goal is to develop Post 16 students into well rounded learners who not only achieve academically but also have opportunities to develop experience and skills to support them later in life.

This year marks a first for NUSA in offering academic A-Levels. The school aims to build on the successes of its vocational offering by offering A Levels in Biology, Sociology, Psychology and Creative Writing. The A Level courses run alongside Level 2 and 3 vocational courses in Business, Art, Health and Social Care, Childcare, Catering and Sport.



Sign Language Courses

Following on from the achievement of year 13 students last year in gaining the level 1 British Sign Language qualification, there are eight students who have progressed onto the part 2 course this year. NUSA students have responded fantastically well to this enrichment opportunity and understand its relevance when studying at an academy, which offers specialist deaf provision. The majority of Year 12 students studying social sciences will also take part in a bespoke deaf awareness course, which will dovetail with their academic studies.

National Citizenship Service

You may have heard NCS advertised on local radio and wondered what it is all about. NCS is open to all 16 and 17 year olds in England and Wales. It helps students build skills for work and life and gives students opportunities to take on new challenges and meet new people.

Participants take part in a week long residential taking part in a range of outward bound activities and challenges. Students then return to complete a 30 hour project aimed at dealing with a local issue they are passionate about. Twenty Post 16 students have applied for a place at NCS and all look forward to taking part in the project.

INTU University PSHE links

NUSA Post 16 has been working closely with the school sponsors Nottingham University and Nottingham Trent University in delivering its PSHE offering to post 16 students. So far year 13 students have taken part in UCAS and personal statement writing workshops. Year 12 have had an insight to university life through representatives from the Universities visiting the school. This will be followed up with a trip to Nottingham Trent University on Monday 2nd November.

Key Dates

Wednesday 25th November - Post 16 – Progress evening (Parents welcome).

Friday 11th December – NUSA Deadline for year 13 UCAS applications.

Monday 14th December – Christmas Trip – Peachy Keens and Ice Skating in the Market Square.

We hope that you all have a restful half term.

Mrs M Whiteley
Senior Leader (Pastoral Strategy)