



“Success For All”

**NETHERHALL
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HIGH SCHOOL**

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End of term letter from the Principal

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a busy and successful Autumn term, I would like to thank you all for the support the school has received in what has been a very long and tiring term. As always it is an honour and a privilege to be working alongside such a hardworking and determined student body. We continue to make positive strides forward and will continue to put your children at the heart of everything we do.

It has been a pleasure to see so many students participate in a whole variety of different activities this term – at lunchtime, after school and also many trips and excursions. Academic success is important but we also recognise the value of the many character-building opportunities we offer at school to ensure that the talents and interests of all students are developed and supported. We will continue to offer our tea-time club but do ask that if your child intends to attend they book through the SIM's Parent App. This will ensure we have enough food available for all students who attend.

This final few weeks of term have been extremely busy. Year 11 have completed their mock examinations, Year 7 to 10 have completed their end of term assessments and the Christmas concert have all taken place. Celebration Assemblies will be taking place over the final week and student rewards can be picked up in Tutor Time on Friday 22nd December.

Important dates and some polite reminders:

Christmas Dinner - Wednesday 20th December 2023 A full Christmas dinner will be available in the dining room at a cost of £2.70. The deli bar will also be open as usual. Payable in advance as normal via ParentPay or as part of the free school meal allowance if eligible.

Last day of term - Friday 22nd December 2023

School closes to students at 12pm - If your child receives a free school meal they can use their allowance to purchase a selection of food at break time.

Non-Uniform day - we are collecting funds for the Save the Children charity. Suggested donation is £1 but we are grateful for any donations that you are able to contribute.

Next term we welcome our new Head of School **Mrs. Heather Johnson**, **Mrs. Helen Sheldrake** as Quality of Education Lead and **Mrs. Sarah Eagleton** as Teacher of Business/ICT who I am sure you will meet in the coming months as they settle in to their new roles.

As well as welcoming the new staff we are also saying goodbye to **Mrs. Dean**. After over 25 years at Netherhall Learning Campus High school, and working with many children and their families, Mrs. Dean will be retiring and taking the opportunity to have a well-deserved rest. She will certainly be missed around the school by all her colleagues and pupils alike.

Reminders for Parents and Carers:

Attendance – good attendance and punctuality are important and we expect full attendance until we finish on our last day before Christmas. We thank you for your support with this. We also need to start the Spring Term with a keen eye on attendance and punctuality, the attendance team will be in touch next term with a reminder of expectations, procedures and policies.

Uniform – We know that many students will receive new clothes and shoes as presents. If you intend for them to be worn in school, please ensure they meet our uniform standards and are suitable for winter weather. If you are not sure, please contact us to check.

Contacting school

If you have a query regarding your child's school day, please contact their Form Tutor in the first instance as they will be best placed to answer the majority of questions about your child's day or their subject teacher if it is subject specific. Where possible, we ask that you contact staff by email to info@nlconline.org.uk rather than phone as the majority of our staff are teaching or on duty between 8.15am and 3.15pm. Please allow 48 working hours for them to respond. Should you phone our office, our team will do their best to assist you and will contact the relevant member of staff on your behalf. If you feel you need a face to face appointment with a member of staff is necessary, we ask that you contact the school office who can liaise with the member of staff to make an appointment for you at a suitable time. We are unable to facilitate meetings without a prior appointment. Visitors to reception will be asked for their availability which will be passed on to the member of staff who will be in touch to discuss the matter further and offer a suitable time to meet should this be necessary.

Sandra's Safe Space – We are in the final stages of planning our memorial for Sandra Harriott using the money we raised before the summer. We hope this will give staff and students alike somewhere for quiet and peaceful reflection or even a space to sit and discuss future plans with Sandra's words of "*Big Up Ya'self*" in the forefront of our minds.

Cost of Living Payment - Families who receive free school meals will be eligible for a cost of living supermarket voucher for £50 per child. These will be issued via Wonde across the campus on **Monday 18th December 2023**.

All term dates can be found on our school website - <https://www.nlconline.org.uk/netherhall-learning-campus-high-school/for-parentscarers/term-dates/>

I wish you and your family a peaceful festive season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With very best wishes,



Michael Kent
Principal

Dates for your Diary and upcoming events in 2024

Monday 8th January 2024

INSET Day – School is closed to students for staff training

Tuesday 9th January 2024

School opens to students

Thursday 11th January 2024

GCSE Art Exhibition – 3:00-5:00 based in the Studio School

Saturday 13th January 2024

Creative and Media Studio School Open Event – Year 11 Open morning 9.30 - 12.30

Thursday 18th January 2024

Year 10 Parents Event – 3:20-5:30; Staff will be available for subject engagement meetings. Further information will be sent out week commencing 9th January 2024

Week 22nd – 26th January 2024

Year 10 Work Experience

Wednesday 24th January 2024

Year 8; Prison Me? No Way! - If you have any questions about the workshops please do not hesitate to contact school.

Further information about Prison me? No Way! can also be found on their website <https://www.pmnw.co.uk>

Thursday 25th January 2024

Year 11 Parents Event – 1:30-5:30; Staff will be available for subject engagement meetings. Further information will be sent out week commencing 9th January 2024

Year 7, Year 8 and Y9 Remote Learning – 1:30-3:15; Students will not be required in school but will be set Remote Learning tasks for English, Mathematics and Science. These tasks will be set online, anyone who is not able to access Remote Learning will be allocated a space in school to access and complete the set work. Further information will be sent out week commencing 9th January 2024.

Thursday 1st February 2024

Year 8 Option and Careers Event – 3:30-5:30; Staff will be available for subject engagement meetings. Further information will be sent out week commencing 9th January 2024

Wednesday 7th February 2024

Battle of the Bands - Year 9, Year 10, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13 Music classes compete for the coveted title 'NLC Best Band' 2024

Friday 23rd February 2024

Knife Crime Theatre Group - Our students wanted to address their growing concerns around Knife Crime and in response to the heartbreaking incidents of 2023.

Tuesday 12th March 2024

School Show 'The Wizard of Oz'

Careers - Year 10 and Year 11 Important Dates

Year 11 have been researching and applying for their college and apprenticeship places along with having their Careers Guidance meetings.

Closing dates for Colleges

Greenhead College 1st December 2023

Huddersfield New College 1st February 2024

Other colleges work to 1st February 2024

All applications should be made via the Get Into Kirklees Portal

23rd January Huddersfield New College Taster evening and New Parents talks

bookable lesson taster sessions for Year 11 students are now live on HNC website here:

<https://www.huddnewcoll.ac.uk/join-us/open-events/> These are aimed at Year 11 students who have applied, or intend to apply, to HNC for September 2024 entry.

These sessions are a valuable opportunity for students to experience their course options in action. Taking part not only gives the students a head start on their studies, but also gives them a chance to ensure their choices are right for them. They are also of course very useful for those students who need to narrow down their options and for those who are considering a subject they have not previously studied. Places are on a first come, first served basis and unfortunately if a taster becomes full students will need to add their name to the waiting list

These sessions will run on Tuesday 23 January 2024 from 5:30pm-8:00pm and there will be 4 half an hour slots where students can choose which subject(s) they would like to attend. Students can access the booking system through the Eventbrite page. Whilst due to capacity HNC cannot permit parents/carers to attend these, they do have a full programme of useful bookable talks that parents/carers can attend while your son/daughter is taking part in their tasters. Full details can again be found via the link above.

Thursday 25th January Mock Interviews for all Year 11 - These take place during the school day

January – March 2024

Apprenticeship Support after school for anyone applying for an apprenticeship- check sims to book

Monday 22nd January 2024 – Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 have been busy looking forward to their work experience which is due to commence 22/1/24 for one week, please check in with your child that all the online forms have been completed on Unifrog, they know what the dress code is for their placement along with days and times they need to work. Any queries please contact Miss Timberley.

Kirklees College Taster Sessions for Students in Years 9-13

Kirklees College have now published their taster dates. The dates/times as well as the booking links can be found here <https://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/taster/> Tasters are a great opportunity for students to try out a mixture of different subject areas, they are all after school hours and are very beneficial towards figuring out which pathway to follow.

Careers Ambassadors Speak at Parliament

Our Careers Ambassadors have been working with the Food Foundation and York University on an important research project all around the health and sustainability of Free School Meals, this culminated in a trip to Parliament to present to MP's and Policy Makers. We are really proud of our students. You can read all about it in the attached document. Also look out for it in the local news.