

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last half term was a very busy time in school as you can see from the reports from the Year Teams. These are a few items that I would like to draw your attention to.

### **Children in Need**

We will be running a range of activities for students at lunchtime on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 for Children in Need. There will be lots to take part in. Bring along your loose change for a great cause. Students may come in non-uniform for the day and make a contribution.

### **Email Addresses**

As you can imagine, printing costs in school can be very expensive and we would like to cut these down by emailing information to you where possible. On the bottom of the Christmas trip letter there is a space for you to provide us with this. We can then make sure that you are on our mailing list. Hard copies will still be available in school should you need to request one.

### **Christmas Trips**

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the whole school will be on Christmas Trips. Each year group will bring home their individual letter. Please make sure that the consent form is signed and returned by the date given with the contribution of £8.00. The trips are subsidised by school. As always, please contact us if you are in a position where you need hardship support.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. School will finish at the end of the morning session following Christmas assemblies. Children will have the opportunity to have their lunch prior to departure. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 may leave from 12.15pm. Years 7 and 8 may leave from 1pm.

### **Children After-School**

We have lots of clubs and activities on after school, including homework clubs. These are all on our school website. However, we have some children who make arrangements to do things after school and don't speak to parents/carers about this. It can cause a lot of confusion, particularly for you. Please can you speak to your children about any changes in arrangements for after-school. We have had some distressed parents in school, unsure of where their children are. It often transpires they have gone to a friend's or elsewhere without agreeing it with home first.

Maria Whiteley  
Senior Leader (Pastoral Strategy)

## **Year 7**

### **Transition**

Some Year 7's recently returned to their Junior Schools to talk to Year 6 pupils about transition, SATs and moving to a secondary school. It was enjoyed by all and former staff loved seeing them in their NUSA uniforms.



### **Tutor competition**

#### **7.3 Tutor Group**



Tutor groups have been fiercely battling it out for the trophy. Competitions this term include a basketball shoot out, bingo, tower building and lots of other fun activities. However, the winning tutor group by a significant margin was Mr Morson, 7.3. Congratulations all. The new competition begins - can 7.3 hold on to the title?



### **Careers**

Year 7 have made an excellent start to their NUSA careers. They have settled in following a smooth transition from their Primary Schools. Attendance and punctuality have been good. Students' effort in lessons have been rewarded by receiving positive marks. Each tutor group has a premier league with the overall winner reviewing prizes in the end of term rewards. Congratulations premier league champions.

### **Meet the Tutor Night**

A massive thank you to all parents that attended 'Meet the Tutor' night on October 13<sup>th</sup>. It was a great opportunity to share the successful transition students have had. If you were unable to make it, please contact your child's tutor or Mr James to book an appointment.

## Football



After football trials, during the second week of term, over 35 boys attended, trying to make the starting 9. As a result Mr James decided to have an A and B team for the first time in NUSA history. Mr James is managing the A team alongside Niall Hylton and Morgan Furnell in Year 11. Mr Case is in charge of the B team. The A team had their first fixture of the season against Bluecoat Academy. NUSA was 1 – 0 down at half time due to a lucky strike against the run of play. Second half, playing downhill, NUSA stepped it up. They attacked Bluecoat resulting in 5 second half goals, including star striker Owen Measures getting his hatrick. A fantastic winning start for the A team.



## Year 8

### Netball



The year 8 Girls Netball team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the finals of the City Development League. They all played absolutely brilliantly over the course of the two weeks, demonstrating a high level of skill and only losing once to the eventual winners. They showed fantastic determination and hard work, along with respect for their opponents which was great to see. The girls were an absolute credit to the school and should be very proud of this achievement. They were Aimee Ryley, Saccena Campbell, Vanderleia DeOliveira, Tam Aslan, Ellie Jackson, Esther Ifediora, Ashleigh Beardsmore, Sophie Kemp and Chantelle Mitchell.

## Year 9

### Dates

- Enterprise day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016.
- Exams on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

## Assistant Head of Year 9

We would like to welcome Mr Snow, to the Year 9 team.

## Homework Club

Year 9 now have a homework club on a Thursday 3.30-4.30pm in B113. Pupils will have access to computers and a quiet place to work and revise for their up and coming exams.

## Tutor Competition

Last term tutor groups took part in weekly tutor competitions. Points were awarded for the winners of weekly challenges, positive points and the least negative points. Well Done to 9.2 who received the year group trophy and a reward of their choice.

## Year 10

### Work Experience

Year 10 have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. We have had a big focus on employability, CV writing and career interviews have started supporting aspiration, achievement and help in understanding college choices. This time next year you will be invited to college opening evenings. Work experience will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – all year 10 pupils have received a yellow placement form that needs to be completed with a suitable work placement and returned to Miss Fletcher. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience the world of work. You will receive a letter with more details.



## Basketball

Year 10 Basketball Team recently competed in the Year 10/11 City Basketball Tournament. They were unbeaten up until the finals where they won bronze. Well done!

## University Residential



A group of pupils enjoyed being a university student for two days! They experienced living on campus, took part in different activities and made friends with other pupils from across the city.

**Well done - Mckai Upton, Tuschaun Kauser, Ethan Murray King, Ebenezer Lokote, Louise Reynolds, Keira Hylton, Sophie Bainbridge, Peterlee Graham and Leo Russo.**

## **GCSE Art**



We would like to thank the parents that came into the classroom for tea and biscuits. This was a great opportunity for you to see the amazing work in Art. Your children are very proud of their progress and were over the moon to see you in their classroom. Thank you!



## **Parents Evening**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of Parents Evening on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. More information will follow. Can you please attend to see your child's progress and achievements. This is a crucial year for your child and we need to work together to ensure your child is working well and is happy in school, ready for the next stage of their learning path.

## **University of Nottingham Physics Visit**

Year 10 students who were interested in studying A-level physics were invited to the University of Nottingham Physics building on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June. The idea of the day was to give a taste of what studying at University would be like, along with possible carer options if they studied physics at degree level. They undertook two physics experiments while they were there; testing blood samples for oxygen levels using an LDR and working out the efficiency of a motor. They had a tour of the campus as well as a tour of the physics building. The day finished with a careers talk about where a degree in physics could take you, and the best part – Liquid Nitrogen



Demonstrations. Quotes about the day: *"Today we learnt about the way University students live and how classes and life are for people doing a physics degree. We managed to see physics from a different perspective and learned how science can be fun! A degree or even an A-level in physics can open up many career paths and provide amazing opportunities."* Paola Saucedo

*"I really enjoyed today, because I realised that physics is not only about engineering but other interesting things. I really enjoyed this experience; it allowed me to think about what field of physics I would like to peruse in the future. It also allowed me to see the different job opportunities that could be achieved with a physics degree. Liquid nitrogen is sooo cool! The wood looks so wooden."* Ayena Khan

*"I thought physics was dull and all boring maths until I actually visited the University of Nottingham and saw for myself it was more than that and much more fun. It really made me consider doing A-Level physics more than I have."* Jaden Charite

## **Year 11**

### **Careers Fair**

The start of term has been a busy one for year 11, with students preparing for their final school year by attending a variety of targeted interventions, during and after school. Also, as part of a Careers Personal Development day, Year 11 decided to abandon transport and walk to Harvey Hadden to attend a Careers Fair, armed with their personal SMART targets, they were able to think about life after NUSA.

### **Speeches!**

There were also some important speeches heard for Head Boy and Head Girl, specializing in all things Prom, as well as for a place on the Student Council. The brave souls spoke powerfully to a full lecture theatre of eager spectators. A democratic vote was taken and congratulations to Demi Muress and Mason Walton for Student Council. Nia Powell and Jamie Beardsmore as Head Girl and Boy. May you fly the NUSA Year 11 flag with pride!

### **PD: Life is an Interview**

An upcoming event for our Year 11s is on the Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, where pupils will dress smartly, as they will be practising interviews and learning how to present themselves in the real world. Good luck!

### **Year 11 Product Designers**

Students have been working hard this half term to complete design ideas ready to start making their final products. Open invitation to complete any outstanding coursework, or get ahead

**Day: Every Thursday. Location: C.0.08. Time: 3.15p.m – 5.00pm.**

### **Netball**

The Year 11 netball team had their city tournament this half term. In a strong field they competed very well, winning several matches and having many close results. They all demonstrated a positive





attitude, improving their level of play throughout the tournament. The girls should be very pleased with their performance.

### Other Information

#### Drama Group

On Monday 10th October, 21 students from NUSA Drama department travelled to Birmingham Repertory Theatre to see Kneehigh Company perform 946: The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips. The group had an amazing time and took away ideas to use as part of their BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts course. Samworth Academy Young Company group runs on Monday's from 3.30-5pm for students from all Year groups to enjoy our beautiful drama studio. Sessions are run by former Nottingham Playhouse Youth Theatre Director, Sarah Stephenson and Singer/ Songwriter, Tash Bird.

#### Film Club

Run every Tuesday in the Lecture Theatre from 3:30 to 5pm. Film Club has been showing a number of films of different genres (types). Regular attendees of the club will have seen such modern classics as *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *Supersize Me* and *Shrek* though the most popular film shown so far has been the 1952 musical *Singin' in the Rain*: surprising all of the staff and students in the hall. This half-term, we hope to show Christmas films from across the decades!

#### NUSA Radio

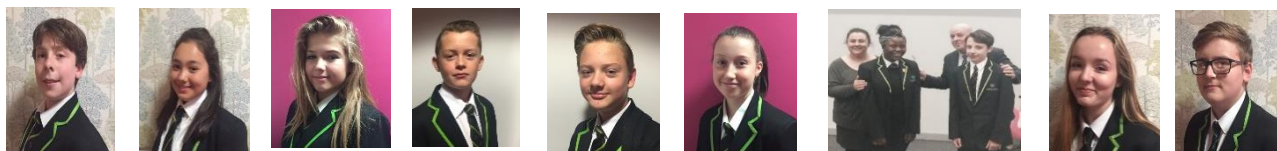
The students attached to Radio NUSA have been putting their ideas forward as we look to make a podcast all about life at our school. A number of fantastic thoughts have been submitted and we will begin recording the best of these. Look out for our roving reporters as we look to collect as many interviews with students and teachers as we can! Radio NUSA is run every Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

#### NUSA welcomes High Sherriff of Nottinghamshire

NUSA received a visit from the High Sherriff of Nottinghamshire, Judy Naakè. Judy attended the school when it was previously William Sharp and grew up on the Firbeck Estate. Her trip coincided with NUSA's Macmillan Bake sale and Judy was more than happy to help out selling cakes and answering questions. "The school is amazing. I always loved this school but it's now really something. The support that is available at NUSA is just incredible, they're very lucky."

#### Student Council Elections

Student council helps to share students' ideas, interests and concerns. All students were offered the opportunity to run for Student council. Over seventy students nominated themselves. Twenty-seven students gave speeches to their peers during lunchtime rallies in the lecture theatre and then students voted! We now have two representatives from each year group who will work with staff to make positive change here at NUSA. Well done to Adam Rice and Tyra Bates (Year 7), Lily Rose Lee and Macauley Sims (Year 8), Jack Bolton and Milli Jane Witham (Year 9), Ebenezer Lokote and Kayden Langford (Year 10) and Mason Walton and Demi Muress (Year 11). Well done!



#### NUSA Signing Choir

**Back row:** Hollie Alvey, Kacey-Leigh Brandon-Smith, Natasha Bloor and Kelcie Burnip.

**Front row:** Sara Mallok, Ella Newell, Rebecca Forrest, Gargi Agrawalla and Regan Dodsworth. Some have only been signing since September 2015. We have been learning lots of useful signs so we can support and make friends with the increasing numbers of Deaf students who come to NUSA. We meet in B1.04 every Wednesday from 3.30 – 4.15pm. All welcome!



#### Design and Technology

The D&T Department are very impressed with NUSA's designers and chefs. Students have started projects to design and make Chocolate Lollipops, 'Under the Sea' Amplifiers, Mini Torches, Clocks, USB Lamps and various food products. Open invitation to complete any outstanding coursework, or get ahead! **Day: Every Thursday. Location: C.0.08 Time 3.15p.m – 5.00pm**



