

WC: 06/11/2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week at NUSA:

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It has been a great start to the new half term this week and all students and staff have come back to NUSA ready to begin an exciting new half term. Our assemblies focused on 'Purpose'. Given the fact that at the end of the week the country had our Remembrance Day, it is important to understand why having purpose and a sense of something greater than just ourselves, is essential for life. This means that sometimes we have to do things for the greater good, make sacrifices and having faith that we are fulfilling that greater purpose in life. Throughout our whole school character programme, we aim to work alongside you, as parents, to develop really well rounded individuals who go into adulthood as good people.

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This assembly fit perfectly with our Year 11 Interview Day, which took place on Friday. The students all attended in business and smart dress attire and look truly professional and ready for the world of work. They had the opportunity to find out about a range of colleges and 6th form establishments, as well as take part in two interviews and write a professional letter of application. The students all rose to the challenge and really proved themselves to be model NUSA students.

The Year 11s had a really successful mock period. The mocks are in the process of being marked and assessed and we look forward to some positive results.

Revision guides:

If your child is currently studying for GCSE exams (year 10 or 11) and would like to purchase revision guides at a reduced cost, they can do so by completing the order form and taking it, along with the correct amount of money to Vera in A119. Order forms can be collected from tutors, Mrs Huskisson-Moore or Vera. Revision guides are available for a range of subjects including Maths, English, Science, Drama, Spanish, Sport, History, Geography, Psychology and Catering and are an invaluable tool to support students maximising their progress.

SEND Drop ins:

We offer a number of 'SEND drop ins' throughout the year for parents/carers. These are open to any parent/carer who may want to discuss their child's SEND needs further or parents/carers who have concerns that their children may have SEND needs that are yet to be diagnosed. If you wish to book an appointment in one of the slots below, please contact reception.

Wednesday SEND	
Drop in date:	
22 nd November 2023	

Coming up at NUSA:

Date	Event
Monday 13 th November	Odd Sock day to celebrate anti-bullying week
WC: 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
Thursday 16 th November	Year 7 Parent's Evening



This week, safeguarding corner provides you with information about X.

What parents and Carers need to know about X

Around 35 million X users are under 18, So it's essential that parents and carers stay up to date with the changes made to Twitter since its reinvention as X – and the online safety hazards these alterations might pose, including exposure to explicit content and unpleasant behaviour.

That's not to say, however, that X is a ruined platform: a more cautious approach can still enable young people to navigate it comparatively safely. This week's 'WakeUpWednesday guide' suggests some steps that can help children avoid common pitfalls – both new and old – on X.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Claire Backhouse