



17<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you, your family and friends enjoyed a Happy Christmas and I hope your new year has started well. As we start a new term I am writing to inform you of some of the exciting events coming up at NUSA in 2019.

2019 will see the return of our school drama production as our students and staff perform 'Little Shop of Horrors'. The show will be performed on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets are available at school reception. Further details will follow as the production approaches. 2019 also sees NUSA's first overseas Sports Tour. Students from Year 9 are travelling to Barcelona, Spain to play Football and Netball as well as experiencing one of Europe's great cities. These events along with other experiences we arrange for our students demonstrate our intent to offer our students a range of educational experiences during their time at NUSA.

The day to day experience of every student at NUSA also matters to us as a school. For this reason we will continue to drive up standards of behaviour in 2019. In 2017, Ofsted recognised the behaviour at the school to be good. We want behaviour to be outstanding and therefore we are making this one of our main priorities as we firmly believe that high expectations and outstanding behaviour lead to outstanding learning and achievement. To achieve these high standards we are increasing our training with staff and students to ensure everybody at NUSA understands our expectations. As part of this additional training for staff, Trust Directors, School Governors and School Leaders have agreed to an additional INSET Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Year 11 will be expected to attend school as normal on this day to prepare for their upcoming GCSE exams.

In addition, our term dates for 2019/20 are now available on our school website.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming events or the INSET Day in February please contact the school through your son or daughters tutor.

Yours sincerely,

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