

28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am writing to you to update you on the latest news at NUSA and to inform you of the date of our upcoming INSET Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Positive Start to the 2018/9 Academic Year**

Having secured our 'Good' judgement from Ofsted last year we are determined to continue our journey to make NUSA an 'amazing' school. We started the year by outlining our higher expectations with all of our students at NUSA. We are pleased with the response of our students, as high expectations are vital as we continue to improve student outcomes each year. We will continue to work with our students to secure the standards that will enable them to achieve and follow aspirational career pathways. Your support with attendance, punctuality and uniform is a key influence on standards at NUSA and is much appreciated.

### **2018 GCSE and Post 16 Success**

The success of our 2018 Year 11 cohort demonstrate the continued improvements at NUSA with 64% of students securing a Grade 4 (equivalent to a Grade C) or above in English and 61% a Grade 4 or above in Maths. The average grade for all students across all subjects was a Grade 4 with 95% of our students completing at least 8 GCSEs. This enabled a record number of students to secure College places from our 2018 cohort. I am also pleased to report that a record number of students have chosen to continue their studies at NUSA Post 16. Our 2018 Year 13 students secured superb grades which enabled them to secure their places at University and in employment. I would like to thank students, staff and parents for the hard work, support and collaboration that enabled our students to achieve.

### **Novation**

Our work with The Nova Education Trust has been a significant influence on the improvements seen at NUSA in recent years. Our Trust is made up of fifteen Primary and Secondary Schools around Nottingham, with all schools sharing the same 'Work Hard Be Kind' ethos. This ethos has been central to our work at NUSA over the last five years and influences all of our actions. Novation is a further development of this culture and ethos and we will be working with the Trust to develop 'Novation' at NUSA this year. This will enable us to develop our students as strong characters, who are strong learners and therefore secure strong outcomes.

I look forward to working with you as we look to secure further success for our students this year.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Trimmingham  
Head of School