



Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The students have returned to school ready to embrace the new challenges and experiences that they will face during the next year of their education.

We have all been delighted with how well they have responded to changes and hope this positive attitude continues.

It has been great to see so many children arriving at school on time with the correct uniform and equipment. I thank those of you who have ensured that your son or daughter have everything they need for a smooth start at NUSA. It makes school life more difficult than necessary for students when they arrive to school without the correct uniform and equipment or where they arrive late. We will continue to take a strong stance on punctuality in particular as we believe that this a vital skill for the students future adult lives. A late arrival to school currently involves the students being issued with a -20 Kickboard deduction for each time they are late. To help deter students from being late to school, we will be raising this reduction to -30 from Monday 4th November 2019 if we see no further improvement in punctuality. If your child is running late to school with a valid reason, please contact the schools main reception to report this. If your son/daughter catches a bus, please ensure that they are leaving with enough time to catch an earlier bus if their bus is frequently delayed. Traffic in Nottingham during rush hour can mean lengthy delays for public transport.

We will be holding our Year 6 Open Evening on Thursday 19th September 2019 from 5-7pm. If you have a child who will be moving in to Year 7 next year, please feel free to join us at this event.

Moving forward, we will report an Attitude to Learning grade for all students each half term. This will allow you to see how your child is performing in each subject in terms of their attitude to learning in the lesson.

Our website is currently being updated and now includes email addresses for all members of staff. We would encourage you to make email contact with staff members should you have any concerns regarding your child. The first port of call should always be your child's form tutor as they are often able to support with a majority of concerns or they will be able to direct you towards the relevant staff member.

Many thanks for your continued support in ensuring that your child thrives in school.

Upcoming events:

- Year 6 Open Evening – Thursday 19th September 2019 5pm-7pm
- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 3rd October 2019 4pm-7pm

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E Howard', written in black ink.

Emma Howard
Head of School