



**WC: 20/11/2023**

Dear Parent/Carer,

**This week at NUSA:**

Another great week for us at NUSA. We held our interviews this week for Head Students and the panel were absolutely blown away by the level of effort that had gone in to the presentations from students. Mr Kirkby was incredibly proud of all of the students who presented and is now in the process of making the tough decision to decide who gets the role.

**Parent/carer opportunity to support your child with the lead up to exams – all parents/carers welcome:**

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education will be hosting their next parent webinar on Resilience on November 28th.

Elevate works with our students, delivering high-impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series, you'll learn how you can help support your children at home by reinforcing the skills they're learning at school.

Sign up for the session below to learn how you can help your child to recover from a knock to their confidence. Whether that's a disappointing grade, exam slip-up, or a less-than-perfect report.

**How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child**

**Tuesday 28th November 6:00-7:00pm (GMT)**

[Click here to register for free](#)

Here's what Elevate will be covering on the night:

- Practical strategies to help your child manage their response to setbacks
- Building your child's resilience both in and out of school
- How 'fear of failure' can impact your child's resilience

[Click here to register for free](#)

We hope to see you there!

**Consultation on NUSA Admissions Arrangements from September 2025:**

We have made some proposed amendments to our admissions arrangements and you can view a copy of them by [clicking here](#). If you have any comments on our proposed arrangements, please kindly complete the form [available here](#). You are able to read and make comments on the proposal until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Attention ALL- This will take just 30 seconds to read and is a fantastic opportunity!**

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

- **Neuroscience in the Early Years**
- **Children and Young Peoples Mental Health**
- **Understanding Autism**
- **Specific Learning Difficulties**
- **Bullying in Children and Young People**
- **Nutrition and Health**
- **Adverse Childhood Experiences**
- **Mental Health Awareness**
- **Counselling**
- **Team Leading**
- **Business Administration**
- **Lean Organisation Management**
- **Customer Service**
- **Functional Skills - Maths**
- **Functional Skills - English**
- **Level 3 Diploma - Children and Young People's Workforce (Must be in TA/LSA role)**

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available!

The qualifications are completed within a 6 to 12 week period, at your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

**The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:**

- Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2023
- Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years
- Not already on a Government funded course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please [click here](#) **ASAP**, and complete the form. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course.

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Shane Cooke on 0203 923 4013** or drop him an email at [shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk](mailto:shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk)

**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.

<b>Wednesday SEND Drop in dates:</b>
29/11/2023
17/01/2024
07/02/2024

**Prom fundraiser:**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a bake sale in school. If your child would like to buy cakes, they will need to bring in a small amount of cash (cakes between £1-£2).

### **Coming up at NUSA:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
30/11/23	Year 11 Parents Evening
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper day
13/12/23	Christmas dinner
14/12/23	Christmas Rewards trip
15/12/23	Final day of term – school finishes at 12pm for all students

### **Safeguarding corner:**

#### **What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Dangers of Vaping**

From National Online Safety:

In the UK, the proportion of 11 to 18-year-olds who vape doubled between 2020 and 2022. That figure has continued to rise – a worrying trend that's not exactly been countered by frequent portrayals of vaping as cool and fashionable on social media platforms.

Many young vapers simply aren't aware of the habit's potential pitfalls – but with risks including unregulated products, toxic ingredients and future nicotine addiction, there's plenty for trusted adults to help children understand.

[Click here](#) to read the What Parents & Carers Need to Know about The Dangers of Vaping guide, which brings you lots of essential info.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Emma Howard