



20 July 2023

### **Moving up letter – Year 10 to Year 11**

Dear Parent/Carer

This year we have seen Year 10 continue to develop into amazing humans both in and out of the classroom, with IntoUniversity and Elevate both running important sessions, along with the numerous organisations and business who came to the career's fayre inspiring the year and encouraging them to look to the future.

We have seen them go from strength to strength, a successful progress evening, school trips and countless sports competitions, not to mention a week's work experience. The year group are now ready to embark on their final journey at NUSA, completing their GCSE's and look to the future of 6<sup>th</sup> forms and colleges.

Our expectations remain high and as such, I wanted to write to you to outline what students can expect when they are in Year 11.

Of course, we maintain the same standards for uniform moving into Year 11. A reminder of the uniform policy is contained below. Can I ask that you pay particular attention to the information related to piercings, jewellery and trainers.

The health and safety of your child is our priority in Physical Education (PE). To ensure that all children can safely participate in physical activity and sport, nose piercings of any type are prohibited. As their parent/ guardian or carer if you decide to allow your child to have a nose piercing the healing time is 6 weeks. Therefore, your child will not be able to participate in their Core PE lesson for the duration of this time whilst the stud is unable to be removed.

Consequently, your child will be placed in isolation for the duration of their PE lesson and will also receive a 1-hour head of school detention each week for 6 weeks. Following the healing period, if your child refuses to remove the piercing for their PE lesson, they will be placed in isolation for the duration of their PE lesson and in addition, will also receive a 2 hour after school detention that week. These sanctions will continue until the nose piercing is removed.

Students can only wear one single pair of studs in their ears.

Students should not wear trainers to school. I know that it can be tricky to buy school shoes sometimes as shops do sell shoes which claim to be school shoes, but are actually trainers. For ease to ensure the policy is followed, we do not allow any sport brand shoes (even if the shop does classify them as school shoes).

As has been the case previously, we expect all students to bring a pen, pencil and ruler to school and will continue running our equipment shop each morning for those who forget. We would now like to make sure that all students bring a pencil case to school each day, as well as a bag which is large enough to fit an A4 folder inside.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Final day of term** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
- **First day back** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 9.30am

- **IntoUniversity** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023/ Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024
- **Year 11 photos** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023
- **Mock exams** – Start Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2023/ Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024
- **Parents evening** – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- **GCSE Exams** (approximate start date) – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024
- **Year 11 Prom** – June/July, 2024 (TBC)

I wish you a happy, healthy summer and look forward to welcoming your child back in September 2023.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hemm  
Head of Year