



30th August 2024

Dear parent/carer,

As we look forward to starting back our new academic year next week, staff have been in working hard to prepare for this. As such, I am just writing to give you a few reminders ready for the start of the new academic year. In addition, I welcome all Year 7 students, parents and carers to NUSA!

Mrs Jackie Tutin:

I start this letter by informing you of the very sad news of the death of Mrs Jackie Tutin, a beloved member of the SEND team, who really sadly passed away on Monday 26th August. She illuminated a room, and her students and colleagues loved her so very, very much. She truly is one of NUSA's greatest. The staff have sent our condolences to the family, and would like to invite students and families to send their condolences through for us to collate by Friday 6th September, which we will then pass onto the family. You can do so by accessing this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuEfJ0qcB4A1LsUfmqR1kGdtUMDRSREtENEZNU1c5NDhUMINZTVFMMEVRTi4u>

Once the family have released details of the funeral arrangements we will pass these on in due course.

Return to school, September:

Below is the plan for students returning in September:

Date	School year returning	Time of start
Tues 3 rd September	7	8:40am
Weds 4 th September	8, 9, 10, 11	8:40am

Year 12:

- Induction day on Tuesday 3rd September, 8:40am
- Lessons commence on Monday 9th September, 8:40am

Year 13:

- Lessons commence on Monday 9th September, 8:40am (*this is a change from the plan sent out at the end of the academic year*)

A reminder that from September students will be no longer permitted to wear bracelets (except for religious observance) or rings, and only allowed a single stud earring; no other piercings are permitted.

Reminder: National changes to attendance:

The importance of regular school attendance cannot be stressed enough. We are aiming next year for pupils to have an attendance target of 95% and above which equates to a pupil missing no more than 9 days of education throughout the school

year. If your child has any barriers preventing them from attending or you have any questions please contact your child's Head of Year, Pastoral Support Manager or Attendance Team for support.

From the start of term, the new Department for Education "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" framework comes into effect. These changes affect all schools and Local Authorities nationally. A summary of key points for "penalty notices" are in the graphic below.

Looking forward to welcoming students back next week,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Turton'.

Mr Matthew Turton
Headteacher



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of The National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice fines issued after 19th August 2024

Per Parent/Carer, Per Child	First Offence
<p>Penalty Notice fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. <u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent/carer receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	<p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave of irregular attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent/carer, per child if paid within 21 days</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">5 consecutive days of term time leave</p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time leave of 5 or more consecutive days, inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</p> <p>Penalty Notice fines will be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Second Offence (Within 3 years)</p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent/carer, per child paid within 28 days</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</p> <p>The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent/carer, per child</p>	