



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now in week 4 of our 8 week half term. Year 11's only have 26 school weeks left and I am sure you all know how quick the year will fly by once Christmas has arrived. If you have a son/daughter in Year 11, please ensure that they are attending the intervention sessions that they have been invited to after school. If you are unsure as to when your son/daughter should be attending, please contact Miss Dabbs on mdabbs@nusa.org.uk or Mr Kirkby on skirkby@nusa.org.uk and they will be able to give you more information.

A massive thank you to those who have been ensuring that your children arrive to school on time. We have seen a decrease in the number of students who are late to school. We hope this trend continues, and we will review this closer to half term to then decide whether we increase the reduction in Kickboard points for lateness.

Good attendance and strong achievement go hand in hand. If your child is in school, then they are learning more. We are offering many initiatives to support students who regularly attend school. Firstly, the form group in each year with the best attendance each week will receive a prize on a Friday. Secondly, any students who have 100% attendance at the end of a term will be invited to attend a trip to celebrate their achievement. Where attendance is not strong, parents will be invited in each half term to participate in a meeting for our 'Attendance action days'. The purpose of this meeting is to investigate whether there is anything we can do to support you and your child to ensure that they regularly attend school.

After October half term we will be launching a new homework policy for all students. I will write to you with more guidance on this in two weeks' time.

Upcoming dates:

- Year 11 Parents Evening – Thursday 3rd October 2019 4pm-7pm
- Year 7 Meet the Tutor – Thursday 10th October 2019 4pm-7pm

Kind regards,

Emma Howard
Head of School