



Dear Parents and Carers

As I write to you we have started our walk to Bangladesh for Sport Relief on Friday 18th March. Each class has a pedometer and we are tracking our journey from NUSA. There will be a non-uniform day to raise money for Sport Relief. Students may make a donation of £1 if they would like to take part.

It has been a busy half term as you can see from the news from each Year group. There are also some dates for your diary about Parents' Evenings and upcoming events. I hope that you all have a lovely Easter.

Maria Whiteley

Year 7

Debate Project

Representatives from Year 7 will be taking part in the Nottingham Trent University Debate Project after half term. Volunteers came into NUSA on Wednesday 24th February, to work with selected students in the Lecture Theatre. Following an excellent session where pupil contribution and commitment were exemplary, six students were selected to form Team NUSA for the inter school Debate Day at Nottingham Trent on Wednesday 23rd March. They are Aimee Ryley, Tam Aslan, Lucie-Mae Salmon, Samuel Bedward, Jayden Bennett and Macaulay Sims.

Tutor Group Competition

The latest round of the tutor group competition was completed prior to the half term break. The competition included awarding points for achieving basic expectations such as; positive attitude to learning and prompt attendance to school but also included a penalty shootout, tower building and pancake flipping! Last half term's winners, 7.3 came in a credible 3rd as long time competition leaders 7.1 slipped into 2nd and 7.6 completed a massive final push to win the competition by 1 point!!

Football

The Year 7 Boys' football team have recently been in action in the City 6 a-side competition. The boys have performed admirably showing a dedication to both training and performance during the competition. They showed remarkable progression during the competition, recording a series of very positive results against a range of schools from across the city.

Year 7 Parents Evening

Being held on **Thursday 28th April from 4-7pm**. This is an invaluable opportunity for parents and carers to speak to subject teachers and gain detailed feedback about their child's progress through their first academic year at NUSA. Further information will be sent to you soon.

Girls' Futsal



The Year 7 Girls' Futsal team represented Nottingham City at the Nottinghamshire School Games Championship Finals on Thursday 25th February. The girls were a credit to the school and performed exceptionally well and received a bronze medal. Well done!

Team: Abbie Newman, Sophie Kemp, Ellie Jackson, Saccena Campbell, Chantelle Mitchell, Bethany Sharpe, Tam Aslan, Ashleigh Beardsmore and Vanderleia Deoliveira.

Year 8

Young Designer

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been working incredibly hard in Design and Technology on a range of different design and making projects, including: A Steady Hand Game, Chocolate Lollipop, Clock, Mini Torch and various tasty food dishes, such as gingerbread men, spaghetti bolognaise, and cheese straws. At the end of each rotation a 'Young Designer' from each group is selected. This student has been chosen due to their technical understanding, effort and general D&T 'awesomeness!'

The 'Young Designers' for the first term were: Jamie Unsworth, Aimee Ryley, Jack Mousley, Abigail Newman, Chloe Seerey, Caitlin Hills, Sophie Greatbatch, Dominika Lange, Alex DeSilva, Adrian Horrath, KenieSha Francis, Jaroslav Horvath and Xhulian Aliaj.

Year 9

League Table

Year 9 have had a positive start to the new year. A new challenge has been put in place with the Year 9 league table! We had 20 top movers who received £5.00 vouchers for Victoria Centre. Currently our highest achievers are Beau Elliot and Ebenezer Lokote with 72 points. As a year group we achieved twice as many positive points than the year group below us.

Personal Development Day

In February, we spent a day supporting our year in understanding online safety and child grooming. Pintsize Theatre Workshop performed a fantastic play exposing the dangers and engaging our pupils in further discussions. This enabled our young people to recognise and be aware of the growing issues regarding online safety.



Engineering



The Year 9 Engineering group have just completed some fantastic beach hut money boxes. For putting in an unbelievable amount of effort into their finished products, Mrs Wilde, nominated Aj Butler, Dillion Sharpe and Brandon Allsebrook for Afternoon Tea with the Headteacher, Mr Watts.

Peer Mentors

Sixteen Year 9 pupils have completed their training with Nottingham Trent University to become Peer Mentors. In training pupils have developed communication skills allowing them to listen and advise their younger peers on potential problems. This hopefully will benefit both parties by alleviating problems and empowering pupils with responsibility.



Year 9 Progress Evening

We look forward to seeing you all at year 9 progress evening on **Wednesday 23rd March 2016** between 4.00 – 7.00pm to discuss the continued development of your child.

Year 10

Personal Development Day

On the 3rd March, Year 10 were off timetable to take part in a successful day which prepared them for life in modern Britain. The sessions included cooking with spices from different cultures; information about radicalisation; British values; extremism; FGM; personal space; The Red Cross and debating topics that dominate conversation in society today. A massive thank you to the Year 10 tutors, Mr Ball and Miss Strawson for running a day which the Year 10 students greatly appreciated. Up next is Religious Education. There will be extra after school sessions running after Easter about finance, so watch this space Year 10!

Work experience

Dates: **Monday 13th June – Friday 17th June** (Pupils need to complete their pink forms before Easter).

After school sessions for Year 10 take place on Tuesday and Wednesday 3.15 - 4.15pm. The sessions will offer work experience support, support with CVs, covering letters and locating placements. There will also be additional English and Maths support and the opportunity to complete homework.

Year 11

On Friday 12th February, whilst the rest of the school had an INSET day, Year 11 were in school preparing for their summer exams. 118 students attended to complete a Maths mock exam, followed by intervention sessions in a variety of subjects. Over 70 Year 11 students also attended school during half term. We are very proud of the commitment shown by Year 11 to attend and work hard during the holidays. They demonstrated excellent progress in the mock exams and are producing some very promising controlled assessments grades.



The Year 11 Revision Launch took place on Tuesday 1st March. Students did workshops on 'Revision Skills,' 'Mental Preparation for Exams' and took time to prepare their own 'Revision Timetable.'



Our Year 11 students have completed a total of 168 GCSE's so far with 60 of these grades being A or A*s! This is a stunning figure and demonstrates the potential of our students. 122 of these grades have been C grade or higher and all 168 entries have been A* to G grades. Keep up the hard work Year 11 and we wish you well for your summer exams!

Scholarships

I am delighted to announce that both Revernelle James and Remye Campbell have both secured scholarships at professional football clubs next year. Both boys are proven goal scorers at their age group and resulted in both being snapped up by Rotherham and Notts County respectively. Both of these students are exceptional sportsmen at NUSA. Their commitment and dedication to their development has been first class. We all wish Rev and Remye all the best for their future and look forward to watching them on Match of the Day. Watch this space.



Post 16

Sixth Form Student of the Year at NUSA

The Post 16 department at NUSA are delighted to announce that we were the place of study for Nottingham's Sixth Form Student of the Year. At the glamorous award ceremony, hosted by the Crowne Plaza Hotel, former NUSA Post 16 student, Olivia Walker was given the prestigious accolade. Olivia left our sixth form last year after studying for a BTEC extended diploma in Health and Social Care. By achieving the remarkable grades of Distinction*, she secured a place at Loughborough University. We are pleased to report that she is currently excelling in her first year of a Psychology degree in addition to joining the archery and Disney societies!



Post 16 Students put safety first

Six NUSA Post 16 students have shown exceptional maturity by signing up to support NUSA's school evacuation process. With NUSA being home to a number of physically impaired students it is important that suitable provision is in place to support students off site in the event of an evacuation. Such actions can only be undertaken by trained individuals in order to ensure correct protocols are followed. In light of this, the six Post 16 students have completed Versa Elite Evacuation Chair and ResQmat training under the supervision of Health and Safety consultant, Andy Bain. The Post 16 students will be on hand to support NUSA trained staff as required.



Additional Information

Library

NUSA now has a new school librarian. Miss Limb would like you to encourage your son/daughter to make use of the library. It is a fantastic resource which provides space for students to do their homework and borrow books.

Parent Governor

We are looking to appoint up to two parents of registered pupils at NUSA to serve on the Local Governing Body. This role is open to parents of pupils in any year and the position will be for up to four years or until the pupil is no longer on roll at NUSA. The role of the Parent Governor is not to act as a delegate on behalf of parents nor to bring individual issues to the Governing Body which should be addressed within the Academy; it is an opportunity to bring to the discussions of the Governing Body the insights and experiences you have as a parent. The commitment would be to attend meetings of the Local Governing Body, which normally place six times a year in the evenings 6.00pm – 8.00pm, and to attend, where possible Focus Meetings, of which there are five each year, covering in-depth specific aspects of

the Academy's work. The work of Governors also includes involvement in panels relating to staffing matters and pupil discipline as needed. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to gain a real insight into the work of the Academy and to play a part in securing the continuing improvement of NUSA. Any interested parent is invited to contact Mrs A Ingram, Executive Assistant to the Head of School and Clerk to the Governors, to arrange to come into the Academy and meet with me for an informal discussion about the role. Please contact Mrs Ingram by 11 April 2016 either via email a.ingram@nusa.org.uk or by telephone via the academy's main number.

NUSA Sign Choir

They are Carla-Joan Miranda, Vanda Deoliveira, Leah MacIntosh, Mya Mercer, Ahleigh Beardsmore, Tam Aslan (not in photo), Regan Dodsworth and Kelcie Burnip. This term we have been working on two sign songs, 'See you again' by Wiz Khalifa and 'Seven Years' by Lucas Graham. They are popular songs and have some very fast signing with fast choruses and Raps. We are hoping to put on a performance in school soon. The pupils have done really well and we are very proud of them all.



Syria

As you will be aware, David Cameron made an announcement that the UK had a moral responsibility to those people living in camps surrounding Syria. In his announcement, he stated an expansion of the Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme, in place since 2014, which involves people, currently living in camps in Syria, Turkey and Jordan, being resettled in the UK over the next five years.

Like other areas around the UK, Nottinghamshire will play its part for families within the Relocation Scheme. The Prime Minister has stated vulnerable children would be prioritised and where required, our academy is prepared to welcome such children into our community.

Easter Craft Fair

On Saturday 19th March, NUSA will be hosting an Easter Craft Fair from 10am until 3pm. Admission to the event is free, so come down to NUSA and browse a fantastic selection of items on sale, from cushions, sewn items, hand-made cards and bird boxes to ice cream, English toffee, fudge and old school puddings. There's plenty to see at the Craft Fair, so why waste a great opportunity to treat that special someone (or yourself) to a nice gift this Easter?

ATTENTION
FREE ADMISSION

to Nottingham University Samworth Academy's
Easter Craft Fair
on Saturday 19th March 2016 between 10am and 3pm

Jewellery, bags and scarves

Fabric items including patchwork, rag rugs, felting

Aloe and bee based products

Grandads old English toffee and fudge

Walls Whippy Ice Cream and scooped ice cream

Handmade bird boxes, feeders, planters

Embroidered cushions, knitted and sewn items

Handbags, peg bags, make up bags, bunting, lavender filled gifts, hand-made cards and wedding ranges

Bookmarks, baby clothes, cushions

100% organic aloe vera products & gift packs

Old style school puddings including cornflake tart, caramel tart and pink custard!