



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this message finds you and your family safe, well and looking forward to the start of a new school year. NUAST staff are very much looking forward to welcoming back our students from 1st September.

I wanted to take some time updating you on some of the processes and structures that NUAST has been reviewing and modifying prior to the new academic term.

Attendance

The amount of time students have been away from school since the start of lockdown increases the importance of regular and good school attendance from September 2020. NUAST will continue to strive for the highest possible attendance for each of our students setting a 98% attendance target. Students falling below this target will receive interventions prior to sanctions including referrals to Educational Welfare which could result in legal action. This includes students who take holiday during term time. Please find attached a letter from NUAST and Nottingham City Education Welfare which covers school attendance and holidays during term time. NUAST will not authorise any holiday taken during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. All term time holiday requests must be received in writing and addressed to the Principal for authorisation. NUAST will refer any student's unauthorised absence caused by family holidays directly to Education Welfare for review and possible sanction.

Behaviour Sanctions

This academic year, NUAST will be running daily afterschool detentions for students who are engaged in disruptive behaviour within lessons or are consistently failing to follow NUAST's non negotiables. Lockdown has meant students have missed out on a large amount of learning. Disruptive behaviours which prevent teachers from teaching or students from learning must be avoided.

I have attached NUAST's non-negotiable poster for your reference. This poster outlines the basic expectations NUAST has of its students. Students will receive same day after school sanctions if they repeatedly fail to meet these basic expectations.

Detention Notification

If a student receives a same day afterschool detention then parents will be informed via Parent Mail prior to the end of the school day. Detentions will be 30 minutes or 1 hour in duration. The length of time will be included within the notification.

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Students will receive intervention and support to modify behaviours within and after these sanctions. If students behaviour continues to escalate further, more serious sanctions will be actioned. The student's Tutor or Head of Year may contact parents/carers or arrange a meeting to discuss behaviour concerns and outline strategies to improve behaviours.

If you have any questions regarding NUASt's sanction system please contact your child's Head of Year as outlined below;

Year 7 – Ms Firth
Year 8 – Mr Cox
Year 9 – Mr Wood
Year 10 – Mrs Tilley
Year 11 – Ms King

Kind regards

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