

# THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## **Inspection**

You will be aware that Ofsted inspected the school on Thursday and Friday of last week and early indications are that it went well. We are, however, awaiting the official report and only upon its receipt can we inform parents of the actual judgement. The official report is likely to arrive at some point during the half-term holiday and I will therefore be sending you your own copy on the first day back, via your son/daughter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who responded to the parental questionnaire as well as those who contacted the Inspection Team directly to offer their support for the school. I would also like to say how impressed I was with the behaviour of all students, which, according to one of the Inspectors, was “immaculate”. They are indeed a credit to the school.

With the Inspection Team having identified areas of strength and areas for development, we are in a strong position to build on what we have already achieved and with further ‘tweaking’ we will continue our quest to be the best school we can be.

## **Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers’ Days**

Year 11 and Year 13 students will be leaving us on Friday and I wish them every success for the future. Whilst it is a time of celebration for them in many respects, I trust that they will remain focussed on the immediate task ahead of them: to achieve their potential in the forthcoming examinations. This clearly depends on sound revision strategies and high levels of motivation. Now that they have flown our own particular ‘nest’, I hope that you as parents can take up the reins and encourage them to make one final push. School qualifications, perhaps now more than ever, are a crucial determining factor in a student’s success later in life and I hope that they choose to seize the moment. They have been impressive year groups - two of the best we have ever had – and I look forward to celebrating with them on results’ day.

I remind you that the results are due to be collected by students on the following days:

*A Level: 10am Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August*  
*GCSE: 10am Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August*

## **Bus shelters**

The company that was contracted to build the bus shelters, a project that was due to be completed over Easter, has just informed us that they will be unable to deliver. This comes as extremely disappointing news but we are hoping to find a new contractor shortly.

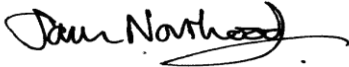
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**Year 6 New Parents' Induction Evening**

I should remind you that parents who have children coming in to Year 7 in September are invited to an Induction Evening that takes place at 7.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Members of the Senior Management Team will be saying a few words and key staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

It remains for me to wish you a very pleasant and relaxing half term.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Northwood', with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Mr DS Northwood  
Headmaster