

THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL



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Dear Parent

As another school year draws to a close we are saying goodbye to some colleagues.

Mr Castling joined NTS in 1985 and is retiring after 26 years of loyal service. He has held various positions in the English department including Head of English and Second in English. He has also taught General Studies and has been a well-liked and respected Sixth Form Tutor. Mr Castling also ran a popular lunch-time juggling club for a number of years.

Mrs Lightfoot is retiring, after 23 years at the school. She was originally appointed to work in the Middle School Office and stayed there until the school moved on to one site in 1995. As well as general office duties Mrs Lightfoot has been responsible for photocopying, has typed all the formal citations for our Award Ceremonies and has produced hundreds of Leaving Certificates. She is also responsible for ordering all the school stationery, issuing the transport bills and managing the school lettings.

Mr Carr is retiring from his position as a Pastoral Support worker in the Internal Exclusion Room. Mr Carr has been an integral part of our Pastoral work for the last 7 years. He has provided support and supervision for students when things have gone wrong.

We wish all three colleagues well in their 'retirement'.

Other departures are:

Mr Speakman, our Attendance Officer, who is leaving us to take up a place at the University of Cumbria. He joined us in 2009 as an Attendance Officer and has also taught ICT. Mr Speakman has worked extremely hard to break the 95% barrier for attendance and I can confidently predict that he will have achieved this goal by the end of the current academic year. We wish him success in achieving his career ambitions.

Mrs Northwood has helped us out in the Science Department over the last two years and has also worked on the 'one-to-one tuition' programme. We are grateful for her contributions to NTS.

Uniform

The vast majority of our students do us proud in terms of uniform but there have been issues surrounding tailored skirts and traditional shoes. For your information the current uniform list is given below.

Years 7 to 10

Girls

Dark green blazer with school crest

White school blouse and school tie.

Classically-tailored plain black trousers OR a **tailored, knee-length** black skirt
(Jeans, flairs and high-fashion trousers are not acceptable)

Socks or plain tights — white, grey or black

Black **traditional-style plain** shoes (low heeled)

Boys

Dark green blazer with school crest

White school shirt and school tie

Black or dark grey trousers (Denim-type materials are not acceptable)

Black **traditional-style plain** shoes

For both girls and boys a plain bottle-green V-neck cardigan/pullover with or without school crest is an optional extra to the above list.

Year 11

As for Years 7 to 10 but no blazer.

Instead, a black V-neck pullover with school crest must be worn.

Notes and Clarifications

Training shoes and plimsolls are not allowed as part of school uniform. They should only be worn as part of authorised physical activities. Expensive or large items of jewellery should not be worn to school. For safety reasons, earrings are not permitted. Pupils with pierced ears may only wear small ear-studs. Mini-skirts are not allowed. In addition to the uniform listed above, pupils may find a money belt useful.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for helping us to maintain the high standards of dress at NTS.

Cars on site

If we are able to go ahead with our planned changes to the bus bay over the summer, we will be reviewing the movement of cars on site. There will be an update on this at the start of next term.

Dates

AS and A2 Results Thursday August 18th 2011

GCSE Results Thursday August 25th 2011

Autumn Term starts for the students on Wednesday 7th September 2011.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Yours sincerely

Janet Downes

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Headmistress