

THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

It has been a real pleasure and privilege to be "Headmistress" of NTS. When I joined the school in 1985 as Head of Maths I never expected to be here 27 years later and certainly not as Head! For me, being part of the NTS development over the last three decades has been exciting, certainly challenging at times but always professionally rewarding. Throughout my years at NTS I have always felt supported in my work by parents and this has made the job considerably easier and has been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to my retirement, but I will always be interested in NTS and look forward to hearing about its success in the years ahead.

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

Mr Herbert is retiring after 37 years of service to NTS. He was originally appointed as a PE and History teacher but has mainly taught PE throughout the 37 years. His passion for football is well known and he has trained many school teams over the years including, in recent years, our very successful girls' teams. One of his proudest moments was when our under-13 boys' soccer team reached the final of the national schools' tournament and played at Stamford Bridge. Mr Herbert has held a number of positions in the Pastoral area. He has been a Head of Year, a Head of Section, Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Deputy Head (Pastoral). He has taught and worked with generations of families and is an extremely well known and well respected figure in the community. It is hard to do justice to what Mr Herbert has contributed to NTS.

Mrs Byrne is retiring after 24 years of service to NTS. She was originally appointed as the Head's secretary and has ended her career as a member of the Senior Team with responsibility for all the non-teaching staff. Along the way Mrs Byrne has accumulated many jobs whilst continuing to do the one she was originally appointed to. Most notable of these must be her work as the NTS Finance Officer. She has been instrumental in ensuring that the NTS finances remain healthy over many years. Everyone relies on Mrs Byrne for her extensive knowledge and fortunately for the Governors she will be continuing her role as clerk to the Governors for the immediate future.

Mrs Bennett has worked as a Technician in our Science department since 1994 and she is also retiring this year. After many years of loyal service we wish her well in her retirement.

Other departures are:

Mr Holliday, our Head of Maths, who has left us to take up a position as Assistant Head at St.Benedict's School in Whitehaven.

Mr Brown (Technology) who is leaving to take up a position as Second in the Technology department at William Howard School.

Mr Linton (History) who is leaving to work in the History department at a school in Wigan.

Miss Thompson (History) who is leaving to work in the History department at a school in Lancaster.

Mrs Andrews (Senior Science Technician) who is moving to Scotland with her husband.

We are extremely grateful for the significant contributions they have made to NTS and wish them well in their new jobs.

Uniform

In readiness for the next school year I include a reminder on the uniform requirements. (It is the same as last year.)

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 reason only small stud earrings are allowed. In addition to the uniform listed above, pupils may find a money belt useful.

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

Dates

AS and A2 Results Thursday August 16th 2012

GCSE Results Thursday August 23rd 2012

Autumn Term starts for the students on Wednesday 5th September 2012.

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

Yours sincerely

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