



# Nether Stowe School

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15<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## End of Year Letter

Dear parent or carer,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the summer break. It has been a busy and really positive year in school. I wanted to take this opportunity to both highlight some of the brilliant work we have undertaken as well as some essential and exciting news for next year.

### Lots to Celebrate

There has been much to celebrate over the course of this term. It has been great to see the return of Proms for our Year 11 and Year 13 students marking the end of an important phase of their lives and, as they look forward to those next exciting steps, it was fantastic to be there with them. We are especially looking forward to welcoming many of our Year 11 students back into Sixth Form in September.

Our students participating on in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards successfully completed their challenging expedition in the Peak District National Park – a huge congratulations to everyone involved for rising to the challenge! The World Challenge has also proved very popular, and it was great to see many parents and families supporting at the fundraising Race Night earlier this term.

We were excited to welcome in our new pupils for September during our two-day transition events. It is always an exciting time in school and the feedback from pupils and parents was excellent. If you have any questions about September or would like more information, please visit the website or contact Transition Lead, Miss Merrick, or the relevant College Head.

I was very proud to attend the ATLP Student Awards ceremony at Drayton Manor earlier this month, especially as the whole event was compered by two Nether Stowe students. It was an excellent opportunity to celebrate the immense successes of our students and to recognise their valuable contribution to the school and wider community. We will be holding our Nether Stowe awards at the Guildhall in September and further information will be provided at the start of next term.

There have also been several notable sporting successes for teams representing the school at the district swimming gala and athletic championships. The rounders, teams are going from strength to strength, whilst the Year 9 cricket team got to the county quarter finals and the Year 9 netball team to the semi-finals of their district competition. Well done to everyone involved.

We have also run several brilliant special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) days in school to stretch and challenge our pupils with new, innovative, experiences and will be holding even more events next year.

A huge congratulations must go to all of the students and staff involved in the production of Grease running this week. It's an absolutely brilliant show and the culmination of many hours of hard work, determination and enviable talent. Make sure you grab your tickets now before the show ends on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July!



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It would be impossible to list every single event in this letter. However, I am sure you would want to join me in thanking the staff who give their additional time and support to provide such great experiences for our students.

As part of our ongoing programmes of development, we also have significant work going on around site over the summer updating and developing key areas of the school and infrastructure. Students will see some spectacular results when they return in September.

## **Staff Leaving**

Sadly, the end of term is often a time to say goodbye to much-valued members of staff and I am sure you would want to join me in warmly thanking them for their brilliant, lasting, contribution to the school and wish them the very best for the future. At the end of this term, we say farewell to:

Miss Whittaker – Associate Assistant Headteacher and Head of Creative Arts  
Miss Lewis – Head of MFL  
Miss Lester – Teacher of Geography  
Miss Shearer – Teacher of Psychology and Sociology  
Miss Blackwell – Pastoral Head for Trent  
Miss Lambert – DT Technician  
Miss Forrester – HLTA in English

## **Staff Joining**

We also look forward to a number of new staff joining us in September:

Mr Cain: Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for leading behaviour and culture  
Miss Hill: Head of Creative Arts  
Mr Mansell – Teacher of Geography  
Miss Dowson – Teacher of Psychology and Sociology  
Miss Marshall – Head of MFL  
Mr Murphy – Teacher of English  
Mr Jones – Teacher of Science

There are also a couple of important changes to roles within school:

Miss Sullivan: Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for leading safeguarding, SENDCO and personal development.  
Miss Manton: appointed as Associate Assistant Headteacher  
Miss Poar: appointed as Associate Assistant Headteacher



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## Mental Health and Well-Being

We take our responsibility to support the mental health and well-being of our students very seriously. Miss Chilver has also been appointed as the school mental health and well-being lead and is implementing a number of targeted programmes to support our students. Please visit the website, or contact Miss Chilver, for more information.

## Digital Strategy

As part of the ATLP digital strategy, all pupils at Nether Stowe from Year 7 to 13 will receive their own personal and individual iPad from January 2023. This is fully funded and there is no cost to parents.

The core aim of the strategy is to embed technology into teaching and learning, enhancing the opportunities and outcomes for all students, whilst helping to create pupils who are innovative and creative in their use of digital devices. This is a really exciting phase for the school's development and the learning opportunities we provide for our students.

Further information regarding the rollout of the strategy, and what this means for our provision in school and your child, will be provided early next academic year.

## Parents' Evenings

Next year, in line with all ATLP secondary schools, we will continue to hold our academic parental consultation evenings online from 3:15pm to 5:45pm.

The dates for the evenings are outlined below and further information will be provided in advance of each event:

<b>Year 7</b>	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
<b>Year 8</b>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Year 9</b>	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Year 10</b>	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
<b>Year 11 (pre-trial exams)</b>	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>Year 11 (post trial exams)</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
<b>Sixth Form</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023

## Safeguarding Advocate Recruitment

ATLP are adopting a new governance structure from September 2022. Each ATLP school / group of schools will be supported by four talented individuals, each of whom will provide advice and assistance in a specific advocate role.



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The advocate roles will replace the historic local school governor role and local governing bodies. Nether Stowe School is currently seeking someone to work with us as our school **Safeguarding Advocate**. We are looking for a person who is excited to help us deliver the very best for our children, their families and our community.

If you're interested in the role, please visit the information linked below, on the school website, for more detail:  
<https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/about/governance/>

## Results Days

A Level results day is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August** 08:30 – 10:00

GCSE results day is **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August** 08:30 – 10:00

We look forward to welcoming students into school to collect their results in the main hall and celebrating with them.

[Further exam result information is available via the website by clicking here.](#)

For A Level results, enquiries should be directed to: [hriley@netherstowe.com](mailto:hriley@netherstowe.com)

For GCSE results, enquiries can be made to: [examresultsenquiries@netherstowe.com](mailto:examresultsenquiries@netherstowe.com)

## Attendance

I know you will be aware of our ongoing and important focus on attendance and I know you understand the important link for your child between attendance, good progress and success in school.

Our policy was updated earlier this year to ensure that any patterns of absence are identified at the earliest possible stage and the appropriate support or interventions implemented. We will be increasing the rewards and incentives to encourage and sustain good attendance.

However, as always, we need your positive support to minimise lost learning – every day and every lesson counts. Please continue to actively support us and ensure your child's good attendance at school.

## Uniform

We are proud to have really high standards for uniform. Importantly, at the start of the academic year will be having a renewed focus on making sure our standards are met every day: it so important to start the year the right way.

Full details of our uniform expectations are available via the website: [click here for details](#). Please review them carefully before the start of term. If you are in any doubt about the suitability of an item of uniform, please contact



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your child's form tutor or a pastoral member of staff. Please also contact us if you need any financial support sourcing appropriate uniform for your child: we would be happy to discuss what assistance we can provide.

## Arrangements for the last day of term

School will close to all pupils on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July. All pupils will be dismissed by 12:30**

## Return to school arrangements for September

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Year 7 pupils only.</b> Report to school for 08:35
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	KS3 (Y7-9): 08:35 KS4 (Y10-11) 08:40 Year 12: 08:40 Year 13: 11:20

The school gate closes, promptly at 08:45 and pupils are late after that point

Pupils need to report directly to their tutor group for registration.

Importantly, we have different times for pupil arrival to help ensure their safe, staggered, arrival at the start of the day. Please ensure that your child only reports to the pupil entrance for the appropriate time.

Finally, I sincerely wish you a safe, enjoyable and relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr G Langston-Jones**  
**Headteacher**