



Nether Stowe School

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18th July 2023

End of Term Update

Dear Parent or Carer,

As ever, thank you for your support this academic year. It has been an incredibly busy time and I wanted to take an opportunity at the end of the term to share some essential information in preparation for the end of term and the new academic year in September.

Farewells and Welcomes

As always at the end of the school year, we say goodbye to many valued staff and prepare to welcome new colleagues to the school.

I am sure you will join me in warmly thanking Miss Sullivan who is retiring after an amazing 34 years at Nether Stowe. Miss Sullivan can truly be described as an integral part of the school - she will have taught many of you and will have taught many of your children and wider family members. Her contribution to Nether Stowe has been incredible and she has touched the lives of so many people connected to the school. We wish her the very best for the future.

We also say goodbye to Associate Assistant Headteacher, Miss Manton, and wish her the best of luck in her well-deserved promotion. We also say farewell to Mr Jones, Science Teacher and Miss Marshall, Head of MFL.

In September, we also welcome several new members of staff to the school:

Miss S Goscombe: Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO

Miss M Westaway: Associate Assistant Headteacher: Personal Development

Mr J Alderson: Head of Science

Mr J Murphy: Head of Design Technology

Mr J Orchard: Teacher of RE

Miss L Bell: Learning Support Unit (LSU) Lead.

In changes of roles, we also welcome Miss Todd as Acting Head of Sixth Form, covering Miss Riley's period of maternity leave and Mr Wright who takes up the post of College Competition Lead in September.

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Vision and Virtues

I trust you have seen my earlier detailed letter about the update to our whole-school vision and virtues. Our key virtues of 'be respectful' 'be ambitious' and 'be resilient' will run through everything that we do and will underpin all aspects of our practice. [You can find further information by clicking here for the original letter.](#)

Colleges

Along with the development of our whole-school vision and virtues, from September, we will also be relaunching our College system. We want each College to be a vibrant mini-community in the wider community of the school.

To support this we will also be running weekly and termly College competitions to support the significant changes we are making to the reward and behaviour policies for September. More exciting information will follow in the new school year.

Learning Futures (stylus)

We are excited to share news about the next phase of Learning Futures project. From September 2023 all students will be issued with a stylus to further enhance the use of iPads in lessons. Our successful Year 12 pilot has demonstrated the positive impact on learning when each student has their own stylus and now all students across ATLP will be given the same access.

Students will still write in exercise books for appropriate activities such as, for example, writing at length, drawing on art lessons or milestones. Showbie will be used to store copies of these activities as well lesson notes and to share details of home learning, all of which is accessible to students, staff and parents.

School Day and Late to School

The move back to a single break and lunch in this final half-term has been a success. **A really important reminder for all parents and pupils is that the gate closes at 08:40 and, therefore, pupils are late after this time.**

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Nut-Free School

In September, we have a pupil joining us with a severe and serious nut allergy. Accordingly, from September 2023, Nether Stowe will be a nut-free school. I need you to support us – and the pupil – by making sure products containing nuts are not brought into school or consumed on the premises.

Uniform

We are unapologetically 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 is 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 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.

If you have any items of uniform that are no longer needed and in good condition, we would be pleased to accept donations to the school uniform bank.

Attendance

Every day in school matters.

Nether Stowe School aims for its attendance to be above the national average. When attendance or punctuality fall short of expected standards, steps will be taken to address this. Absence will be classed as persistent where it falls below 90% across the academic year. Absence at this level is very likely to seriously hinder educational progress and we expect full parental co-operation and support to urgently address these cases.

Intervention steps may include implementation of an attendance action plan, referral to other agencies and/or seeking to put in place a parenting contract. Please see our attendance policy for additional information:

<https://netherstowe.staffs.sch.uk/files/2023/04/ATLP-Attendance-Policy-Nether-Stowe-2022-23.pdf>

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Results Days

A Level results day is **Thursday 17th August** 08:30 – 10:00

GCSE results day is **Thursday 24th 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: ltodd@netherstowe.com

For GCSE results, enquiries can be made to: examresultsenquiries@netherstowe.com

Arrangements for the last day of term

The last day of term is Friday 21st July

The day will be structured as normal and pupils will attend normal timetabled lessons. In P5, pupils will return to tutors and will be dismissed from school no later than 2:30pm

Arrangements for the return of students in September 2023

Wednesday 6 th September	Year 7 pupils only. All pupils report to school for 08:30
Thursday 7 th September	KS3 (Y7-9): 08:30 KS4 (Y10-11) 08:35 Year 12: 08:35 Year 13: 10:00

With the exception of new Year 7 pupils, who will start in the Hall, pupils should report to their tutor groups as normal. College leads and senior staff will be available to guide students to the appropriate rooms.

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Finally, I wish you and all students a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully,

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