

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited about welcoming all our scholars to Nova for this academic year.

Due to the weather forecast this week, our first week back will be a non-blazer week; scholars may choose to leave their blazers at home although they must wear their shirt and tie and no items should be worn to replace the blazer (a coat or hoody, for example).

Further to this, scholars may wear formal tailored shorts instead of the full-length trousers, all year round, but these must be in charcoal grey in line with the Nova uniform policy.

The forecasts predict that the temperatures will fall again by the start of the following week (the week commencing September 11th) so, unless these forecasts change and we contact you to change, the full uniform, including the blazer must be worn as of then.

Can we take this opportunity to remind you that the remainder of the uniform should be worn in accordance with the policy, with plain, black, polishable shoes compulsory.

Please also note that we have some key information evenings coming up over the next two weeks. They are detailed below:

New Year 7 Parental Launchpad Evening

This will take place on **Thursday 7th September** from 6pm-7pm in the Theatre. It is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet some of our Senior Leadership Team, to hear about how their child's year group are settling in, and to find out more about how we work with parents at Nova.

Year 10 Vocational Parental Launchpad Evening

We are excited to add a new parent event to our school calendar this year – the Y10 vocational parental launchpad evening. Scholars studying sport studies, i-media, health and social care and hospitality and catering are taking vocational subjects. These are taught and examined differently to GCSE subjects so this evening is to raise awareness of what is involved in the vocational courses and how you can support your child. Unlike the GCSEs your child will complete assignments that are included in their final grade at the end of Y11. On **Wednesday 13th September**, we would like to invite Year 10 Parents of scholars who take vocational subjects to their own Launchpad evening from 5.30pm-6.30pm in the theatre.

Year 11 Parental Launchpad Evening

Those of you who have older children will already be aware that being a parent of a Year 11 student brings a set of very unique challenges. Every child reacts in a different way, but there is a set of common experiences which you can be prepared for. On **Thursday 7th September**, we would like to invite Year 11 Parents to their own Launchpad evening from 6pm-7pm in the Gym.

** Drive * Integrity * Scholarship * Contribution*



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Nash". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ryan Nash
Vice Principal