

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

An International School with Language and Science Specialisms



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Dear Year 7 Parents/Guardians

The start of another academic year holds many exciting opportunities. Not only do students find themselves in a new school, but they also have new class groups and a multitude of different teachers. However, they all have a whole year of great learning opportunities ahead of them and at NKS we are committed to support each of our students towards achieving their academic goals.

With this in mind, we would like to invite you to attend an evening workshop at our school on Thursday 2nd November, 6:00-7:00pm, where we will be looking at two main things. Firstly, we will be running a handwriting workshop with the Head of English. The Head of Year 7 Achievement will then be outlining some of our policies and initiatives to support your son throughout the year. Within this you will discover more about the school's behaviour system, rewards and motivational opportunities for the year.

As you are aware, legible handwriting is essential when it comes to tests and examinations. Recent reports from the examination boards suggest that "poor handwriting" is "hampering students' chances of exam success". Therefore, it is important that we deal with this issue as soon as possible.

Ofqual has said that handwriting in exams is the responsibility of the pupils themselves and it is important that they do everything within their power to ensure their handwriting is legible. We ask for your support in this matter.

In class, students are taught exercises to help warm up their hands in preparation for writing, so ensure your son completes these daily. We also explain how to hold a pen and how to maintain good posture, so you could ensure he is following these rules. In addition, he should practise letter formation, size and spacing. During the workshop the Head of English will show you how you can best support your son and provide you with a range of resources.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the following slip and have your son return it to student reception.

With regards

Mrs D. van Tonder
Subject Leader for English and
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Mr W. Trafford
Achievement Leader for Year 7



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Name of Student: _____ Form Group: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____