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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's Year Lead from September. In this role, I will be responsible for both their pastoral care and academic progress as they begin their journey at North Leamington School (NLS.)

At NLS, we believe that parents and teachers share a common goal: to equip young people with the skills, values, and aspirations they need to thrive and contribute positively to society. As Year Lead, I will closely monitor your child's attendance, behaviour, and academic achievement to ensure their successes are celebrated and any concerns are swiftly addressed. My priority is to work in close partnership with both you and our staff to help your child flourish in all aspects of school life—both within the classroom and beyond.

Pastoral care for our Year 7 students is provided through a horizontal tutoring system, where tutor groups consist solely of students from the same year group. Each group is supported by a dedicated Form Tutor who delivers a bespoke pastoral curriculum tailored to the needs of Year 7 learners. Students remain with their tutor group as they progress through the school, fostering strong peer relationships and ensuring consistent support from their Form Tutor, who will act as a key point of contact throughout their time at NLS.

Your child will have daily tutor time sessions with their Form Tutor, who will work closely with me to support both their academic progress and pastoral wellbeing. Form Tutors will also serve as the first point of communication between school and home. As your child experiences both challenges and successes in the years ahead, I, along with our team of committed Form Tutors, will be here to guide and support them to make the most of every opportunity.

Each tutor group belongs to one of our five Colleges—Binswood, Blackdown, Croft, Manor, and Park. These Colleges form a key part of school life, offering students a wealth of opportunities to get involved in leadership, assemblies, charity events, and inter-College competitions, including Sports Day. College activities often involve collaboration across year groups, helping to foster a strong and inclusive community. Each College is led by a dedicated College Leader: Mr Royle (Binswood), Mrs Barley-Morey (Croft), Mr Boyes (Manor), Mr Piper (Park), and myself, Mr Butler (Blackdown).

There are so many exciting opportunities awaiting your child at North Leamington School, and we cannot wait to welcome them in September. I am genuinely excited to be part of the journey your child is about to begin, and I look forward to working closely with you to ensure they thrive during their time with us.

Warm regards,

Mr. Ben Butler

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