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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable summer and that everyone is returning refreshed, positive and ready for the year ahead. It has been a real pleasure to welcome our students back this week, and I am particularly delighted to welcome those families who are joining the NLS community for the first time. A special welcome goes to our new Year 7 students. They have made a tremendous start to secondary school life, and it has been wonderful to see them settling into their new surroundings with such confidence. The success of this transition is a reflection of the excellent preparation undertaken by our primary colleagues, our transition team, staff and of course the students themselves.

The start of a new academic year also provides an opportunity to reflect briefly on the achievements of our students last summer. I am incredibly proud to report that our GCSE and A Level results were once again outstanding, with students achieving record levels of success.

These results are the product of years of commitment from our young people, supported by dedicated staff and the encouragement and partnership of parents and carers. They also demonstrate the continued importance of our CORE values of Commitment, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence, which underpin all that we do at North Leamington School. At GCSE, 87% of our students achieved grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics, compared with 67% nationally and 82% achieving grade 5 or above in both. Across all GCSE entries, 75% of grades were at grade 5 or above and 40% were grade 7 or above. Our Sixth Form students also achieved excellent outcomes. The average grade across all A Level entries was grade B, with 65% of grades awarded at A*-B. These results have supported a wide range of successful next steps, including places at some of the country's most prestigious universities and apprenticeship providers, including Oxford and Cambridge.

I would like to congratulate every student who achieved these results and thank the staff, parents and carers who supported them throughout their journey. There is also a final piece of excellent news from last year's cohort. Our current Year 11 students completed their GCSE Religious Education examination in the summer term, achieving fantastic outcomes. 98% achieved their target grade or better, 87% achieved grade 4 or above, 45% achieved grade 7 or above and 30 students achieved a grade 9. These are exceptional achievements, and we are extremely proud of their hard work which sets them up perfectly for Year 11.

A reminder our school website remains the best place to find important information throughout the year. This includes the school calendar, latest news, staff contact information, our Digital Learning Hub, Parent Pay, Sparx and curriculum information, including subject overviews and resources within the Learn Zone. Go4Schools remains our principal platform for live information and communication about your child. Through Go4Schools, you can access their timetable, teachers' names, homework, rewards and consequences, attendance and previous reports. If you have not yet accessed Go4Schools, information about registering and logging in is available on the Go4Schools section of our website.

The partnership between students, staff and parents and carers is fundamental to ensuring that every young person has a happy, safe and successful experience at NLS. I look forward to welcoming parents and carers of our Year 7 and Year 12 students on Monday 14 September for our information evening, when we will provide further guidance about the year ahead and give you the opportunity to meet your child's Tutor.

A few notes as we establish routines for the new academic year:

- Uniform and equipment: Please ensure that your child arrives each day correctly dressed in full school uniform and fully equipped for their lessons.
- Punctuality and attendance: Students should arrive on site no later than 8.40am and attend school every day wherever possible. The gates are open from 8.00am, allowing students plenty of time to arrive, organise themselves and be ready for Lesson 1.
- Parking and travel: If using the front car park, please avoid the front row unless you are using a pre-arranged collection point for a student with additional needs. Please park only in designated bays and never block driveways. Please also avoid the marked bus and taxi areas at the front of school.
- Keeping everyone safe: Above all, please be considerate to other road users, keep speeds low and take particular care as students are moving through the car park.
- School entrances: Where possible, to support the safe and efficient movement of students, we ask that Years 11–13 use the front entrance, Years 7 and 9 use the Lillington Road entrance, and Years 8 and 10 use the Park Road entrance. The appropriate year-group bike sheds are also located at these entrances, with Year Leaders positioned nearby to welcome students each morning.

All Year Leaders have sent bespoke welcome letters today containing important information relevant to your child's year group. Please take a few moments to read this alongside my letter. We continue to send whole-school communication on Fridays, helping us to keep messages clear, concise and, wherever possible, relevant to you and your child.

As we begin another academic year, I am reminded once again of the privilege it is to lead this school and to see our students take their next steps in their learning journey. It was fantastic to welcome students back to school in our Year group assemblies on Thursday – we reflected on our school vision and values and set out our aims for this year, which I am sure will be another hugely successful one for whatever stage your child is at.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

With best wishes

Mike Lowdell
Headteacher