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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final two weeks before the Christmas break, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been a busy and productive term. The partnership between home and school remains crucial in supporting the success of our students, and it's been wonderful to see this in action. An early reminder that we close the term at 12:20 on Friday 20 December, students who travel by bus will also depart at this time.

I hope you have had the opportunity to review your child's first report of the year. It's fantastic to see so many of our students excelling in their studies and making the most of the opportunities available to them. A heartfelt thank you to all who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening this week—I was delighted to hear the positive conversations about progress and goals for the year ahead. I look forward to welcoming Year 13 parents and carers to their evening on Monday, 16 December.

We've also had some fantastic events recently that have brought the school community together. Our Remembrance Service and Winter Music Concert were both truly special moments, showcasing the talent and thoughtfulness of our students and staff. I am also thrilled to share that North Leamington School has been successful in achieving the Quality in Careers Standard, the national award for careers education, information, advice, and guidance in schools. This recognition highlights the impact of our careers programme in helping students develop essential skills and make informed decisions about their futures.

In our continued commitment to fostering a love of reading and literacy, we recently held a Bookbuzz event where all Year 7 students were provided with a free book of their choice. It was wonderful to see their excitement as they received their books. Our library, led by Mrs. Owen and Mrs. Langley, remains a vibrant and inviting space at the heart of the school. I encourage all students to make full use of this fantastic resource.

As part of our ongoing charity and community initiatives, our Student Charity Leaders have launched two meaningful campaigns in the lead-up to Christmas:

- **NLS Christmas Jumper Day:**
On Friday, 13th December, students are invited to replace their blazer with a Christmas jumper. To support the Save the Children charity, we kindly ask for a £1 donation, which can be made in cash or via ParentPay.
- **NLS Christmas Hamper Appeal:**
Each tutor group has been tasked with creating a Christmas hamper, with every student contributing one item. These hampers will be donated to members of the local community, including elderly neighbours, care homes, and homeless shelters. Suggested items include biscuits, chocolates, jams, cheeses, and non-alcoholic drinks. This initiative is a wonderful opportunity for our students to demonstrate generosity and care for others during the festive season.

Flu vaccinations are taking place here at North Leamington School next Friday 13 December. The South Warwickshire Immunisation and Vaccination team have asked us to remind parents/carers who have not yet consented for their child to receive their flu vaccination, to do so by calling them on 01926 353899 no later than Wednesday 11 December at 3.00pm. You will be able to call from Monday 9 December. Please note they are not available to take calls over the weekend.

We are unable to accept calls here for you to give consent next week, you will need to use the telephone number above.

Please continue to visit our school website for regular updates and useful information, including year group bulletins and upcoming events.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. I hope the next two weeks are productive and enjoyable for all, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.



Mike Lowdell
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