Friday 5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome your child back into North Learnington School, now into Year 8. As Year 8s, they have a fantastic opportunity to grow into their learning journey having successfully transitioned into secondary school last year. This year is a crucial time for developing both personally and academically and the students should also be looking forward to acting as role models to the new Year 7s. It has been wonderful to see the compassion and generosity displayed by Year 8 already in helping their younger peers around the site.

By way of a reminder, the key pages to use on our website include <u>Go4Schools (G4S)</u> and <u>Parentpay</u>. The website is also the place to access your child's <u>Learning Journey</u> in each subject so that you can see what your child will be learning as the year progresses.

One of the curriculum developments that we are particularly excited about this year is a change to the way that your child will access and complete their Maths Homework. Please see more detailed information from the Maths Team about the launch of Sparx – a new way of completing Maths Homework that will really help your child to make even more progress.

This year, Year 8 will continue their careers journey through the Tutor Time and PHSE curricula as well as through careers events. The theme for Year 8 is Becoming More Aware and as part of their careers curriculum they will look at:

- Becoming more Aware of careers.
- Become Aware of different types of employment.
- Becoming more Aware of Post 16 choices.
- Becoming more Aware of the World of Work in different sectors.
- Become Aware of how communities and society influence LMI

They will also continue to develop their understanding of Post 16 options and a range of different types of careers through:

- A post 16 careers event that will focus on T Levels hosted by an external provider from one of our local colleges.
- Their subject curricula where subject teachers will continue to share information and real-life stories of a range of careers and routes to those careers that link to their subject.

Please do look at the school website to find out more information around our <u>careers provision</u>.

In other aspects of the Tutor Time Curriculum, Year 8 will be exploring the Topic of Law, Crime and Punishment, as well as working on their Digital Literacy and marking Black History Month. These will all be delivered this half term through interactive and engaging sessions with your child's Form Tutor.

If you would like to contact your child's Form Tutor for any reason, please do find their <u>contact</u> <u>details</u> in the Meet the Team area on the website.

















Finally, we have a major event upcoming this half term that we are very excited about, and I know Year 8 will be too. On Friday 26 September, we are supporting the Cancer Research UK Race for Life through our annual whole school event (weather permitting).

Starting in Tutor Time, students will have the opportunity to run or walk a marked-out route of our school field. Students can come into school in their NLS PE kit and NLS blazer and can wear a pink item of clothing and/or accessory. All students and staff are encouraged to donate £1, either in cash or via ParentPay.

I would like to reiterate what a great pleasure it has been to welcome your child into Year 8, where they will go on to achieve great success with the help and encouragement of the support around them, both at school and at home.

I really look forward to working with you and your child this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

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