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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into the final two weeks of what has been another rich and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. The summer term is always a time of reflection, celebration, and anticipation and this year has been no exception.

Our Year 10 and Year 12 students have just completed their progression exams, and I want to congratulate each of them on the impressive manner in which they approached this challenge. Their hard work, focus and maturity were evident throughout, and we are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves under pressure.

Despite it being the final stretch of term, the school remains a hive of activity. This week alone has seen:

- A memorable Year 13 Prom, celebrating the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another
- Our Transition Day, where we welcomed 240 soon-to-be Year 7 students to NLS. It was a pleasure to see their enthusiasm and readiness for the next stage in their education
- The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition for Year 9 students—an excellent opportunity to develop teamwork, resilience, and independence
- Our Drama production, which once again showcased the creativity and talent of our students.
- And, of course, our Annual Awards Evening, where over 100 students were recognised for their outstanding contributions and achievements this year

A particular congratulations goes to Luke, who received the Headteacher's Award for exemplifying our school values—combining academic excellence with personal growth, kindness and leadership. He is a true role model. Looking ahead, next week will continue in the same vibrant spirit. Highlights include:

- The Year 7 & 8 Maths Bee
- The much-anticipated Year 11 Celebration Day and Prom
- Our Summer Music Concert
- Year 12 Work experience
- And our Sixth Form Induction, as we welcome our prospective Year 12 cohort.

For parents of Year 9 students, please be aware that a letter will be sent home on Monday detailing your child's confirmed GCSE/BTEC option choices for September. Please do look out for this important update.

A gentle reminder to all families of the importance of supporting students to arrive in full school uniform each day. While we will continue to adapt where appropriate due to weather conditions, we ask that students come to school in full uniform as standard.

Lastly, I want to say a heartfelt thank you and well done to Millie and Will, our Senior Students, who have been exemplary ambassadors for NLS throughout the year. It was wonderful to see them at the Year 13 Prom this week—full of energy and optimism for their next steps. They have made a

remarkable contribution to school life, and we wish them and all our leavers every success and happiness in the future.

As always, please keep an eye on the school website and calendar for the latest news and key dates as we approach the end of term.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Mike Lowdell  
Headteacher