



Friday 19 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased with Year 8's start to the year and it has been fantastic to see how many students are working as hard as they can to improve on last year. Whether that is in terms of attendance, reward points, consequences, or academic performance, it is lovely to have those conversations with students who are proud of what they have already achieved so far this year.

This week has seen Year 8 and the whole school have their first College Assembly of the year, and their first chance to really grow into their new position as role models in school to the Year 7s. We know how much students value their College families and this introduction of the system is a landmark event for the new Year 7s, and a great refresher for Year 8. This year will see the Colleges once again compete throughout the year, with last year's champions, Manor for Sports Day, Binswood for Rewards, Park for Attendance, all looking to defend their titles. This also comes just ahead of next week's Race for Life event in aid of Cancer Research UK that I wrote about in my last letter.

I am also writing to inform you that the Mental Health in Schools Team are completing a research exploration as part of their Whole School Approach which is exploring the current views of the students about the support that is available at the school. This will help us to identify if children are aware of the support available and if they feel comfortable using support in school. To find this out, the Mental Health in Schools Team have produced a questionnaire for students to complete at home by 24th October 2025. The questionnaires are anonymous, and the information will only be shared with the Mental Health Leads, Stef Parkins and Helen Jones. If you do not want your child to take part in this exploration, you can ask them not to complete it.

This questionnaire will be going out to all Year 8 students via Go4Schools next week.

If you would like to find out more about the Mental Health in Schools Team and the 'Whole School Approach' principles, please visit the [Rise Mental Health in Schools Team website](#).

A reminder there is a section regarding Mental Health on the NLS website also in the Parent/ Carer tab [Mental Health Tab on NLS Website](#)

### **Maths Equipment - Casio Scientific Calculators**

All students are required to bring a calculator to Maths lessons. If you haven't purchased one as yet there is an opportunity to purchase a discounted Scientific Calculator Casio FX-83GT, which we recommend for £9.50. These are available for you on ParentPay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) with payment due by Wednesday 1 October after which the order will be made.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Roberts (Subject Leader Maths) [sroberts@northleamington.co.uk](mailto:sroberts@northleamington.co.uk).

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank in advance all of the Year 8 students who are volunteering their time to help at our Open Evening this coming Wednesday. Our wonderful students are what make the evening such a success every year and I know that they will do the school and themselves proud.

Yours sincerely,

**Joseph Piper**

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