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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. Our students have returned well, attendance is improving, whilst some are still required to self-isolate, or are poorly we have seen a general decrease this week in the reporting of positive Covid cases especially amongst the older age groups. Please do have a look at the [Parent Bulletin](#) from last term; it is a great source of information and at the very end highlights key dates for this coming term. I would like to specifically highlight upcoming Parents' Evenings for Year 10 and 11, Remembrance Day, a Staff Training day so school will be closed to students on Friday 3rd December and an early finish at 12:30pm Friday 17th December, the final day of term before the Christmas break.

Thank you to all Year 11 parents for the feedback around online or face to face parents' evenings. The majority were in favour of keeping parents' evenings online, so for both Year 10 and 11 parents' evenings this term; bookings will be completed on School Cloud and held virtually. However, we do acknowledge that this is not the preferred mode for all, especially for students at the start of their journey at NLS and for our Year 8 and 9 parents and carers who have missed opportunities to attend school through the pandemic. Parents' evenings after the Christmas break this year will be face to face as long as it is safe to do so.

We have all learnt to work differently over the last two years and in some cases more efficiently at school, as we have invested in better technological systems. I do see us evolving to a blended system moving forward where Lower School Parents' evenings remain face to face and those where students start to study GCSEs, BTECs and A Levels utilise the benefits of virtual meetings, subject to review. Parents' evening booking information is sent specifically to relevant Year groups roughly two weeks before each event, parents and carers of Year 11 students will see their information in today's letter from Mr Foxon and Mr Atkins.

I would also like to signpost on our website the [November edition of our Online Safety newsletter](#). This contains links to resources and tips which parents and carers may find useful when supporting children with conversations about staying safe online. We would ask that parents and carers also support with regular conversations with their children about the apps that they are accessing and checking age appropriate material. Whilst we recognise that access to the online world is an inevitable part of students' experience, we also see first-hand the impact and risks associated with students engaging with online apps in an unsafe way, which may result in harm to themselves or others. Online safety continues to be a key part of our Tutor Time, RE and IT curriculum as part of maintaining our CORE values in the online world.

Go4Schools homework is now fully up and running, thank you for your patience as we continue to look to improve this service. We will publish, via Go4Schools, the first data report of the year later this month for all students in all year groups – details on accessing this report will come shortly. It will detail progress and attainment to date at subject level and information about your child's current attitude to learning in school. You can already access live attendance and behaviour data for

your child along with timetable and homework information after registering with G4S - please view instructions on our website <https://www.northleamington.co.uk/learn/go-4-schools-g4s>.

Many thanks,



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