



5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the start of a new academic year at North Leamington School. I hope you enjoyed a great summer break and return re-energised for the year ahead. A particularly warm welcome goes to those joining our community for the first time, especially our new Year 7 students who have made an excellent start. It has been a joy to see how quickly they have settled into life at NLS, once again testament to the excellent transition support. This week it has been a real privilege to welcome all students back to school and lead start of term assemblies as each young person embarks on another stage of schooling.

I am again delighted to share that last summer's GCSE and A Level results were outstanding. These successes reflect the hard work of students, staff, parents and carers and the continued impact of our CORE values – Commitment, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence. I hope many of you read the news article over the summer, huge congratulations again to all students who posted record grades which will see the school again in the top 10% of all providers.

At GCSE 80% of students at NLS (67% nationally) achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths. 73% of all grades were 5+ and 40% of all grades were 7+. At A Level our average grade across all entries was B, 65% of all grades achieved were A*-B supporting wonderful next step destinations to many prestigious universities and apprenticeships inclusive of both Oxford and Cambridge.

As always, a reminder that our school website is the best source of information, including the latest news, staff contact details, Digital Learning Hub, school calendar and material key to your child's curriculum learning journey and subject overviews on the [learn zone](#) of the website. A reminder that Go4Schools is our main mechanism of communication and on here you can see: your child's timetable, teachers' names, homework, rewards and consequences as well as previous school reports. If you have not accessed Go4Schools previously, information on how to log in can be found on the [Go4Schools page](#) of the website. This week students in Years 8-11 have spent time with tutors reflecting and setting goals based on their data 3 report that came out to parents/carers at the end of last term via Go4Schools. The next data reports will be towards the end of this term. Year 9 parents please refer to the Year 9 communication regarding the introduction of GCSE grades this term. Students, staff and parents working together is fundamental to our young people's happy, safe and successful time at school – I look forward to welcoming parents of Year 7 & 12 students to school for your information evening Monday 15 September.

A few key reminders as we begin the year:

- Uniform & Equipment: Please ensure your child is correctly dressed and prepared for each day
- Punctuality & Attendance: Students must arrive no later than 8:40am and attend every day wherever possible. Gates are open from 8am where students are welcome onto site and to be fully prepared to start lesson 1
- Parking and travelling to and from school: When entering the car park, please avoid using the front row unless it is a prearranged pickup point for students with additional needs. Please ensure that you park in designated bays and avoid blocking any driveways. Above all, please

be kind and courteous to fellow road users, keeping your speed low, as students will be walking through the car park. Please do not park in the marked bus and taxi areas at the front of school

- Where possible, to support a fair distribution of students on exit and entry, we ask Years 11-13 to enter via the front entrance, Years 7 and 9 at the Lillington Road gate entrance and Years 8 and 10 the Park Road gate entrance. Relevant Year group bike sheds are located at these entrances and each Year Leader is positioned there to welcome their students to school.

All Year Leaders have sent bespoke welcome letters today with important Year-group information; please read these alongside this message. We will continue to share whole-school updates solely on a Friday to ensure communication remains clear and concise.

A final note of congratulations as we head into the year ahead. Our current Year 11 students completed their RE GCSE in the summer term, with fantastic outcomes. 98% of students achieved their target grade or greater - 85% of students achieved a grade 4 or above, 55% grade 7 or above and 40 students achieved a 9 comparable to an A**. We are so proud of their efforts.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Working together, I am confident that 2025–26 will be another year of success, opportunity and growth for all our students.

With best wishes,

Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher