



2 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe how quickly the first few weeks have passed. Since welcoming students back in September, the school has been full of activity, enthusiasm and purpose. It has been wonderful to see students settling quickly into their learning, embracing new opportunities and demonstrating our CORE values of Commitment, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence in classrooms, around the school site and through the many enrichment activities available to them.

A particular highlight of the month was our Open Evening last week. We were delighted to welcome over 900 visitors to North Leamington School, with families eager to learn more about the opportunities available here and hopefully secure a place for September 2027.

Events such as these provide an opportunity to showcase everything that makes our school special, but most importantly they allow prospective families to meet our students. I would therefore like to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to all the students who supported the evening as tour guides, subject ambassadors, performers and student leaders. As always, the feedback we received from visitors was exceptional. Families consistently commented on the confidence, politeness, warmth and knowledge of our students, as well as the pride they clearly have in their school. They were a genuine credit to themselves, their families, the school and our wider community.

It was also fantastic to see so many students and parents attend our Bronze & Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Launch Evenings. For those students undertaking their Duke of Edinburgh journey, they are embarking on what will undoubtedly be a challenging, rewarding and memorable experience. The programme provides young people with opportunities to develop independence, resilience, leadership and teamwork, whilst creating lasting memories along the way. We wish all participants every success as they begin this exciting adventure and continue North Leamington School's proud tradition as the largest state-funded provider of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Warwickshire.

Today, you will also receive a separate communication from Ms Foy, our Deputy Headteacher, regarding curriculum and assessment arrangements, including information about our approach to target grade setting. The letter explains how targets are established, how they are used to support progress and achievement, and when these will become available through Go4Schools for students in Years 7 to 13.

As a school, we are also taking the opportunity to further strengthen our approach to allergy awareness and student safety. In line with evolving allergy safety guidance and the introduction of Benedict's Law, we are reviewing our procedures to ensure that all staff are fully aware of students' known allergies and any associated medical needs. We already have a range of measures in place to support students with allergies, including maintaining medical records, sharing relevant information

with staff on a need-to-know basis, implementing individual healthcare plans where appropriate, staff training and established emergency procedures for managing allergic reactions.

To help us keep these arrangements accurate and effective, we ask parents and carers to notify the school promptly of any diagnosed allergies and to ensure medical and dietary information remains up to date. Any changes to your child's condition, medication or treatment should be reported to the school as soon as possible.

Our catering provider, ABM, operates robust allergen management procedures. All food served by ABM is accompanied by allergen information, and students are able to access guidance on ingredients and allergens before making their food choices. Catering staff are trained in allergen awareness and can provide additional information where required. From time to time, the school hosts charity and fundraising events, including cake sales and similar activities. As many items sold at these events are homemade, we are unable to guarantee complete allergen information or the absence of cross-contamination. We therefore ask parents and carers of children with allergies or specific dietary requirements to remind their child not to purchase food that may present a risk to them.

A final reminder for those wishing to take part in the Ski Trip to Austria during the Easter holidays 2027. The trip is now almost fully subscribed. We expect to confirm flight details with families early next week. However, there remains one final opportunity for students to secure a place. The visit is open to students from all year groups and, importantly, no previous skiing experience is required. As well as developing confidence and resilience, the trip provides students with a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture, learn new skills and create lasting memories with their peers. The total cost of the fully inclusive trip is £1,875. Any families wishing to secure one of the remaining places should do so via ParentPay no later than 5.00pm on Monday 5 October.

Please continue to visit our website regularly, where you will find information regarding upcoming events, curriculum developments, enrichment activities and key school communications.

Thank you once again for your continued support during what has been an excellent start to the academic year. The partnership between home and school remains one of our greatest strengths, and together we can continue to ensure that every young person is supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

Finally, well done to all our students. The energy, positivity and commitment they have shown during these opening weeks have been outstanding, and I look forward to celebrating many more successes as the term progresses.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Lowdell
Headteacher