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Dear Parents / Carers

## Welcome Back Message

I hope your child has settled back into school life following a well-deserved holiday! I am sure that you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed special time with friends and family. Your child's time away from their everyday tasks at school can be remarkably restorative. I am confident that, as always, your child has return to school with renewed enthusiasm and energy! I want to celebrate the fact that the majority of our students in year 8 are incredible. They always look professional, they are prepared for learning and are respectful to staff and fellow students. I hope your child will continue to be kind, thoughtful and supportive of their peers. I will be closely monitoring those students that can occasionally find it difficult to adhere to school policies and expectations.

## Students working from home on Wednesday 1st March

I would just like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the Year 8s for managing their time at home positively this past Wednesday. Our message to all students has been giving their best efforts is all that is required on these days and any challenges of difficulties can be addressed with specific teachers in upcoming lessons. Further information re the proposed strike action on 15 & 16 March will follow in Mr Lowdell's letter next Friday.

## Year 8 Dodge Ball Competition

There will be an opportunity for your child to represent their college and participate in a very competitive dodge ball event. It is an opportunity for your child to get involved and develop their team work and spirit in what will be an exciting competition.

Year Group	Date	When	Where
Year 7 & Year 8 Mixed Team	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	After School	Sports Hall

## College Assemblies

Next week your child will all be attending College Assemblies. This assembly is an opportunity for the college communities to reaffirm the ties that bind: it ensures they stay connected.

This assembly will allow your child to develop a feeling of being united and promoting our CORE ethos.

- Understand the school systems.
- Promote core school values and positive behaviours
- Confidence building and preparing students for 'life beyond NLS' including leadership opportunities

Monday - Manor  
Tuesday - Blackdown  
Wednesday - Park  
Thursday - Binswood  
Friday – Croft

### Ski Trip 2024

This term, we are to launch the Ski Trip 2024 – on the back of the very successful and over-subscribed 2023 trip, you can read about the 2023 trip and view some photographs on our website [here](#)

The intended date is the first week of Easter holidays 2024 – from Friday 22nd to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The total cost of the trip is provisionally £1150 – expensive out of context but very good value for money for a full-board trip. We can only offer limited spaces (capped at 42) and, while probably unlikely, we hope everyone who wants a space secures one.

There will be a specific process for the allocation of places on this potentially very popular trip:

- On Ski Trip 2024 Launch Day (**Friday, 17th March**), ParentPay will be open for all parents of students in Y7-12 to pay a deposit of £250 and effectively apply for a place
- ParentPay will remain open from the Launch Day on that Friday until the following Wednesday
- If there are 42 or fewer students who have been signed up by that Wednesday, all those who have signed up will be allocated the places they have applied for and all 42 spaces will be allocated on a first come-first served basis
- If more than 42 students have applied by the Wednesday, priority will be given to students who did NOT go on the 2023 Trip
- If more than 42 students who did NOT go on the 2023 Trip have applied by the Wednesday, the 42 places allocated will be based on which of them signed up first – ParentPay records the signing-up time
- Any spaces allocated to those who went on the 2023 trip will be done so on the basis of first come-first served as recorded in ParentPay

This is to try to ensure that there has been a reasonable opportunity for students who did not access the 2023 trip to be able to go on the 2024 trip. Whether or not a space on the trip has been secured will be confirmed via email contact. Any monies paid on ParentPay by parents who apply but do not ultimately secure a place for their child will of course be refunded.

Please bear all this in mind when applying for a place as we want to manage expectations as best we can and not disappoint students – i.e. please await a confirmation email before telling your child they have a place. We are hopeful parents understand the reasoning for this.

### Parental workshops

#### NLS Workshops

Are you struggling to understand your Teen? Do they struggle to get a good night's sleep? Would you like to learn more? We are not taught how to be parents and sometimes the strategies we use do not always work. Having some new strategies in your toolbox can help.

We have some short workshops coming up to help you to understand your teen, and how to support them with their sleep. We also have a sleep workshop for parents and carers with Primary aged

children. These workshops are **free** and will be run by the family support team and an Early help facilitator. Please follow the link below to book on.

### [NLS Workshops Booking Form](#)

#### **Safeline Workshops**

We wanted to make you aware of 3 parent workshops being provided by Safeline. Safeline work with groups of vulnerable children, but they also want to support parents with updates on what children are potentially being exposed to as well as providing an insight to many important topics that arise within society today. This service is free, and the workshops are on Zoom so parents don't have to worry about childcare.

These workshops will take place once a week on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023** and **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. These sessions will always begin at **5:00pm and end at 6:00pm**.

The first session is based on Internet Safety which includes the following outcomes: Providing knowledge around social media apps/privacy settings, knowledge around online grooming - the risks and dangers, a deeper understanding of Cyberbullying and how to respond to it and understanding the risks behind Online Gaming.

The second session will be about Mental Health and Welfare issues, which will provide an understanding of what Mental Health is, allow you to gain a better knowledge of what can affect children's mental health, how to best support children if they are suffering with Mental Health Issues and any useful apps/websites for external support.

The final session will be based on Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools. This session discusses how to recognise the signs of bullying/sexual harassment, how to support your young person through it and how to report it.

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please send a confirmation email stating your child attends North Leamington School and the year group they are in, to the following email - **patrindaC@safeline.org.uk**. Please do not send the confirmation to us here. To join the actual meetings you need to enter the zoom website at <https://zoom.us/>, click **Join a Meeting** and enter the following **Meeting ID: 982 363 3370**.

Safeline colleagues hope to see you there, as these sessions offer a deeper understanding of the many challenges young people face today and we hope to prevent these risks together.

Kind regards

Mr Royle  
Head of Year 8