



4 October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased with Year 7s start to their journey at North Leamington School; the year group has fantastic attendance and every single student has accumulated over 30 Reward Points. This is just a snapshot of the positive start we have seen in school.

I am writing to you about a number of items including upcoming opportunities that I am thrilled to be able to launch to you now.

Whitemoor Lakes Residential Trip 7-9 March 2025

As Year 7 Lead, I am excited to inform you that we will be organising a Year 7 trip to Whitemoor Lakes Adventure Centre in Lichfield, Staffordshire. Outdoor adventure school residential trips are an excellent way to enhance learning and build upon foundations learnt in the classroom, developing a wider skill set.

Students will take part in a range of activities, which may include Open Canoeing, Raft Building, Zip Wire and Archery plus evening events. These activities are led by Whitemoor's own team of qualified instructors. Each activity has its own risk assessment. Our aim is for the students to have fun, learn new skills, become more motivated as individuals, to take part in new and enriching experiences, discover more about themselves and their capabilities and to learn to support value and celebrate each other's success.

The trip will take place from 7 March – 9 March 2025. I anticipate that we will leave the school site at 2pm on Friday 7 March and we will aim to leave Whitemoor Lakes on 9 March in order to return to school for around 2pm on 9 March.

Please be aware that in order for the trip to run we do require a minimum number of students and, in the unlikely event we do not hit this figure, it may not be feasible to run the trip. In addition there is a maximum of 168 places available which is imposed by the venue. For this reason places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis.

The total cost per pupil contribution is £165.00, payable via ParentPay (www.ParentPay.com.) This is a lower price than previous years for the same experience.

A deposit of £55 is required to secure your child's place, paid by *Monday 4 November 2024*. In order for your child to attend you need to give permission, by completing the required details via ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), also by *Monday 4 November 2024*.

Subsequent payments of £55 (instalment 2) and £55 (instalment 3) will need to be paid by *Monday 2 December 2024* and *Monday 6 January 2025* respectively.

Please note that once you have committed to a trip all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

In the coming months, I will be arranging an evening event to share some important information specific to the trip. I will inform all parents and carers of this event in due course.

Educational offsite visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents will be notified accordingly.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

This trip is a highlight of the year and a great opportunity for Year 7 students.

School Photographs Available to Order.

On Monday this week all students had individual photographs taken by the School Photography Company and were given a card after with a QR code to use if you wish to order the photograph. Further information can also be found at their website www.schoolphotographs.co.uk

Parents/Carers Internet Safety Workshop 13 November

It was a great pleasure to see so many of you at Year 7 Information Evening on 16 September and for you to have the opportunity to meet your child's Form Tutor. Please do follow up with Form Tutors in the first instance if you have any queries to raise about your child's time in school.

One of the key themes from the evening was around Internet Safety; we know that access to social media and similar technology can present challenges for young people. There is an upcoming Internet Safety Workshop on Wednesday 13 November 2024 from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

This workshop is for Parents/Carers of children of all ages. It will focus on:

- The prevalence of online abuse/grooming and keeping safe online.
- Exploring different apps, privacy setting and where to seek support.

Lots of Parents and Carers have signed up for this workshop already. If you would like to sign up please follow this link: [Internet Safety Workshop sign up](#)

Young Minds Yellow World Mental Health Day 10 October

A reminder that on Thursday 10 October the whole school will be marking World Mental Health Day. Students can show their support by replacing one item of their school uniform with something yellow. For example, yellow socks, tie, jumper or trousers. 50p is the suggested donation per student towards Young Minds. There will also be a cake sale, and students can bring yellow decorated cakes to the Year Lead Office on the morning, to be sold for charity at break time.

This promises to be a great celebration in aid of a worthy cause and I would love for all of Year 7 to really get involved in both aspects of the day.

Science Club

Science Club is soon to start again, open to all of Year 7. Last Year over 100 students took part in the club, and the Science Team are asking for Year 7 to sign up now here: [Science Club Sign Up Form](#). The deadline to sign up is 21 October.

There are a growing number of opportunities for Year 7 to grasp in school and I know that they are ready to take them.

Yours sincerely

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