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Dear Parent / Carers

Hello! I'm Alan Boyes, the Year Lead for Year 8. Let me say a little about me. I've been teaching languages for a very long time in various schools both in the UK and overseas. Before coming to North Leamington School I was Assistant Headteacher at a large comprehensive school in South Birmingham and prior to that I was at Kenilworth School for seven years as Head of Year.

I am extremely excited about working at NLS and especially with your child. I have hit the ground running and at a real opportune moment as we have Year 8 subject evening on Monday 15th January and I am already looking forward to meeting you. I'll be stationed in the student services area, so please come and say hello!

This half term in PSHE lessons, students in Year 8 will be studying aspects of gambling. This will include looking at reasons why people gamble, the reasons why young people start to gamble, the risks involved and examining how gambling and gaming are linked.

As an RSC Associate School we have been offered tickets to the preview of First Encounters with Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet on Tuesday, 30 January 2024, 18:30 - 20:00, at Sydenham Primary School, Leamington Spa. Tickets are available for NLS using the following link. There are 150 available and have been offered to all the schools in the Leamington Network. Access to the ticket sales is [here](#).

The other exciting news is our Year 8 visit to Paris later on this year, which is an enormous opportunity for our youngsters. Lastly I must say that I have been extremely impressed with all of our Year 8 pupils. We had our first assembly this week, they were brilliant.

Yours sincerely

Alan Boyes
Head of Year 8