



Friday 5 June

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful half-term break and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather we had. We started this half term with the final RE GCSE paper on Monday and we are proud of the positive attitude and determination Year 10 students have shown throughout all three examination papers. They approached each assessment with maturity and commitment, and we hope their hard work will be reflected in excellent outcomes. A reminder that GCSE Results Day is Thursday 20 August. Students will be able to collect their results from school between 9:30am and 10:30am. Results can only be collected by the student themselves. Any results not collected in person will be posted home on the same day. This final term of the academic year is an important period for Year 10 students as we support them in continuing to develop the knowledge, skills and study habits that will prepare them for the remaining GCSE examinations next summer.

NLS Attendance World Cup

This week also saw the NLS Attendance World Cup kick off with the opportunity for tutor groups to compete for the title of NLS Attendance World Cup 2026 Champions. Inspired by this summer's international football tournament and building on the success of our recent Winning Streak initiative, tutor groups are competing in a league stage before the highest-performing groups progress to the knockout rounds.

The challenge is designed to promote excellent attendance and positive routines throughout the term, whilst adding a fun and competitive element linked to the excitement of the World Cup. Every week matters, and every day in school could make the difference between progressing or being knocked out of the competition. We encourage all students to play their part by attending school every day and supporting their tutor group, with a Pizza Party awaiting the winning teams.

Tutor Time

During tutor time this half term, students will explore important and relevant topics including mental health in young people. We will define the term mental health and explore why we may say we are OK when we are not and help to understand a variety of different types of mental illnesses and some strategies to maintain positive mental wellbeing.

As part of our Digital Literacy curriculum students will explore revision technologies and artificial intelligence (AI). They will consider how AI can be used to support learning and discuss the opportunities, challenges and ethical considerations surrounding its use in schoolwork.

This month leadership opportunities for Year 10 - Sports and Careers Leaders will open giving students the chance to play an active role within our school community. Students from each year group will be able to apply for leadership positions within a range of strands:

New Mobile Phone Policy

Our new mobile phone policy came into effect this week and we are pleased how well Year 10 students have responded showing maturity and responsibility. A reminder, any mobile phones brought into school should be switched off and placed securely in the bottom of school bags throughout the school day. We appreciate the continued support of students and families in ensuring that phones do not become a distraction to learning.

Year 10 Work Experience

Work experience placements begin next week and we hope students are looking forward to the opportunities ahead.

This is an exciting opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of the workplace, develop valuable skills and knowledge, and build confidence for their future pathways. Work experience is also highly beneficial when applying for further education courses, training opportunities and future employment. Students should have contacted their placement provider to confirm arrangements, including:

- Appropriate work wear
- Placement start and finish times
- Lunch arrangements

Students are aware they will need to complete a work diary during their placement week. If you have any questions regarding work experience, please contact the Careers Team at careers@northleamington.co.uk

Progression Examination – June 2026

During the week 22 June, year 10 progression exams begin. Students have received an individual exam timetables from tutors, detailing the date, time, room and seat number for each assessment. A copy of the timetable is also available on the website within the Learn tab and Exams [Year 10 Progression Exam timetable](#)

Morning exams: students should report to the canteen at 8:45am.

Afternoon exams: students should report to the canteen at 12:50pm after lunch.

Students taking Art, Photography or Textiles should go directly to the classroom shown on their timetable.

When students do not have a progression exam, they are expected to be in normal lessons.

Students should be following a revision structure for each of their exams to maximise their chances of performing well. Ideas on this have been covered in tutor time, through the recent revision evening and in lessons to support our students to perform at their best.

The remainder of the summer term promises to be a busy and enjoyable one. We look forward to the Summer Music Concert, celebration events and Sports Day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping your child make the most of the opportunities available at NLS. We look forward to continuing to work closely with students and families to ensure every young person is supported to achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely

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