



6 December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying the beginning of the festive season; we have plenty of charity and community events happening in school and there is much to celebrate. Thank you so much for your support during this time, especially to those families who have already donated to the Christmas hamper appeal being run through your child's tutor group. On Friday 13 December, all students are invited to replace their blazer with a Christmas jumper. To raise money for Save the Children charity, we are asking students to donate £1, or parents/carers can pay via ParentPay.

I am looking forward to writing to you about everything we have been doing in school in the Parent Bulletin at the end of term including the Winter Rewards Event which is happening on the very day you receive this letter! This is for the top 30 students by rewards points in each year group. I am immensely proud of how Year 7 have risen to the challenge to try to have the very highest rewards points, and I know how many students came close to the top. We will be celebrating the achievements of all of the year group in our celebration assembly in the last week of term.

### **Internet Safety and Parent Workshop**

The last time I wrote to you this was a key topic, and that remains the case. Access to social media and similar technology is a huge challenge for young people and I would ask that you please work with your children to help them to navigate this aspect of their lives. Social media websites do all have age restrictions and this is to protect young people from spaces that they are not yet able to manage. Your support with managing your child's social media use, and making sure their phones are not used in school, is much appreciated. This will also help to support your child to manage their social time responsibly when in school, so that this is a positive part of their day.

Plenty of useful information is available on the school website including the Thinkuknow Internet Safety content. This, and more, can be found in the [Useful Links](#) area on the school website. Our website also has an [Online Safety tab](#) with a number of online safety newsletters and parent guides which may be of interest also.

This forms only one part of the new challenges that your child is beginning to meet. In the New Year we are holding a workshop on Understanding your Teenager, on 29 January 2025 from 10.00 to 12pm. The aim of this two-hour workshop is to enhance parents/carers relationship with their teenagers building on your understanding of teenage development and behaviours. This workshop helps to create positive family relationships, healthy lifestyles and increase your confidence.

If you would like to sign up please follow this link: [Understanding your Teenager Workshop](#)

As always, thank you for your support of both your child and North Leamington School.

Yours sincerely,

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