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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the final half term of Year 7, I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful half term break and were able to make the most of the glorious weather. We have welcomed students back to school this week, and it has been pleasing to see them return with such positive attitudes and a readiness to learn. This final half term promises to be a busy and exciting one, with several opportunities, events and celebrations still to come as students complete their first year at NLS.

NLS Attendance World Cup

The NLS Attendance World Cup kicked off this week, giving tutor groups the opportunity 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 will compete in a league stage before the highest-performing groups progress to the knockout rounds. 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

This half term's PSHE focus is *Body Confidence*, covering personal hygiene, mental health, and the physical and emotional changes associated with puberty. Students will also take part in activities celebrating National Pride Month, alongside the final stage of the Digital Literacy programme.

New Mobile Phone Policy

I would like to commend our Year 7 students for how positively they have adapted to the school's new mobile phone policy. They have shown maturity and responsibility in responding to the changes, helping to create a calmer and more focused learning environment. As 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.

Preparations for Year 8

To support the transition into Year 8, there will be a slight change to the structure of the school day from Monday 22nd June. Currently, Year 7 students have first lunch after Period 3; this will move to after Period 4 and before tutor time. In addition, students designated social spaces will be updated to reflect those they will use in Year 8 from September. Students will be fully briefed on these changes during the week prior to implementation.

There is still much to look forward to, including the Year 7 Maths Bee, 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.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

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