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Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to take the opportunity to recognise the overwhelmingly positive response to the Year 7 subject evening held this half term. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers as well as students on the night and have the opportunity to welcome you into school; we hope you found it a useful experience. It has been particularly pleasing reading the feedback that highlighted how happy students are and how well they have settled. We will shortly be replying to those parents/carers who made individual requests or raised queries.

It has been a pleasure to see Year 7 students involved in a variety of available sports opportunities this half term. Our Year 7 Basketball team and U13 girls Football teams both played their first matches with impressive wins. The girls Football team have taken part in a 6-a-side tournament, the Netball team have enjoyed fixtures locally and Year 7 students have been part of our team that qualified for the second round of the English Schools National Squash Competition and have represented NLS in the Warwickshire Inter schools Cross Country event. Many congratulations to the Year 7 Football team who have had a very successful period culminating in their most recent win at Southam handing them a place in the District Cup Final and the League Title. Well done to all the students who have represented the team so far this season and good luck in the final.

NLS supported National Apprenticeship Week with teaching staff sharing information and real-life apprenticeship stories linked to their subject area. This follows the Year 7 Career Learning Journey where students start to learn about the post 16 options open to them.

At the start of 2024, we introduced our 24 Day Challenge which challenged all our students to have 100% attendance over the course of this 24 day half term. A high level of attendance is essential for students to reach their full educational achievement, future aspirations, and to assist their social development. I am delighted that the majority of Year 7 students achieved this. Next half-term is 25 school days long; let's aim to exceed this number next half term.

Whilst a relatively short term it's been lovely to see our Year 7 students settled in our school community. There is much to look forward to after half term including College Assemblies, a Year 7 Careers Event – the World of Work – before the Rewards Event, for those students who achieve the highest number of reward points, at the end of term. After half term more details will follow regarding our Whitemoor Lakes trip.

We hope you have a lovely break.

Kind regards,

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