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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful half-term break. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to North Leamington School this week and I am delighted to say that it has been a very positive start to the second half of the Autumn Term. Students have returned with enthusiasm, energy and a clear focus on their learning, and it has been wonderful to see the school buzzing with activity once again.

A particular well done must go to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who completed their mock examination programmes. These assessments provide an important opportunity for students to experience examination conditions, identify strengths and areas for development and refine their preparation strategies ahead of the summer examinations. We know how much hard work goes into preparing for these assessments and I would like to thank students, staff and families alike for their support throughout the process. We look forward to sharing feedback with students and helping them use these experiences positively as they continue their studies.

As we move through what promises to be another busy and exciting half term, I would encourage families to keep an eye on the school calendar and communications. There are a number of important events coming up, beginning with our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 11 November. This is always a fantastic opportunity to showcase the breadth of opportunities available within our Sixth Form and to welcome prospective students and families to the school. Alongside this, we have numerous curriculum events, sporting fixtures, Duke of Edinburgh Award celebrations and festive activities to look forward to in the weeks ahead. We will be conducting our annual remembrance service on Wednesday 11 November, please remind your child to bring a coat to school as we will be outside for the service.

A reminder that our website remains the best place to access key information, school news and updates. Parents and carers may find the Online Safety Newsletter particularly useful, as it contains the latest advice and guidance on emerging apps, online platforms, digital trends and practical strategies for keeping young people safe online. The website also contains curriculum information, term dates, safeguarding resources and details of the many opportunities available to students throughout the year.

As the darker mornings and evenings draw in, I would also ask for your support in reminding students who cycle to and from school about the importance of road safety. Students should ensure that their bicycles are fitted with appropriate front and rear lights and that they wear a suitable cycle helmet at all times. These small measures can make a significant difference in helping to keep our young people safe during the winter months.

Finally, I am delighted to share some fantastic news regarding the school's continued academic success. Following the publication of the latest national performance data, North Leamington School has once again been confirmed as the highest-performing non-selective school in Warwickshire, retaining the top position for a second consecutive year. Even more impressively, the data places the school within the top 10% of all schools nationally and 4th across the West Midlands region for student attainment. This recognition is a tremendous achievement and reflects the hard work, dedication and ambition of our students, the expertise and commitment of our staff, and the ongoing support

provided by parents and carers. We are incredibly proud of what our school community continues to accomplish together. I would encourage you to read the full article on our website, which celebrates this significant achievement in more detail - https://www.northleamington.co.uk/parents-and-carers/latest-news/top-again-of-warwickshire-and-top-10-of-all-schools-in-england

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school remains one of our greatest strengths and I look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of the term.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mike Lowdell
Headteacher