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Dear Parents/Carers and students,

Students attending the RE Seminars & working from home on Wednesday 1st March

I would just like to take this opportunity to say well done to all the Year 10s for managing their time positively this past Wednesday with the mixture of attending the RE Seminar in school and remote learning during the remaining periods of the day. The seminars were well attended and impactful. Further information re the proposed strike action on 15 & 16 March will follow in Mr Lowdell's letter next Friday.

Year 10 Summer RE Exams

As we continue our preparations for the Summer 2023 Examination series we just want to draw your attention to a few key messages.

Entry checking

Entries have now been made with the relevant exam boards for all qualifications due to be awarded this summer.

In tutor time next week students will receive a copy of their entries and will be asked to check and sign to say that the following information is correct:

- Their legal name which will then be printed on certificates is correct
- They have all the subjects listed they would expect
- Tiers of entry are as they anticipate for GCSE Maths, Science and MFL

Any discrepancies can be resolved as long as we are made aware of them at this stage, so it is important all students give this their full attention

Exam regulations

As part of our mock examination preparations, students are already very familiar with the exam rules and regulations that they must adhere to and we will revisit these again in tutor time/assembly as we head towards the summer. The key information is condensed into the attached NLS instructions for Exam Candidates document, and if you wish to read the full official documents from JCQ these can be found in the [Exam information](#) section of our website.

Examination dates

As previously advised, all examination dates are available on our website in the [Summer 2023 Examination Timetable section](#).

Students will receive an individualised document with all exams and seating on early next term.

A reminder that regardless of their individual examination dates, all candidates must remain available at the following times, which are the designated contingency dates for any regional or national issues

- Thursday 8th June PM
- Thursday 15th June PM
- Wednesday 28h June ALL DAY

If you have any queries please speak to Mr Brande, Exams Officer or email exams@northleamington.co.uk

Ski Trip 2024

This term, we are to launch the Ski Trip 2024 – on the back of the very successful and over-subscribed 2023 trip, you can read about the 2023 trip and view some photographs on our website [here](#)

The intended date is the first week of Easter holidays 2024 – from Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th March. The total cost of the trip is provisionally £1150 – expensive out of context but very good value for money for a full-board trip. We can only offer limited spaces (capped at 42) and, while probably unlikely, we hope everyone who wants a space secures one.

There will be a specific process for the allocation of places on this potentially very popular trip:

- On Ski Trip 2024 Launch Day (**Friday, 17th March**), ParentPay will be open for all parents of students in Y7-12 to pay a deposit of £250 and effectively apply for a place
- ParentPay will remain open from the Launch Day on that Friday until the following Wednesday
- If there are 42 or fewer students who have been signed up by that Wednesday, all those who have signed up will be allocated the places they have applied for and all 42 spaces will be allocated on a first come-first served basis
- If more than 42 students have applied by the Wednesday, priority will be given to students who did NOT go on the 2023 Trip
- If more than 42 students who did NOT go on the 2023 Trip have applied by the Wednesday, the 42 places allocated will be based on which of them signed up first – ParentPay records the signing-up time
- Any spaces allocated to those who went on the 2023 trip will be done so on the basis of first come-first served as recorded in ParentPay

This is to try to ensure that there has been a reasonable opportunity for students who did not access the 2023 trip to be able to go on the 2024 trip. Whether or not a space on the trip has been secured will be confirmed via email contact. Any monies paid on ParentPay by parents who apply but do not ultimately secure a place for their child will of course be refunded.

Please bear all this in mind when applying for a place as we want to manage expectations as best we can and not disappoint students – i.e. please await a confirmation email before telling your child they have a place. We are hopeful parents understand the reasoning for this.

Safeline Parent Workshop

I would like to make you aware of 3 parent workshops being provided by Safeline. Safeline work with groups of vulnerable children, but they also want to support parents with updates on what children

are potentially being exposed to as well as providing an insight to many important topics that arise within society today. This service is free, and the workshops are on Zoom so parents don't have to worry about childcare.

These workshops will take place once a week on **Monday 6th March 2023, Monday 13th March 2023 and Monday 20th March 2023**. These sessions will always begin at **5:00pm and end at 6:00pm**.

The first session is based on Internet Safety which includes the following outcomes: Providing knowledge around social media apps/privacy settings, knowledge around online grooming - the risks and dangers, a deeper understanding of Cyberbullying and how to respond to it and understanding the risks behind Online Gaming.

The second session will be about Mental Health and Welfare issues, which will provide an understanding of what Mental Health is, allow you to gain a better knowledge of what can affect children's mental health, how to best support children if they are suffering with Mental Health Issues and any useful apps/websites for external support.

The final session will be based on Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools. This session discusses how to recognise the signs of bullying/sexual harassment, how to support your young person through it and how to report it.

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please send a confirmation email stating your child attends North Leamington School and the year group they are in, to the following email - **patrindaC@safeline.org.uk**. Please do not send the confirmation to us here. To join the actual meetings you need to enter the zoom website at <https://zoom.us/>, click **Join a Meeting** and enter the following **Meeting ID: 982 363 3370**.

Safeline colleagues hope to see you there, as these sessions offer a deeper understanding of the many challenges young people face today and we hope to prevent these risks together.

Mr Butler

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Head of Year 10