



Friday 4 September

Dear Parents, Carers,

We are absolutely delighted by the incredibly positive start that Year 7 have made to North Leamington School. It was a real pleasure to see them looking so smart in their new uniform, and we very much appreciate the parent/carer support with this. We know that there may well have been some anxious parents as well as students on the first day, but seeing so many happy faces around the school site, has been a real highlight of the start to the term.

Last week, over 170 students took part in our *"Getting to Know You"* sessions. These gave students the chance to get to know one another and begin building friendships, while also taking part in a range of engaging activities linked to Science, Maths and PE. All staff involved were really impressed with the teamwork, enthusiasm and resilience shown by those students who attended.

In the coming days your child's Form Tutor will be making contact shortly. Form Tutors are key members of staff in every student's school life and they will spend time with them during tutor time which takes place every day. Tutors will get to know your child best and are the first port of call for parents, carers and students for any queries or issues that may arise.

There is an opportunity for you to meet your child's Form Tutor at the Year 7 Information Evening on Monday 14 September.

If you would like to contact any other member of teaching staff at school, you can find their contact details, along with Tutors, on the [Meet the Team](#) section of our website.

Other key pages to use on our website include [Go4Schools \(G4S\)](#), [ParentPay](#) and [Free School Meals](#) for those that may be eligible. Go4Schools can be accessed through any electronic device by downloading the app or using the web-based platform. Further instructions on how to log-in can be found on the [Go4Schools page](#) of our website.

You also can find Online Safety newsletters on our website, in the Safeguarding tab and then Online Safety. The newsletters contain the latest online safety advice and practical guidance on keeping children safe online. You can view the [Online Safety Newsletters here](#).

We're excited to share some other events and opportunities coming up:

Year 7 Information Evening

We would like to invite you and your child to the Year 7 Information Evening on **Monday 14 September**. During the evening parents and carers will meet their child's Form Tutor and receive key information from both the Form Tutor and Senior Leaders.

This is an opportunity for parents and carers to receive information about how we can work together towards the best success of our young people.

You are invited to attend a formal presentation that will start at 5.30. This will be followed by a Tutor presentation at 6.10 which will last around 20 minutes.

A Marketplace will be available before the presentation at 5.30pm through to 6.30pm with a small number of tables led by key members of our support staff and will be an opportunity to gain

information and ask additional questions to support your child's well-being and progress outside of the classroom. These include:

- Student Support and IEN Faculty – SEND, Family Support, Mental Health, Safeguarding and personalised provision
- Digital Literacy
- Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Timetables: All students have received their timetables both through Go4Schools, and an ID card which shows with a printed copy of their timetable. Please remind your child to keep this safe; lost ID cards will be available at a cost through Parent Pay.

Start of the day: A reminder that lesson 1 starts at 08:45 therefore students must be on site by 08:40 at the latest in order to ensure that they are on time. Year 7 should be entering and exiting via the Lillington Road gate.

Year 7 Trip to the Botanical Gardens: This trip is a great opportunity for students and is scheduled to take place during the week commencing 5th October. Students will get the opportunity to experience Animal Handling and a Rainforest Challenge. A letter with all the details has also been sent today.

Race for Life: finally, we have a major event upcoming later this month that we are very excited about, and I know Year 7 will be too. On Friday 25 September, we are supporting the Cancer Research UK Race for Life through our annual whole school event (weather permitting). Starting in Tutor Time, students will have the opportunity to run or walk a marked-out route of our school field. Students can come into school in their NLS PE kit and NLS blazer and can wear a pink item of clothing and/or accessory. All students and staff are encouraged to donate £1, either in cash or via ParentPay

Thank you so much for your support in making the first few days of secondary so positive. It is through the collaboration with parents and carers that we can help students navigate their path to success.



Mrs S Barley-Morey
Year 7 Lead/Assistant Headteacher