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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last week, we have said our first informal goodbyes to our Year 11 and Year 13 students as they begin periods of study leave. This is always a significant milestone in the school year — a moment where we see our young people rise to the challenge of formal examinations and begin preparing for the exciting next stages of their lives. At this time each year, we are incredibly proud of the way the vast majority of our students approach this period: happy, confident and well prepared, albeit understandably a little nervous about what lies ahead. What always stands out most however is that success at NLS is about far more than examination results alone. We see students supporting one another, showing kindness and gratitude to those who have helped them and striving to be the very best version of themselves as they prepare for adulthood.

One of the highlights of the year is always our Year 13 Stand Down Day — not because students are nearing the end of their time with us, but because of the pride they show in having called NLS their school for the past seven years. As ever, the day was filled with laughter, celebration, reflection and a little nervous anticipation for what is yet to come - all wrapped up in some truly brilliant fancy dress. The day began with six inflatable dinosaurs greeting younger students at the gates, bananas in pyjamas appearing around the site at breaktime, and perhaps my personal favourite — a minion riding an elephant out through the gates in search of a well-earned ice cream.



We wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students the very best of luck in their examinations and every success in their future endeavours.

I would also like to draw your attention to the following updates:

1. Mobile Phone Consultation and Policy

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent mobile phone consultation. A separate letter has been sent today outlining key information regarding upcoming changes to our expectations and procedures. Please do take time to read this carefully and discuss the revisions with your child.

2. Senior Students

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Amelia and Jimmy, who have been exceptional Senior Students this year. They have served the school community with maturity, integrity and enthusiasm, acting as outstanding role models for younger students. As is now tradition, they also played a key role in supporting the recruitment process for our next Senior Students. Congratulations to David Spencer Cruz and Claudia Craig, who were selected from an exceptionally strong field of candidates. I look forward to working with them both over the coming year.

3. Ski Trip 2027 – Austria

Our Ski Trip to Austria during the first week of the Easter holidays 2027 still has a small number of spaces available. The trip is suitable for all students, including complete beginners, with many students learning to ski for the very first time under the guidance of experienced instructors. Further details can be found in the communication sent on Friday 27 April and on the school website or alternatively please contact Mr Taylor directly at staylor@northleamington.co.uk.

Finally, may I again ask for your support regarding student collection at the end of the school day. When using the front car park please avoid driving through the front row closest to the school building. This area is reserved for school taxis, buses and disabled users and keeping it clear greatly supports the safe dismissal of students from site.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership with the school.

Mike Lowdell
Headteacher