



17 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful break.

I am writing to you to let you know about all of the things that we have coming up as we enter the first Summer half term, as well as to announce the opening of our Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor.

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It is always a pleasure to welcome Year 8 back to a fresh half term.

This week in tutor time, the students have been working on their Self Reflection Reviews, where they take their progress data and think really carefully before setting themselves targets for the remainder of the year. We find that this is a perfect way to start a new term, as it really sets the students up to focus on their individual areas to improve during the rest of the year.

Beyond this, form tutors will continue to deliver PSHE on Crime and Gang Culture. These sessions will focus on knife crime, grooming and substance misuse. The tutor team are well equipped to deal with these topics sensitively and professionally and we hope that the students find these sessions informative and thought provoking.

The start of this new half term, and indeed new term as a whole, is a fresh new opportunity for all of the students in year 8. There will be rewards events and celebration assemblies to work towards, and I hope that all of Year 8 feel inspired to try to achieve even more than they did last term.

Online Safety

As you know, there are a number of helpful resources available on the [school website](#).

We have just recently added our [Online Safety Newsletter April 2026](#). This contains a plethora of information around Online Communities, AI, Age Ratings in Games and the manosphere, as recently explored by Louis Theroux. I am certain that this newsletter will be useful to you.

Thank you for support your children as they attempt to navigate the online world.

Drayton Manor Day Trip, Friday 12 June

I am delighted to advise that Year 8 students will have the opportunity to attend a trip to Drayton Manor on Friday 12 June 2026. The students all had the chance to vote for where they wanted to go and this was the overwhelming winner! This trip is a reward to celebrate those exhibiting positive behaviours both in lessons and as part of the wider school community. This will be based on good attendance and excellent positive behaviour scores. The coach will leave school at 9am and we aim to return for 4pm. Students should arrive to the canteen at 8:45am, normal school time, so that the coaches can depart in a timely manner.

The cost of this trip is £30 payable via [ParentPay](#). This is to cover the costs of transport and tickets. The trip will go live on ParentPay today and the deadline for payment is Friday 15 May 2026. Please also complete the required information, via Parent Pay, to provide consent and emergency details.

Educational site visits are an additional opportunity for students to support their learning. Should we have any concerns regarding a student's behaviour either prior to or in the time between signing up to the trip, that student will be withdrawn from the trip and individual parents/carers will be notified accordingly and any monies paid will be reimbursed. Please note that once you have committed to a trip all monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

It is advisable that students do not take valuables on this trip. However, if it is necessary, please ensure that your own insurance covers such items.

In terms of medicine, parents/carers must acquaint themselves with the policy here: [Link to Policy on Supporting Students with Medical Needs](#). Parents/Carers will need to ensure they pass on all medicines (prescription or over-the-counter ones) with a copy of the Parental Agreement (consent) form found on page 7. If you need a paper copy of the form provided for you or have any other questions, please do contact me at jpiper@northleamington.co.uk

I am really looking forward to taking the Year 8s on the trip that they themselves chose. I will write to you closer to the time with some key information and reminders.

Sport Your Support – Prostate Cancer UK Fundraiser

During the week Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May, students have an opportunity to support the PE Department in raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

Students are invited to swap their usual PE kit top for a sports top of their choice – football, rugby, netball, basketball or any team they support – and wear their own sports top in their PE lessons in place of their school PE top. We ask for a £1 donation, payable in cash or via ParentPay.

We are looking forward to seeing the variety of sports tops in lessons based on the number of sports our students take part in and the range of sports our students support and enjoy.

I am really looking forward to working with you and your children during the course of this half term, and taking as many of them as possible to enjoy a day at Drayton Manor.

Yours sincerely,



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