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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of our first few weeks back at school, I wanted to take the opportunity to reflect on what has been a very positive start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to and to see the enthusiasm, commitment and sense of purpose with which they have approached the term. Across the school, students have settled quickly into routines, engaged positively with their learning and demonstrated our core values of Commitment, Opportunity, Respect and Excellence (CORE) on a daily basis.

A particular mention must go to our Year 7 students and those students who have joined our Sixth Form this September. Starting a new phase of education can often be both exciting and challenging, and I have been extremely impressed by the maturity, confidence and resilience shown by our newest members of the school community. They have made an excellent start and are already making a positive contribution to school life. It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers of our Year 7 and Year 12 students to the Information Evening held earlier this week. Thank you for taking the time to attend and engage with these events. The move to secondary education and the transition into Sixth Form are both significant milestones, and we greatly value the partnership between home and school at these important stages. It was wonderful to see so many families meeting tutors and key staff, learning more about the opportunities available this year and discussing how we can work together to support every student to achieve their potential. We hope that you found the evenings informative, helpful and reassuring.

It was equally pleasing to welcome so many students and families to our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Launch Evening this week for students in Year 9. The level of interest and enthusiasm shown was fantastic and reflects the growing popularity of the programme across the school. For those students embarking on their Duke of Edinburgh journey for the first time, they are about to begin an experience that will challenge them, develop their resilience and confidence, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. We look forward to supporting them as they take part in one of the country's most respected youth development programmes and continue North Leamington School's proud tradition of Duke of Edinburgh participation and success.

Over the coming weeks, students will continue to become fully immersed in their studies, enrichment activities and wider school opportunities. Whether through sport, music, drama, leadership programmes, clubs and societies or our extensive Duke of Edinburgh Award provision, we remain committed to ensuring that every young person benefits from a rich and varied educational experience that extends beyond the classroom.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families to regularly check our website and school communications for important updates throughout the year. These platforms provide key information regarding school events, curriculum developments, term dates and opportunities available to students.

Finally, thank you once again for your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school is one of the greatest strengths of North Leamington School, and together we can continue to ensure that every student feels supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best.

I look forward to updating you further as the term progresses and to celebrating many more successes in the months ahead.

Have a great weekend.

Mike Lowdell

Headteacher