



Friday 5 June

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term sees a significant transition for our year 9 students not only in terms of moving into their GCSE years but also as they say 'au revoir' to Mrs Sarah Barley-Morey as year lead. Mrs Barley-Morey said, it really has been a huge privilege to part of the first three years of the students' journey and one that I will always look back fondly on.

An Exciting New Chapter Begins

I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's new Head of Year as they begin the exciting transition into Year 10 and the start of their Key Stage 4 journey.

Having recently completed five incredibly rewarding years as Head of Year for our current Year 11 cohort, I have had the privilege of supporting, nurturing and guiding students from Year 7 through to their GCSE examinations and the next stage of their Post-16 pathways. Watching those students grow into confident, resilient and successful young people has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career, and I am now looking forward to beginning a similar journey with your child as they embark upon their GCSE studies.

As Year 10 begins, my vision is simple:

High Expectations. Strong Relationships. Shared Success.

These three principles will underpin everything we do as a year group.

Year 10 is a significant milestone in a student's school journey. It marks the beginning of their GCSE courses and provides the foundations for future success. During this year, students will develop the habits, routines and attitudes that will support them throughout Key Stage 4 and beyond. My role is to ensure that every student feels known, valued and supported whilst understanding that high expectations are an essential part of achieving their potential.

I firmly believe that students thrive when they experience a balance of clear boundaries, strong pastoral care and consistent guidance from the adults around them. As a result, we will place a strong emphasis on attendance, punctuality, organisation, conduct and effort. GCSE success is not achieved overnight; it is built through positive daily habits, resilience and consistency.

Building positive relationships will be one of my key priorities. I am looking forward to getting to know every student and ensuring that I am a visible, approachable and supportive presence throughout the school day. I want students to feel respected, listened to and valued, whilst also recognising that accountability and responsibility are important parts of their personal development.

Success in Year 10 will be a collective effort. I strongly believe that the best outcomes are achieved when students, staff, parents and carers work together towards a shared goal. Whilst academic progress will remain a priority, success will also be measured through attendance, positive conduct, resilience, participation, personal growth and pride in belonging to our school community.

Throughout the year, I will work closely with tutors, teaching staff and families to ensure that concerns are identified early and support is put in place where needed. Strong communication and positive partnerships with parents and carers have always been a cornerstone of my pastoral leadership, and I look forward to building those relationships over the coming months.

Most importantly, I want every student in Year 10 to feel supported, challenged and well-prepared for the demands of Key Stage 4. By working together and maintaining high standards, I am confident that we can create a year group culture built upon ambition, respect, resilience and success.

I look forward to meeting and working with you all throughout the year ahead.

Year 9 RE Mock results

A report containing the RE mock will be published on Go4Schools today (Friday 5 June).

We are exceptionally proud of how the year group have approached this experience, and the outcomes overall provide a strong starting point to build upon during Year 10.

You will receive an automated email from Go4Schools with a link to your child's report. Click on the link, log into Go4Schools and the report will appear on screen. Alternatively, log into Go4School via the website rather than the App and click on the Reports section you will then see the report and can click to open it.

It is important to remember that this was one paper covering a sub-section of the full content, and it is often the case students perform differently across different sections of content. Students will receive their papers, further feedback and support with next steps during RE lessons.

Data 3 will be published in July, and will be an end of course prediction based on all evidence available to staff.

Going forward into Year 10 there will be further revision and mock exam opportunities to support students as we move towards the actual examinations

If you have a specific question about the RE mock information please contact your child's RE teacher in the first instance

DofE

Last half terms Bronze DofE expedition and Poland Trips provided fantastic opportunities for students to develop interpersonal skills as well as broaden their understanding of how previous events shape our current world. I know that students who were part of these experiences were very grateful to the staff who supported them and gained much from them. Students will have a further opportunity to develop employability skills as the student leadership roles become available; with current year 9 students will be able to put themselves forward for the esteemed roles of Sports and Careers Leaders.

Attendance challenge

The NLS Attendance World Cup kicked off this week, giving tutor groups the opportunity to compete for the title of NLS Attendance World Cup 2026 Champions. Inspired by this summer's international football tournament and building on the success of our recent Winning Streak initiative, tutor groups will compete in a league stage before the highest-performing groups' progress to the knockout rounds. We encourage all students to play their part by attending school every day and supporting their tutor group, with a Pizza Party awaiting the winning teams.

A Positive Start to Our New Mobile Phone Policy

I would like to take this opportunity to commend our Year 9 students for the incredibly positive and mature way they have responded to the introduction of North Leamington School's revised mobile phone policy.

Change can often bring challenges, particularly when it involves habits that have become part of students' daily routines. However, our students have approached this transition with remarkable maturity, responsibility and understanding. From the outset, the vast majority of students have adhered to the expectations consistently, demonstrating respect for both the policy and the rationale behind it.

We recognise that adapting to new expectations requires effort, and students should be proud of the way they have responded. Their maturity, cooperation and willingness to support the school's vision have made a significant difference, and I would like to thank both students and parents for their continued support in helping to make the implementation of this policy such a success.

World Cup Fever

The school community is starting to buzz in anticipation of the start of the World Cup. Excitement is being driven through the tutor time curriculum with everyone hoping England will make the cut. During Tutor time we will be exploring Pride Month and the theme this year of allies, and what it means to be an ally. The impact of social media, unrealistic body images and their impact, self acceptance and healthy lifestyles.

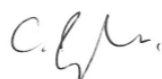
During Digital Literacy sessions we will be looking at emails in preparation for work experience

Final Message

As we begin this exciting new chapter together, I am genuinely looking forward to getting to know every student and working closely with parents, carers and staff to ensure that Year 10 is a successful, positive and rewarding experience for all.

The next two years will bring challenges, opportunities and significant milestones, but by working together with high expectations, strong relationships and a shared commitment to success, I am confident that our students will thrive both academically and personally.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you all as we strive to build one of the very best year groups North Leamington School has ever seen.



Mr Royle
Year Lead