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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well, ahead of a big sporting weekend for the nation. With 13 school days remaining of this academic year I wanted to write with final day arrangements and a few updates. Students will complete normal timetabled lessons on Wednesday 21st July for Periods 1 & 2, followed by break and then an adapted Period 3 session in tutor groups. Irrespective of the upcoming guidance on 19th July, we still don't feel that it will be appropriate to collapse all bubbles and have traditional mass gatherings heading into the summer holidays, so whilst Period 3 will include virtual assemblies and fun activities, these will be completed in current tutor group bases. Students will depart school from 12:20pm in a staggered, safe fashion from usual Year group exits and those travelling by bus will leave at 12:30pm.

Year 10 students will move into Year 11 from Monday, plans are underway to support that change for our students on the back of a very successful series of progression exams. I want to extend my congratulations to those students who have studied diligently and tried their very best, in both Year 10 and 12. It has been an excellent opportunity for students to practice for what I hope will be a return to full exams in the summer term of 2022.

We celebrated those students nominated for achievement awards in a wonderful remote event this week, a huge thank you to Mr Foxon and all the staff behind the scenes for their work and a further congratulations to Charlie who was awarded the Head Teacher award. I would like to make special mention of a newly created Mike Swan Community and Charity award which will now be awarded yearly to the student who embodies Mr Swan's passion for outreach work. This is in recognition of Mr Swan's amazing service to all young people who attended North Leamington School over the past 36 Years. We have managed, safely, to restart a few educational visits and wider curriculum activities such as the Belgrade Theatre visit, Duke of Edinburgh practice sessions, Pride week and planting of some wild flower areas through our Eco Club in preparation for our beehives.

I attach a letter on behalf of Warwickshire Police, which is being sent county wide to all parents in an attempt to better protect our young people from the county lines networks. Please do take time to read this very important letter.

As I wrote earlier in the week, we have had 4 now confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our student body, all students identified as close contacts have been instructed to isolate and to date we have 63 students working from home. I would like to thank all parents for supporting your child during this time in what fashion that takes, from testing, supervision at home, or coming to school when required to collect your children.

One of our identified positive cases was later confirmed through a PCR test to in fact be negative, so a group of students initially highlighted as close contacts have been allowed to return to school. We do expect revised guidance to the self-isolation rules for those students identified as close contacts

for September. You may have seen it reported nationally this week that over 270,000 young people are currently working from home and having to endure a disrupted educational experience. I shall of course keep you updated with any changes.

For now, I wish you a great weekend.

Many thanks,



Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher