



8 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A welcome back to many of you and a first welcome to all our new parents and carers joining our community this year. It was wonderful to see all students during their first assembly on Wednesday, thank you for supporting their return and ensuring they were fully equipped ready to learn. The first part of Wednesday was dedicated to welcoming all students and for those returning, revisiting progress from last year. Students in Years 8-11 and Year 13 are reviewing their final reports of last year and setting SMART targets to ensure continued success here at NLS.

I hope new and existing parents and carers managed to see the press reports or our news stories located on our website of our students' fantastic results at both GCSE and A Level from the summer. If not please do take time to recognise their achievements [here](#) on our latest news reel. We are all so proud of their efforts. Our website is a great source of information, please do take time throughout the year to visit it as a first port of call should you need anything.

We continue to try and ensure the communication between school and home is as useful and as smart as possible. For those new to the community, whole school communications will come on Friday's and where possible bespoke to each year group – please do ensure your contact details are updated here at school if required. You will receive a main school letter from me every other Friday along with specific year group or class group communications as and when are required. All parent and carer letters can be found [here](#) on the website should you wish to revisit our main school communications. The quick links icons at the top right of our school website are easy ways to access the calendar, Go4Schools and ParentPay.

Our website and G4Schools are our two main sources of information - instructions can be found on the website [here](#) and more detailed support for our new parents of students in Year 7 will be given in today's Year 7 letter and at the Meet the Tutor evening on 16 October. Effective communication is key in supporting all our young people, we will try hard to keep communications timely and specific. All staff contact details are available on the website [here](#). We ask you to contact your child's tutor in the first instance unless it's more appropriate to direct your query to a specific department, staff member or area of the school.

It gives me great pleasure to update you all on our growth as an Academy Trust. Telford Junior School became an Academy, as of the 1st of September, joining North Leamington School in our Elm Tree Multi Academy Trust. Staff from both schools worked together at our opening training day here at NLS and I look forward to the exiting developments we can make at both schools over the coming years as we work more closely for the benefit of our young people and all families in our community.

Housekeeping reminders please

- The school day, Period 1, starts at 8:45am – please ensure your child is at school in plenty of time to be in class for 8:45am ready to learn. Our Library, Canteen and social spaces are open for students to use when they arrive.
- We continue to disperse students from all our three main exits, helping reduce congestion around our site and the local community, however it will always be extremely busy between

3:15pm – 3:25pm. Please ensure you are a responsible road user, park appropriately and be kind and respectful to all other users.

- The first lane or parking nearest our main entrance is reserved for the use of school buses, taxis, disabled and vulnerable users. We have an overflow car park at the far side should the main car park become full. Please make efforts to avoid using the first lane to support students exiting the site safely. We support students arriving by bike or walking to school where possible, it has numerous benefits both for individuals and the local environment.
- Our Library is open after school until 17:00pm Monday to Thursday and 15:45pm on a Friday for those wishing to use the facilities. This is a great place to complete homework in addition to general reading.
- Extra-curricular clubs will start over the next few weeks - please do encourage your child to get involved. Regular notices are issued to students in Tutor Time and the timetable on the website will be updated next week.
- We have revamped our second hand uniform store - should you still have any items no longer of use then please do drop them off at reception to support other students and families.

Have a great weekend, it looks like the summer weather has finally arrived. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.



Mike Lowdell
Head Teacher