



Friday 15 December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you are well as we approach the end of an incredibly long, challenging but rewarding term in school. I wanted to share a couple of bits of information prior to our end of term celebration bulletin due next week.

Year 8 Subject Evening For Parents/Carers - Monday 15 January from 4.00 – 8.00pm

It is with pleasure that I write to inform you of the arrangements for the Year 8 Subject Evening, which will take place face-to-face in school. It is strongly advised that your child also attends the evening to allow them to hear the feedback their teachers provide.

All bookings for subject evening will be done via SchoolCloud. Appointments can be made from Monday 18th December at 5pm and will close on Monday 15th January at 9am.

A number of students may have two teachers in some subjects, and where this is the case the system will allocate you one of these to book with. Appointments are available for all students in the core subjects of Maths, English and Science. In other subject areas some teachers teach a large proportion of the students in the year and appointments are offered on a first come first served basis. If you are unable to get an appointment with one of these staff and have a specific question please contact them directly.

As this is a subject evening you will be unable to book appointments with your child's Form Tutor due to their subject commitments. If you do wish to speak to them at any point during the year then please contact them directly via e-mail.

The attached guide will step you through the process of booking appointments.

All appointment lengths are 5 minutes, and we would encourage you to start with any specific questions to ensure there is sufficient time for these to be answered. If you need longer with a member of staff they may ask you to make an appointment to speak to them at another time, in order to keep the evening running smoothly. Year leaders and members of the Senior Leadership team will be available for any general questions in the student services area.

The most recent attainment and engagement data will be available via GO 4 Schools in advance of the evening and we would encourage you to re-visit this prior to the appointment and to be ready to ask any specific questions you have.

If you have any issues or queries with booking appointments then please contact data@northleamington.co.uk.

As part of our exciting wider curriculum opportunities, Year 8 students will have the opportunity to go to Paris in June. This trip was run to huge success last year, and will hopefully be just as popular with students this year.

Residential trips are an excellent way to enhance learning and build upon foundations learnt in the classroom. They also allow young people to develop their skillset and try a range of exciting activities such as a selection of popular, tried-and-tested excursions across France's capital city including: a memorable day trip to Disneyland Paris, opportunities to test language skills in real-life situations with

French language speakers as well as hands-on authentic group activities. We will be staying in the spectacular setting at Château de Grande Romaine.

Our aim is for the students to have fun, learn new skills, become more motivated as individuals, take part in new and enriching experiences, discover more about themselves and their capabilities and to learn to support value and celebrate each other's success.

The trip will take place from Friday 7 June – Monday 10 June 2024. I anticipate that we will leave the school site at 9.30 on Friday 7 June and we will aim to arrive back at 18.00 on Monday 10 June. In order to run the trip, we will require a minimum of 110 students to attend.

The total cost per pupil will be approximately £525.00, payable via ParentPay (www.ParentPay.co.uk). A deposit of £75 is required to secure your child's place along with completion of the consent form. This will need to be paid by Friday 5 January via ParentPay. Please note that once you have committed to a trip, all deposits and monies paid will be non-refundable should your child withdraw from the trip.

The remaining balances can then be paid in four instalments or a one off payment if you prefer.

The payment schedule will be:

£150 to be paid by 2 February 2024.

£100 to be paid by 1 March 2024

£100 to be paid by 5 April 2024

£100 to be paid by 3 May 2024

We will be arranging an evening event next term, to share important information specific to the trip.

Leaving

I also wanted to share that this term at North Leamington School will be my last one prior to moving onto a new opportunity in January. I have spent nearly 10 years at the school, and have enjoyed every minute of it, in no small part due to the wonderful young people (and staff members) I get to engage with every day. Taking the Year 8 students from their transition in Year 6 to the maturing conscientious young people they are developing into has been a fantastic experience and I will be sorry to miss their journey ahead at school. I will be leaving the students in the very capable hands of Mr Alan Boyes, who will be joining the school as new Head of Year 8 in January. He is a very experienced practitioner and I am sure will continue to support all students over coming weeks, months and years.

In January we also welcome Dr Wooley who will be joining us as a teacher of English. Dr Wooley will also be the substantive Form Tutor for 8PK01, who we are mindful have had temporary cover over the last few weeks. Dr Wooley is looking forward to meeting the students and being part of the Year 8 tutor team.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support and positive engagement with school over the last year and a half. Take care and I hope everyone has an enjoyable Christmas and New Year period.

Yours sincerely

James Foxon
Head of Year 8, Manor College Leader