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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well as we settle into the routines of the New Year. It's been wonderful to see our students fully immersed in their studies and embracing the opportunities available to them across the school.

Last week, it was a pleasure to welcome parents of our Year 8 students to their parents' evening. Thank you to all who attended—it's always valuable to strengthen the partnership between home and school. We're looking forward to meeting Year 7 parents next Monday for their parents' evening. Additionally, Year 7 parents, please keep an eye out for an important update from Mr Piper regarding our target-setting process, which is being sent out today.

I'm also thrilled to share some fantastic news: congratulations to our Year 8 student team, who emerged as winners of the **Faraday Challenge** yesterday, outperforming local schools! This annual STEM event is a great test of engineering, teamwork, problem-solving, and communication skills, and we are so proud of their achievement.

At a national level the school has again been recognised for its excellent outcomes at both Key Stage 4 & 5 with the updated compare school and college performance tables <u>GOV.UK Website compare</u><u>school-performance</u>.

This website allows you to see all state funded schools' performance, North Learnington School for a second consecutive year was ranked in the top 15% of all schools nationally for its performance at GCSE – an amazing effort of students, staff and families.

Thank you to those who completed our parent questionnaire during parents' evenings. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us improve how we communicate and provide information. To ensure everyone is aware of useful resources, I'd like to highlight a few key sections of our website that may be helpful:

- 1. <u>Curriculum Overviews and Learning Journeys</u> Explore what your child is learning across subjects and how topics link together over time
- 2. <u>Exam Information</u> Find relevant timetables and guidance, particularly useful for those with students in Years 10,11 and 13
- 3. <u>SEND Support</u> Access resources and information to help support students with additional needs
- 4. <u>Safeguarding Information -</u> Particularly support on navigating social media use safely, a key topic in today's world. The November online safety newsletter has key information on WhatsApp & YouTube

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As always, thank you for your continued support and for working alongside us to ensure the best outcomes for your children. Your encouragement at home, coupled with their hard work and dedication in school, makes a real difference.

Wishing you all a great weekend ahead.

Mike Lowdell Head Teacher

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