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Dear Parents and Carers

Year 7 have really made a fantastic start to life at North Leamington School over the last 3 days. It has been wonderful to see all the smiling faces and positivity they have brought to their first week in school and I really hope all 240 students have enjoyed their experience so far. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise how impressed I have been with their presentation and first interactions with other members of the school community. Uniform has been immaculate and it has been lovely to see how polite, supportive and confident they have been when engaging with others.

You should have also received some individual communication from your child's form tutor this week. They will remain a key point of contact throughout the year and you will get an opportunity to meet with them face to face on our 'Meet the Tutor' Evening on Monday 10th October. More information will follow in the coming weeks with regard to the logistics of the evening.

I would like to also draw your attention to a few key bits of information that will be important in supporting students throughout their journey with us. ParentPay letters have now been sent out to all parent/carers, if you there are any concerns with this please contact our administrative team at school Admin Support adminsupport@northleamington.co.uk. We are also in the process of distributing the final few ID badges to students and this should be completed by early next week. In the short term please be aware that students can still access the canteen at school should they require, they just need to give their name to the canteen staff when purchasing items of food or drink. Any student eligible for free school meals get an allowance of £2.21 which appears on their card each day. The best way to utilise this is to get a meal deal, but it can be spent on anything. At the end of each day anything remaining is wiped and started again the following day. Parents/Carers can add to student cards in the same way as all students via parent pay.

It is also really important all parents and carers have access to our learning platform, Go4Schools (G4S). Throughout the year lots of key information will be available to access, including information on reward points, attendance and ultimately progress at key data points during the year. Information is available on the website and a guide of how to access and set your password can be found here: <https://www.northleamington.co.uk/learn/go-4-schools-g4s>. Ensuring regular high attendance for all students is something we really value and NLS and we recognise the importance of support individual students and families with any challenges that may arise throughout the academic year. The goal for every student is 100% attendance and this is something we recognise throughout celebration assemblies at the end of each term. Any questions or queries with regard to attendance matters please use the following email address Attendance attendance@northleamington.co.uk or contact our reception team over the phone.

I would like to identify some important and exciting dates and opportunities on the horizon:

Meet the tutor evening- Monday 10th October 2022

Year 7 (subject) parents evening- Mon 30th January 2023

We will also be running our first Year 7 trip of the year where all students will have the opportunity to visit the botanical gardens in Birmingham on either 10th, 11th or 12th of October. These trips will run in students form group and will give each class a great opportunity to begin to develop their college identity alongside relevant members of staff. This will be supported by our first college assemblies next week when students will have their first time to spend time with students in all other year groups (Years 8-13). College activities are always really well received by students in school and give students the opportunity to develop a wide range of leadership skills alongside opportunities to work with a wide range of students in school. We will also be offering a residential trip to Year 7 students, to Whitemoor Lakes, later this academic year. Information will be shared with regard to this in the near future.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities available to our students throughout the year. Information can be found on the school website via the following [link](#). Please be aware of the following information linked to Sports Clubs which are always hugely popular with students in school:

- All clubs are free to attend
- You do not need to be invited to a club, you can just turn up and play (teams will be selected from those that attend clubs).
- Club timings are: 3.30pm – 4.30pm (this may vary slightly for fixtures)
- You need to bring your own NLS PE kit to participate, you cannot borrow.
- You need to sign in on the paper register at the top entrance of PE before going down to the changing rooms.

In addition Year 7 boys football trials will take place on Thursday 15th and Tuesday 20th September on the astro. If you child is not selected to represent the school in fixtures against other schools we still encourage them and would love to see them at football club each week. There will be a weekly PE bulletin uploaded to the website and shared with students on Mondays in Tutor time outlining the sports available for the week and any upcoming fixtures and results.

I you have any questions, please contact Miss Watkins on swatkins@northleamington.co.uk

Kind regards

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Head of Year 7