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Dear Parent / Carer,

I write with several brief updates:

1. Year 9 Futures' Evening

We were delighted to host a highly successful Futures' Evening for Year 9, with an excellent turnout from pupils and families. The event provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore their next steps and engage with staff about the exciting pathways available to them. The excellent turnout reflects very positively on this ambitious year group.

2. Year 11 GCSE Preparation

Year 11 have continued to demonstrate a fantastic work ethic in lessons and throughout their final assessment period as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.

We are extremely proud of the mature, focused attitude they are showing each day, both in class and with their revision. To support them fully at this crucial time, a wide range of additional help is available, including subject-specific booster sessions running every evening. These sessions are designed to consolidate learning, build confidence and ensure that every pupil feels as prepared as possible for the weeks ahead.

Please can you encourage your child to continue to make the most of this support.

Monday - Science

Tuesday - English

Wednesday Maths

Thursday and Friday - Option subjects

3. Positive Mental Health

Following on from Children's Mental Health Week, where assemblies were delivered to highlight the importance of good mental health and why looking after it is just as important as caring for our physical health, we also shared some of the ways staff at Northfield School for Girls support their own wellbeing.

These included:

- **Moving more and staying active** – finding ways to build movement into daily life, whether through sport, walking, stretching, or simply getting outside.
- **Getting good sleep** – developing healthy sleep routines and recognising the impact rest has on mood, focus, and overall wellbeing.
- **Eating a balanced diet** – fuelling our bodies with nutritious food to support both physical and mental health.
- **Appreciating the world around us** – spending time outdoors, connecting with nature, and taking moments to pause and notice our surroundings.
- **Connecting with people who matter** – socialising with friends and family, joining clubs or group activities, and maintaining positive relationships.

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- **Having a hobby** – doing something enjoyable that helps us “switch off”, relax, and recharge.

By modelling and sharing these strategies, we aim to encourage pupils to reflect on their own wellbeing and develop positive habits that support lifelong mental health.

We would really value the support of parents and carers in continuing to promote these positive wellbeing habits at home. Encouraging regular routines, open conversations about feelings, and opportunities for rest, activity and connection can make a significant difference. Further information and practical advice can be found on the NHS website, Young Minds, and Mind, which all offer guidance and resources to support children and young people’s mental health.

4.Red Nose Day

We are pleased to share that school will be supporting **Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March**, organised by Comic Relief. This year’s theme, *“Take Yourself Funny for Money,”* encourages everyone to embrace a little self-deprecating humour and everyday silliness to help make a serious difference for people in the UK and around the world who are struggling to access basic essentials. We are looking forward to coming together as a school community to support this important cause. Further information will follow shortly outlining how students can get involved on the day.

5.Staff Absence

Unfortunately, Miss Stansbie will not be in school for at least the next few weeks. To ensure that all of her groups are taught by Maths specialists the following plan has been put in place.

Year 9

9 Ma 1c to be taught by Mr Smedley

Year 10:

10 2a to be taught by Mr Pearson

10 2b and 10 2c groups will combine and be taught by Miss Barstow

Year 11:

11 Ma 1a to be taught by Ms Newton

11 Ma 2b and 11 Ma 2c will combine and be taught by Mr Pearson

Yours faithfully

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher