

25th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is my pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Northwood School. I am really looking forward to meeting you over the coming months and hope that your child has settled in well to the start of the new academic year.

I have been extremely impressed with the start that students have made to the new academic year. Students have shown a great attitude in the first weeks with high standards of uniform, punctuality and conduct. Students have also started their studies well, showing good effort and contribution in class. I hope that you can track this effort through their exercise books and folders.

Some key reminders for this half term:

Open Evening- Monday 2nd October

School will end for students at the end of Period 3 (12.20) to allow for preparation for this evening. If your son/daughter has been selected to help out, you will be given a permission letter to sign. **School will start at 8.55am on Tuesday 3rd October** for students who are expected to go straight to lesson 1.

Parents Information Evenings

Please sign up for these evenings over the coming weeks where you can be informed of the best ways to support your child during the coming academic year. I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible at this time.

Punctuality

Please can students aim to be on site by 8.25am. We continue to have a small number of students who are arriving after 8.30am and therefore missing the key notices at the start of the day.

Uniform

We have high standards of uniform at Northwood and we expect all students to wear their uniform correctly and with pride. Please can I remind parents that the following are not allowed in school:

- Hoodies/Sports tops/Trainers
- Jewellery (with the exception of 1 watch and 1 plain stud per ear)
- Make up/nail varnish/hair dye
- False nails/lashes

The full uniform list and policy can be found on our website.

Homework

Homework is always set on our school platform, Satchel:One (previously ShowMyHomework). This helps students to stay organised, and parents can also login to check what has been set. If you require login details, please contact the office.

Students can expect the following homework frequency:

	Maths, English, Science, MFL	Humanities, performing arts, computer science, RE	Art, design & technology	PE	Total Time
KS3 (Years 7-9)	30-60 minutes per week	30-60 minutes per fortnight	30-60 minutes per week	Up to two 30-60 min per half term	4-8 hours per week
KS4 (Years 10-11)	30-60 minutes per week per subject, including BTECs/other options		Up to 90 minutes per week (may be practical).	No homework for core PE	5-10 hours per week
KS5 (Years 12-13)	KS5 students should expect to do at least an hour of independent study or homework for every hour of lesson time. This generally translates to 4-5 hours of independent study or homework per subject per week.				at least 12-20 hours per week*

Vapes

Please continue to talk to your children about the law and health implications around vapes. We have had a small number of incidents of vapes being brought into school. A reminder that any child who handles a vape in school will be given a 1-day suspension.

Yours faithfully,



Mr M Shah