



Northwood News Issue 20

A back to school edition

Headteacher's message

I am pleased to report that we have made an excellent start to the new academic year. Teachers and students have been fully committed to high quality learning and we have set up a range of promising initiatives to further enrich the life of the school such as a revamped student council and a new focus on positive mental health which you will see in this issue.

Every day there is something going on in the school to enhance student personal development; an inspiring workshop, a thought provoking discussion in form time, a charity collection for those less well off. This issue captures some of this work that really makes our community so special.

Mr Mehul Shah

A huge congratulations to our Y7 and Y12 students for successfully settling into our Northwood community.

Miss Barry's special shouts out for settling in well go to:

*Isaac 7EN
Filip 7I
Raha 7P*

Miss Rafferty and Ms Kondal's special shouts out for settling in well go to:

*Luke B
Alice S
Dhruvi P*

The Year 12 induction experience

On our first day as A Level students, we visited the University of City. We spent part of the day having a tour of the university to get a better understanding of what life is like there and what lectures are like too. What I liked most about the tour was learning about the different types of 'societies' they had and how you could set up your own society. Furthermore, we also had a talk about the different types of courses they provide, why people choose to go to university and what is needed to get into university. Due to this trip, I feel really motivated to work as hard as I can so that I can go to university.

~ Alice

World Mental Health Day

An enormous thank you to the Interact team for hosting our first Tea and Talk event. What a wonderful event to mark World Mental Health Day. The atmosphere was great; the students thoroughly enjoyed it; conversations were great! We are sure this event will become a Northwood tradition.



No Pens Wednesday

At Northwood, we value our students articulating and expressing their knowledge about their subjects.

On Wednesday 4th October, we held the first No Pens Wednesday of the academic year. Students, across year groups, were encouraged to put down their pens and raise their voice.

Students participated in science experiments on cells; students became crisis managers in geography; students assumed the role of Effie Trinket in English lessons. The activities were endless, and the discussions were rich.



We are delighted that we have a vast range of extra curricular clubs on offer to all students this term at Northwood School. Our extensive programme offers enriching opportunities across many different subject areas within the curriculum.

We encourage all students to participate in our extra curricular programme. It is a great way to develop new skills, enhance existing talents, meet new friends and contribute to the wider life of the school.

Please see our extra curricular [timetable](#) for full details.

We are incredibly lucky to have a passionate, dedicated and vibrant student leadership team for this academic year.

Please see below what the priorities for 2023 - 24 for Year 8 and Year 9:

Year 8s:

The three key priorities for Year 8 this year are:

- **Power to the Period**
 - Making menstrual products more accessible for Northwood pupils.
- **Dodgeball Club**
 - Introducing a dodgeball club for Y7 and Y8
- **Uniform Policy**
 - Exploring the possibility of a Summer uniform.

Year 9s:

The two key priorities for Year 9 this year are:

- **Culture Day**
 - Developing culture day from last year.
- **Behaviour System**
 - Exploring the possibility of refining the behaviour system



A new year means a new opportunity for all students to gain a place in the highly contested sport teams. This year we saw what could be record numbers turn out for the Yr7&8 football trials. Myself, Mr Mckean and Mr Leonard had the tough task of selecting an 18 man squad from 90+ students that attended.

After the selection process was complete, the Yr8 boys were the first year group to take part in a fixture this year. The boys took on two extremely strong sides in Ruislip High and Bishop Ramsey. Unfortunately, the Yr8 side narrowly missed out in both games, failing to defeat in the last minute of the games.

Next up, our Yr7s took part in their very first fixture for Northwood School. The excitement was there for all to see and their performance did not disappoint as they ran out 8-0 winners against Queensmead. Considering the side have not played with each other before, this performance was something to be proud of. Fingers crossed for more success to come!



Sport - Handball

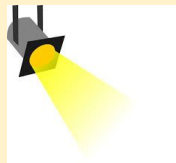
It's been another fantastic start to the year for Handball here at Northwood. Both the quantity and quality of pupils attending trials was impressive, making squad selection more difficult than ever.

All of the teams have been training hard and many were fortunate enough to be involved with a Handball Masterclass session run by professional Danish coaches from Vidar-Ulkebøl Håndbold in Sønderborg. This group of coaches, aided by West London Eagles Handball club, really put our pupils through their paces and were highly complimentary about their ability.

We have also had several pupils attend Middlesex trials and I have no doubt that once again we will have several pupils representing not only the school but also the county.



Our Careers Education programme is designed around year group themes

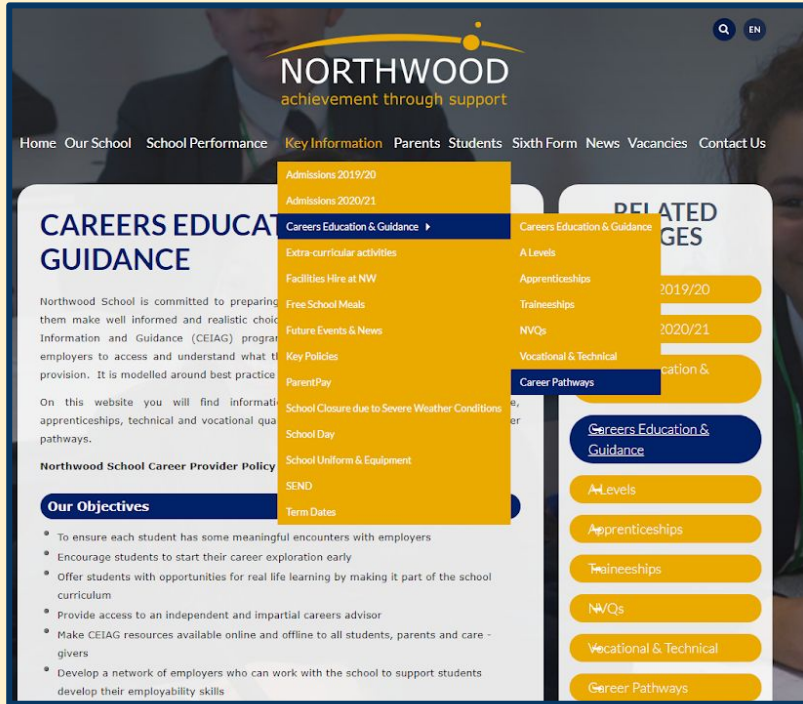


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Highlights this half term include:

- ★ Careers corner in form time with different industry spotlight
 - Careers using Languages, Roles in Public Service. Next : Creative Industry
- ★ Year 11 & 13 are planning their next steps (college, A levels, apprenticeship, university)
- ★ Our independent careers advisor meets students every week to help them map their careers journey
- ★ Students have met a professional author and some have met a poet
- ★ Students experienced life as a musician in a fantastic steel pans music workshop





Throughout this year, Northwood students will have the following careers exposures:

- Meet at least 3 employers
- Learn about Apprenticeships (Level 2 & 3)
- Understand Labour Market Information
- Careers Focus in Lessons & Form time - (activities / workshops / assemblies)
- World of Work Weeks
- Whole School Events

Please visit our [Careers Education](#) section on our school website for more information on Northwood School Careers strategy.

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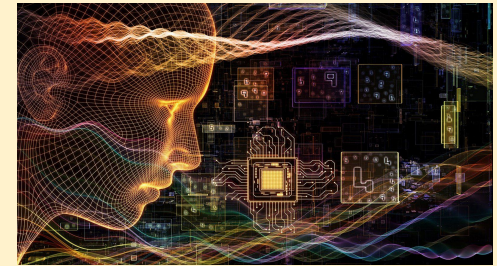
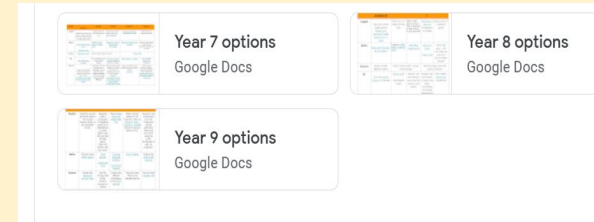
Uniform - As the weather is now getting colder, please ensure your child has a suitable school coat to wear over their blazer. We do not allow hoodies or sports tops as an alternative for a coat. A reminder that school shoes should be polishable black leather. We do not allow canvas shoes, boots, plimsolls or trainers. Don't forget that we are registered on the online selling site [Old School Uniform](#), where you can buy and sell preloved Northwood School Uniform!

Stay Safe Message - As the evenings get darker, please remind your children of the importance of keeping themselves safe walking to and from school. Please continue to report any bullying or safeguarding concerns via the reporting link on the [homepage](#) of our school website.

Northwood's Supra Curriculum

Next half term, we will be launching our supra curriculum for **Year 7, 8 and 9 students**.

To develop their understanding of their subjects beyond the classroom, students will have the opportunity to select from a range of activities.



The purpose of the supra curriculum is for students to harness their talents and develop their interests.

Coming soon...

Event	Date
Sixth Form Open Evening	Tuesday, 14th November
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Thursday, 23rd November
Year 9 Parents' Evening (REC)	Thursday, 7th December
Year 9 Parents' Evening (IPEn)	Thursday, 14th December
Year 11 and 13 PPEs	Week commencing Monday 11th December
Christmas Showcase	Monday, 11th December at 6pm