



**Northwood News**  
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**\* A Winter Edition \***

# Headteacher's message

Welcome to the 2nd edition of Northwood News for this year.

It has been wonderful to meet so many of you at the recent Christmas showcase, 6th form open evening and Parents' Information Evening. Thanks to all the parents who have responded to our requests for careers contacts. This information will help us to bring even more exposure to new opportunities to our students. Our first careers spotlight day was a great success with students making links between their subjects of study and potential careers and we will continue this initiative in the Spring term.

Our Parent Ambassadors continue to make excellent suggestions and give us valuable feedback as we continue to build the home school partnership. On that note, I would ask for your support in ensuring that students are in school in good time before the day starts at 8.30. The winter weather has meant more traffic and more students starting the day late and missing valuable form notices and assemblies.

Congratulations to the students on the following pages who have had excellent attendance. Excellent attendance really is the first step to academic success. As well as the extra curricula activities that you will read about, I hope you can also see a renewed focus on personal, social and health development in these pages. A special thank you to Miss Searle for leading many of these activities that contribute so much to students making the right choices in school.

I wish you all a calm and peaceful winter break.

We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

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.
  - **Progress** - Ready to present to LG!
- **Dodgeball Club**
  - Introducing a dodgeball club for Y7 and Y8
  - **Progress** - Approved pending location agreement
- **Uniform Policy**
  - Exploring the possibility of a Summer uniform.
  - **Progress** - Proposal to be made in Spring.

## Year 9s:

The two key priorities for Year 9 this year are:

- **Culture Day**
  - Developing culture day from last year.
  - **Progress** - The Year 9 team have successfully developed the structure of Culture Day (wearing traditional clothes, PSHE lessons with stories from teachers and workshops during the day for KS3).





To reward the students who have achieved excellent attendance and punctuality, we hosted a “perfect 30” movie in the afternoon on Wednesday, 13th December.

To be invited, students had to achieve the following:

- 30 days of full attendance
- 30 days of perfect punctuality to school and to lessons

Congratulations to these amazing students!



## Perfect 30 Year 7 Winners

<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>EN</b>
C Muhammad	B Amina	C Inayah	D Filip	F Ahmad	A Saeed
D Saachi	K Alisha	J Lilia	G Ira	K Karthikeya	D Reyansh
H Tj	M Aanya	K Julien	G Aamena	L Alex	J Kamil
M Ishaan	S Harien	K Maya	L Jack	M Syona	K Taleyah
M Liyana	S Daniel	L Robert	M Aryav	M Alexia	M Liyana
N Nathan	V Noah	L Hanjin	O Mohamed	O Kitan	M Isla
S Diyan		M Isha	P Suhani	R Eddie	P Amaya
		P Gia	P Patric	V Daksh	
		S Anahita		Y Amelia	

## Perfect 30 Year 8 Winners

R	E	C	I	P	EN
A Maia	C Rishika	A Nikhita	A Da Cunha,	B Kaiyan	F Sa, Tatiana
A Nikhil	C Ja'Kai	B Yori	A Alice	C Luca	G Omar
A Murad	C Lara	D Samir	B Ruth	J Pragavi	H Evangeline
D Oliveira, Lara	H Joshua	H Teddie	G Kanav	J Frankie	H Paige
D Shreya	J Ashmi	H Samuel	H Micah	K Inayah	N Daniel
I Akida	L Brody	L Sofia	R Amelia	L Chelsie	V Flavia
L Natalie	M Ayyan	S Sara	W Rahel	L Charlotte Rose	W Lynn
T Nikitha	M Prajjwal	S Lakshika		M Vyana	
U Arin	R Zayaan	T Vansh		P Naiya	
W Sesathri	R Jake			S Aisha	
				S Ollie	
				S Oskar	
				Y Isabelle	

## Perfect 30 Year 9 Winners

<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>EN</b>
A Shayan	D Annabel	H Baylasan	A Vrinda	A Tiago	A Annabelle
B Isra	F Louise	K Ayaan	D Luca	B Rafael	C Tyler
B Adib	M Alexander	M Rawa	F Bruce	D Vihaan	D Aryan
B Nathan	M Mia	P Jai	L Raluca	H Calum	O Zain
C Isabelle	R Charlie	R Azhar	M Suwaibah	H Krish	P Vihaan
G Nanda	S Jiya	S Anaya	O Ayman	M Kimberly	
P Ashwin		S Vihaan	S Adem	P Avni	
R Shenai		T Ansh		R Rahul	
S Karez				S Heston	
S Diya					
S Santana					
Z Alexander					

## Perfect 30 Year 10 Winners

<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>EN</b>
D Sara	B Rose	A Anika	B Marcus	B Fonseca, Ju	A Onaya
M Stefan	F Layla	A Sanvia	C Tomas	C Bradley	B Priscilla
L Jamie	M Kian	D Isabel	H Hiren	M Tom	B Jamie
R Leona	P Tiya	F Amelia	L Estera	M Erik	D Niti
R Rhea		H Jullanar	R Shaan	P Aleena	G William
T Livie		O Esther	R Samuel	Z Georgi	G Fatima
		P Shiven	S Jasveen		K Saffiyah
		R Reva	S Akshat		K Ibrahim
		T Eira			K Kabirr
					M Alina
					S Kiera
					V Namit



# Christmas Showcase

On Monday 11th December, Northwood celebrated its annual Performing Arts Christmas showcase. Thank you to our wonderful dancers, actors and singers for bringing the festive spirit to Northwood.



# Our Christmas Card competition

## Individual winners

7R Anaisha

7E Lois

7C Anahita

7I Anya

7P Aashiyana

7En Sae

Special mention to

Bauhinia\*

## Winning houses most creative entries

1st	7P	19
2nd	7En	17
3rd	7C	24
4th	7E	20
5th	7R	17
6th	7I	16

7R Anaisha M





# 7E Lois B





7C Anahita S



71 Anya K





7P Aashiyana L



7En

Saeed A





Bauhinia Y



# Subject spotlight: English



## 'Fair is foul and foul is fair'

Theatre group **The Globe Players** came to Northwood to perform the **English Literature GCSE text 'Macbeth'** for our Year 11 students.



## 'Fire and blood and anguish'

The **Globe Players** also performed **English Literature GCSE text 'An Inspector Calls'** for our Year 10 students.



Our Business sixth form students visited PHD UK today and they took part in a live brief where they got the opportunity to pitch to senior leaders in the marketing business.

Some of PHD's clients include: ***Volkswagen, Sainsbury's, Virgin Atlantic and Warner Bros.***

The day started with a talk by the Chair and Chief Brand Experience Officer which looked at 'what is the advertising and media industry'. This was followed by questions from students (Abi C, Nasser and Max were asking some excellent questions).

As the agency were responsible for the UK marketing and media for the **Barbie Movie**, the students were handed the original marketing brief from the agency and students had the opportunity to pitch their ideas to three judges. They were all absolutely amazing and did themselves proud.

**The winning group: Ella, Olivia M, Mira, Rofay, Theo and Parthvi** who won a prize from the agency.

The judges were extremely impressed with Ella's brand activation idea - it was passed back to the managing partner who told the Warner Bros. team "why didn't we come up with that idea".

Students also took part in a Q&A panel with current apprentices and new graduates.







# Subject spotlight: PSHCE

This term Years 7 to 10 have focused on citizenship in PSHCE.

Year 7 have explored bullying and anti-bullying, including specific types such as racism. In lessons there were some great group presentations!



Year 8 have revisited their Year 7 learning about diversity, difference and inclusion in society. They have also learnt about the law and democracy, including the role of the police and punishment of young offenders. Year 8 had a whole day of workshops entitled 'Your Life You Choose'



Year 9 have revisited their Year 8 learning on law and democracy and moved on to explore issues of extremism and radicalisation. Year 9 have been lucky to experience two hours of workshops on anti-discrimination from the fabulous charity StandUp! Education.



Year 10 have explored global issues in their unit titled: 'issues at home and abroad'. This included topics such as migration, conflict and the economy. Extending this learning, Year 10 have moved to learning about different types of extremism and vulnerabilities to radicalisation. Year 10 have received four hours of workshops from the charity St Giles SOS+.



Year 11 have revisited the core statutory topics of healthy relationships and consent, as well as having subject intervention in their PSHCE lessons.



On Wednesday 22nd November, Year 8 had an incredible day of workshops. Each form group received 5 sessions, including from our Safer Schools Officer, Hillingdon Youth Justice Service, the Youth Engagement Team, Magistrate Judges, SORTED (the substance misuse charity) and London Ambulance Service. This event, entitled Your Life You Choose, fell on our careers spotlight day, providing students with contact with people in various careers within the public services.



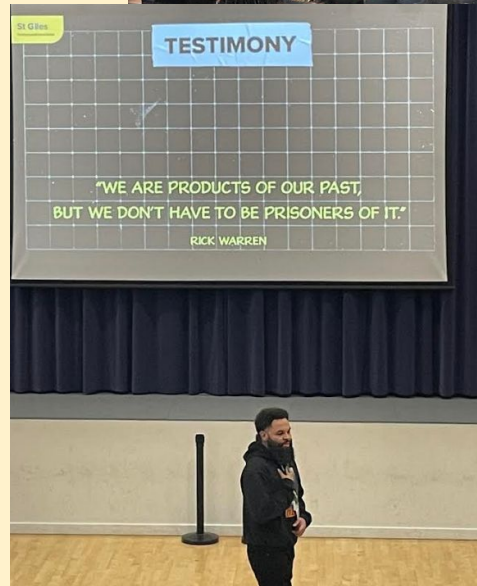


# PSHCE Year 10 - St Giles SOS+

## St Giles SOS+ Programme

Year 10 have engaged in workshops from the charity St Giles SOS+, educating them about issues around knife crime, child sexual exploitation, county lines, grooming, and girls in gangs.

These were sensitive and serious, but invaluable in educating our students around these important safeguarding issues.



## Year 10 netball

The Year 10 netball team have shown great commitment and dedication this half term, even showing up to training in close to freezing weather!

The girls have started off the season amazingly, coming away with a tight 6-5 win against Bishopshalt and a fantastic 14-5 win against Haydon. They then went to the Borough tournament and played some tough oppositions. The girls came away with three wins against Douay Martyn's, Queensmead and Vyners B team but lost by a narrow 2-1 against St Helen's (A huge achievement!) and a-not-so narrow 8-0 against Bishops Ramsey A team. This placed them 3rd in their pool, narrowly missing out on a spot in the semi-finals.

I am extremely proud of the improvements made so far this year with a special shout out to Miriam N for most improved player and Taylor B for being a great leader as captain.

*Our current Year 10 squad girls are: Chantelle C, Daria S, Elin G, Eva-Red K, Fatima G, Layla F, Maya S, Miriam N, Poppie H, Pranavi J, Priscilla B-A, Rose B and Taylor B.*

## **Year 9 Netball**

Our Year 9 girls netball team play to an incredible standard of netball and have greatly impressed with their determination, competitiveness and enthusiasm! Their season started off with a gutting loss against Northwood College by just 1 goal, ending 19-20! The match was a real nail biter and the girls showed perseverance and skill right up until the final whistle blew. This made them come back fighting, and started a winning streak we hope never ends! A massive 27-0 win against Haydon, followed by a great 25-3 win against Vyners and a solid 33-12 win against Bishop Ramsey puts us in the running for top of the league still!

The Year 9s also played a B team match who managed to steal a 6-5 win against Vyners as well - meaning every single student on the squad has played a match and won. Mr Lewis has also blessed us with his presence at our past 3 matches (arguably our lucky charm) and supported the girls to victory.

The year 9 captain Abigail Q has shown incredible leadership and motivation both on and off the court, a special mention also has to go to Roma P who has been awarded Player of the Match 4 matches in a row! And, finally Ella for being the most improved player this year!

*Our current Year 9 squad girls are: Aaijah M, Abigail Q, Anaya S, Elhana S, Isabelle C, Isra B, Jasmine N, Louise F, Martha G, Roma P, Saskia C-M and Shenai AN.*

## **Indoor athletics:**

An amazing opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students to compete in the borough indoor athletics competition in November gave our selected students a chance to show of their speed, endurance and power against 5 other schools in the area. The students displayed teamwork and cheered each other on even if they had never met before! They created a great and positive atmosphere but unfortunately did not qualify for the next round! Tendai in Year 8 stood out with his super speed and Madison with her endurance and determination bringing us home first place in their races!

## **Year 7 Netball team**

The Year 7 Netball team gelled together instantly at the beginning of this year and has had the best attendance and ATL compared to the other Netball teams. This team has been unfortunate in both of their games vs Bishopshalt and Northwood College A, losing by 1 and two points. This team has come on leaps and bounds and it has been a pleasure to coach them this term.

*Captain - Izzy Q*

## **Year 8 Netball team**

The Year 8 Netball team this year have come away with a 24-6 win against Haydon and a 5-10 loss against Queensmead. In these two games, the team have tried and tested different positions and has now found a sense of fluidity in their game play. Their positive communication throughout the games and training have been a pleasure to observe this season so far.

*Captain - Madison C*

## **XCountry**

Several students from Year 7 to 10 represented Northwood school in the borough XCountry competition with a handful of our students finishing in the top then for their age category! Congratulations to Gia P 7C finishing 4th, Charlie R 9E finishing 9th and John H 10I finishing 8th!

For Northwood's first Careers Spotlight event this year, we put the spotlight on Careers within the **Public sector**.

Students explored a range of careers in the public sector across their subjects. Some examples of the fantastic careers and skills are students explored are:

Fieldwork in geography - landscape architects, town planners

Civil Engineering - Building a structurally sound bridge.

Computer science explored the roles of Network and Software engineers, as well as nanotechnologists.

DT looked at the work of NHS Nutritionists, BBC set/costume designers and the applications of 3D printing in medicine.

English looked at management skills and how these apply to characters in texts that students are studying.



# Interact Winter Fair

The Winter Fair is the biggest event of the year for Interact and the students have been planning and preparing for the fair for months. Interact members created all the posters and games, packed all the sweets and ran the stalls by themselves. This included Hoopla, 3 Cup Monty and The Lucky Wheel.

In total, Interact raised £1295 at the Winter Fair for Crisis at Christmas and £465 from the Non-Uniform Day for UNICEF and Crisis at Christmas.



# Coming up soon

Year 10 Parents' Evening ~ Thursday, 18th January

Year 13 Parents' Evening ~ Thursday, 25th January

Year 9 Option Launch ~ week commencing 29th January

No Pens Wednesday ~ Wednesday, 31st January



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directory**

**Winter Wellness Directory 2024 - [Winter-Wellness-Directory-2024](#)**

# Ofsted Parent View

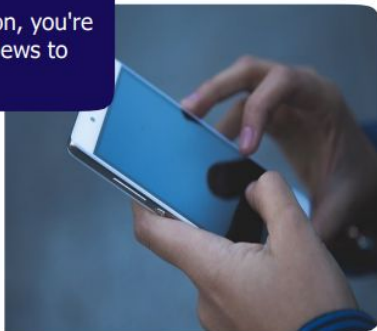
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