

# Northolt High School

# Newsletter



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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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## New year, new us!

It's fantastic to have everyone back in school after the summer break. Our staff team worked hard to relocate teachers to subject corridors and have worked wonders to get our classrooms ready for learning. Everyone has adapted to our new routines well, lessons have been purposeful and students have made a really brilliant start back. Thank you all for the part you played in making sure that students were prepared for the new term.

The very obvious difference compared to last term that everyone has noticed is that we have an additional building sitting at the edge of our school field! Our builders spent the summer term preparing the foundations and the temporary block was then brought into our school site during the holidays. At the moment the focus of the work is to connect the building up to power and water supplies. Once that work is completed in the next week or so, the team will begin their work preparing the inside of the building. Our Business Studies, Humanities and Science departments will all be moving into these new rooms after half term. We will still use our South building this year for examinations and a few sixth form lessons. However, from September 2022, the site will be prepared for demolition so that we have the space available for our brand new school building. Exciting times are ahead!

We're welcoming two groups of new students and parents to our community this month. Year 7 students have not only settled in quickly but have also made their mark already on our school building.

Thanks to Ms Bowler and the Year 7 summer school team (along with the help of a professional artist), our Year 7 corridor now boasts a vibrant mural welcoming students and visitors to the area! Our sixth form recruitment has been strong this year and our new cohort of Year 12 students have also made a great start to their sixth form studies.

If you're a new parent to our school and have any questions, please don't hesitate to phone or email [help@northolthigh.org.uk](mailto:help@northolthigh.org.uk) - we're here to help!



Ms Marion Budd Headteacher

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Early closure (details next page)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Open Evening
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – School Photos



PRIDE

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## Open Evening 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Next week we have our Year 6 Open Evening which runs between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. We will be finishing school early on Thursday so that teachers have time to get the classrooms ready for our visitors:



- Year 7, 8, 10 and 12 students will leave school at the end of their lunchtime at 1.15pm;
- Year 9, 11 and 13 students will leave between 1.15pm and 1.30pm (giving students the option of having lunch in the canteen before they go).

We will start school slightly later on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September so that teachers can return the classrooms to their normal layout. Students will need to arrive at school by 9.30am and will go straight to lesson 1. We will be inviting students to support our Open Evening by acting as tour guides or supporting department areas. Please sign the permission letters which students will bring home if you're happy for students to help out. Thank you in advance for lending us your children for the evening!

## Improving Communication

In order to help improve communication and the sharing of information between teachers, students and parents the school has moved to a new communication system called *School Synergy*. You will start to notice that emails and text messages from the school will be delivered through this new system. The school is taking a phased implementation approach and will, over time, look to launch more and more the different modules that the software offers including a parent portal. More information about this will be shared in due course.



## School Ties

School ties can now be purchased on WisePay. Parents are able to pay online and then the tie can be collected from the School Office.



## Descendants – invitation for families



Descendants is a history and arts-focused organisation aimed at children and young people aged 4-16 of African and Caribbean descent. Their main focus is on African and Caribbean culture; exploring history and experimenting with art, craft, music, drama and dance.

Descendants is pleased to announce that The Legacy Series is back with Chapter 2: The Caribbean! This series will explore the diverse islands including cultures and histories which had such a huge influence on the rest of the world. Join in at Acton Gardens Community Centre for fun Caribbean themed activities as well as interactive online learning for those further afield. Find more information and details on how to register [here](#).

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*Instilling ambition*

*Realising potential*