

Northolt High School

Newsletter



Friday 17th September 2021

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Autumn Term well underway

This week, I have spent a lot of time with Ms Bowler, our Key Stage Three Leader, and some of our Year 7 students as we have been visiting local primary schools to tell Year 6 students about last night's Open Evening. It's been really wonderful listening to our Year 7 students present to their former primary school teachers and friends. Our students were confident, reassuring and I could see that they really helped their Year 6 listeners to be excited rather than nervous about their High School transition next year. Year 6 teachers were also so pleased to see some of their former students and to find out about how well they're doing with us in Year 7. Thank you to those of you who gave your permission for us to take students on these visits and to allow students to support us with last night's Open Evening. We had a hugely successful evening last night with extremely positive feedback from our families.

Our Year 13 students will be sitting in class assessments next week. Their examinations in the summer will be testing them on the knowledge and skills they studied in Year 12 as well as the new learning this academic year. I'd be grateful if families could support Year 13 students so that they take these in class tests as seriously as our formal examinations – the tests are most useful when students prepare for them and try their very best. Unfortunately I have a rather disappointing message for parents of our sixth form students as well – our current punctuality figures are showing that some students in both Year 12 and 13 are arriving late to school. With a 9.20am start to our first lesson, there is no excuse for lateness so please could you encourage students to be in school on time.



Next week, we will be writing to all parents to give you important information about your child's curriculum this year. We'll also be alerting you to important key dates in the year so that you can be as fully involved in your child's education as possible. As part of our Family School Partnership Awards feedback last year, you asked us for more information about what and how your child will be learning, so I do hope that you find this information useful!

Ms Marion Budd Headteacher

- Monday 20th September - Year 13 Assessment Week
- Wednesday 22nd September - School Photographer
- Mon 25th to Fri 29th October - Half term holiday



PRIDE

COURAGE

RESPECT

Open Evening THANK YOU!



Our Year 6 Open Evening was a resounding success this week, with our visitors sharing glowing feedback about our school, particularly with how our student representatives portrayed themselves.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU and WELL DONE to all the wonderful students who gave up their own time to help in various departments and as tour guides on the evening. We could not have done it without you!

Year 7 – what a start!

What a sensational start our Year 7 students have made to secondary school. I am so proud of how our year 7s have settled and how quickly they have picked up and embedded our school routines. Every morning I make my way down to our year 7 area and see beautiful uniforms, orderly and respectful lines waiting to enter their form rooms and polite greetings. I love hearing about their days and the new lessons/teachers they experience. Please do ask them about what they have been learning. We look forward to sharing more of our year 7 learning and curriculum experiences in upcoming editions of our newsletter.



Ms Nichola Bowler, Key Stage Three Leader

School Photographer – Wednesday 22nd September



This week all students will be having new photographs taken by a visiting professional photographer. These will be available for families to purchase and students will be given details of how to purchase these to bring home to parents on the day.

Family School Partnership Award

This week, Mr Haresnape, Senior Deputy Headteacher, was presented with a certificate, on behalf of the school, in recognition of Northolt High having achieved the Ealing Learning Partnership's *Family School Partnership Award*. This was as a result of the work we have been doing over the last two years in building stronger relationships with our families.

To ensure we are consistent in our partnership work with families we are now going to develop a *Family School Partnership Policy*. We will look to get input from our families in helping to shape this policy to ensure this is a true partnership that is working in the best interests of our young people.



Seizing opportunity

Instilling ambition

Realising potential

Britain's Black History – free workshops for all families

Parents/carers of all ethnicities are invited, along with their children, to attend two free virtual workshops focusing on Britain's Black History and in particular the Windrush Generation.

These sessions are funded by the Windrush Day Grant and will be delivered by Oshun Education online via Zoom.



The Jamaican Men on the Empire Windrush - What Happened Next?

[This session](#) will detail what happened to the group of Jamaican men who were filmed arriving at Tilbury docks in 1948. It will detail life on board the Empire Windrush and the other passengers. In addition, the housing and employment outcomes of the Windrush generation in general will be discussed and their contribution to Britain's war effort and the rebuilding of Britain the 1950s and 60s.

This session will be offered on the following dates:

- Wednesday 22 September, 4.30 - 5.30pm
- Wednesday 29 September, 6 - 7pm.

Britain's Black History

[This interactive whistle stop presentation](#) provides a potted history of Black Peoples' presence in the United Kingdom starting from the Roman Empire and incorporating the Tudor, Georgian, Victorian eras and the arrival of the Windrush generation up to the present day.

The presentation includes aspects of British race relations and its impact on Black and White communities and covers the race riots in the 1950s and the national uprisings during the 1980s. Please note: this workshop is a repeat of the one delivered in February 2021

This session will be offered on the following dates:

- Tuesday 21 September, 4.30 - 5.30pm
- Tuesday 28 September, 6 - 7pm.

To register parents/carers are asked to email trainingsupport@ealing.gov.uk with their name, school and details of the workshop(s) they would like to attend.



London Marathon

A member of our Northolt High School Community, Lauren Weeks, will be running the London Marathon this year, raising money for the charity – Mind (you can find fundraising details [here](#)) it's been a long journey since Lauren initially secured a place back in November 2019 and was set to run in April 2020. Of course this was cancelled due to the Pandemic and instead Lauren ran the 26.2 miles in stages in various places (including the school field, sports hall and All Weather Pitch!). Finally the big day is almost here! We wish Lauren the best of luck and congratulate her for this amazing endeavour.

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