

Northolt High School newsletter



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Thursday 17th December 2020

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It's a wrap!

We've had a lovely week in school as we build up to the end of term. I hope that you enjoy our reports about our foodbank donations and festive community activities which our students have been engaged in. I would normally be able to feed back our fundraising total for our non-school uniform day, but we haven't counted this up yet as we are quarantining the cash in our safe for 72 hours before handling it! I'll let you know the grand total next term!

I've received loads of Christmas cards this year but possibly my favourite was this one from 8CHO. Mr Hung added a festive twist to lessons this week about electricity with students making paper circuits (a low-voltage electronic circuit that is created on paper using conductive copper tape, LEDs and a power source). This card definitely brought a smile to my face – you can see the circuit inside if you watch [this video](#). Thank you Mr Hung!



Return to school 2021

As it stands at the moment, the first day of term for all students is **MONDAY 4th JANUARY**. School starts for students at **10am** on this day.

However, news articles have started to appear today suggesting that not all secondary school year groups will be returning as the Government may implement a staggered return from the holiday to help manage the virus levels. As soon as we have received any information from the Department for Education about this, we will let you know.

Although we still have coronavirus restrictions to contend with, I do hope that you and your families are able to rest and enjoy some quality time together, whether it's over the internet or in person. See you next year!

Ms Budd - Headteacher

Foodbank Delivered!

Mr Price kindly delivered all of the donations our amazing community put together for Ealing Foodbank. Thank you very much to all students and families who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.



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Covid-19 arrangements during the holiday period

I know that many families will be worried about the risks of coronavirus transmission over the holiday period as you may well be planning to spend time with relatives who may be vulnerable. Please read [this letter](#) from the Leader of Ealing Council, Julian Bell, which explains how Ealing schools will be organising their contact tracing over the holidays.

What does this mean for you?

If your child tests positive for coronavirus between now and 23rd December, please contact us straight away. This is because there would be a risk that your child could have been passed on the virus to other students or members of staff in school.

What will we do when you contact us?

We will speak to you and use our records to identify any 'close contacts'. We will then communicate with families advising them that a) their child has been a close contact of someone who has tested positive and b) advise them of the self-isolation dates which will be necessary. We will not share details of who has tested positive as this is always kept private.

Why is this important?

Families who are visiting relatives over the holiday period need to know if their children have been close contacts of a person with coronavirus. They can then take action to keep their families safe.

Notice for Year 12 and 13 students who are part of the Future Stars Basketball and Volleyball programme

Students on the Future Stars programme at Northolt High have a longer school year so that they can complete their school studies alongside their elite athlete training programme. This means that term ends for these students on 24th December. Families should contact us if students on this programme have a positive test any time up to the 30th December.

Getting ready for the beginning of term

We will send out a letter by text message on Sunday 3rd January reminding you to keep your child at home and tell us if:

- Your child has symptoms of coronavirus
- Your child has tested positive for coronavirus
- Your child is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

How do you contact us over the school holiday period?

Please use this email address:

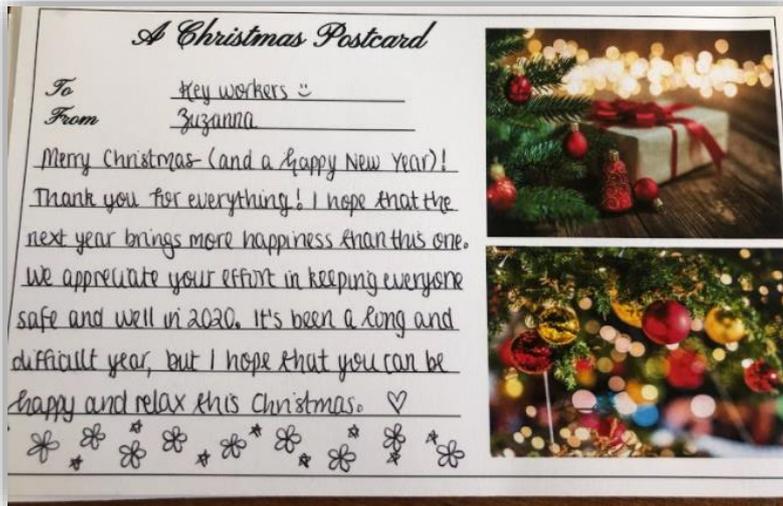
help@northolthigh.org.uk

This will be checked daily. You will only be able to telephone us on Friday 18th December. Please do not leave messages on individual staff members' extensions over this period either as staff will not be in school to hear them.

Year 10 Kindness and Generosity

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to the Academic Year. I'm incredibly proud of them. They have shown resilience, commitment and diligence towards their learning. It has not been easy returning to full time education back in school and they have overcome any challenges they may have faced.

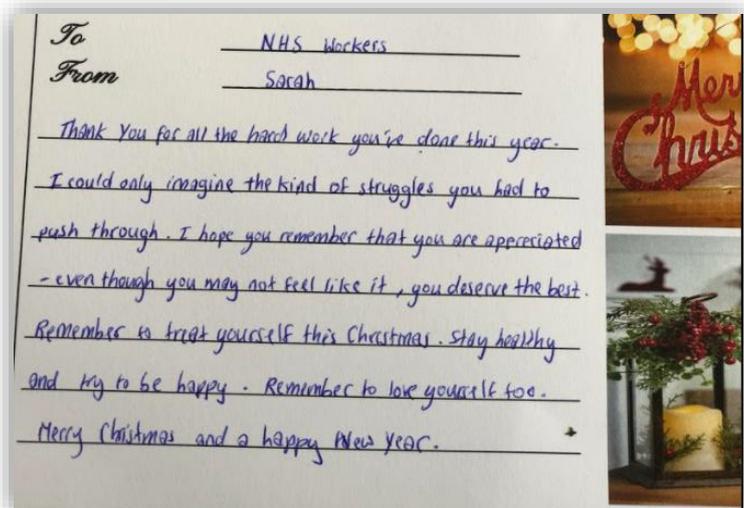
We have welcomed several In Year Arrivals this term. Firstly, welcome to those students and their families to our Northolt Community. Year 10 have supported these students fantastically and the kindness and generosity of time they have shown them really epitomises the character of this cohort.



In keeping with the theme of kindness, we decided this year to send Christmas postcards to those loved ones who may be self-isolating, those who may be vulnerable or to those Key Workers who supported us during the Spring and Summer Terms and continue to do so. It is important during this time of the year that we take the time to reflect and recognise those who have supported us. I have been very touched by some of the messages in these postcards.

Well done Year 10 on a great start to your continuing GCSE journey.

Ms Parris and Ms De Sousa



Northolt Community Senior Citizens

We were really disappointed that, due to the pandemic, we were not to be able to host our annual Christmas Party for the senior citizens in our community this year. It is an annual event that gives us great pride and joy and we know that our senior citizens really enjoy visiting us.

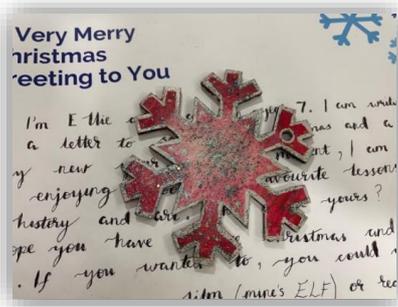
We recognise that the need for social distancing and long periods of isolation over the past nine months will have been especially difficult for the elderly members of our community. So as a small gesture, to show that they are still very much in our thoughts at this time, we have sent out Christmas cards with handwritten messages from our Year 8 students along with a Northolt High chocolate bar as a small gift.

One of those who received this was Anne, whose granddaughter, Saufhyah, is currently a student in Year 11 at the school. Anne said, "I really appreciate all that the teachers, nurses and others services have provided during the Covid pandemic. The anxiety and stress caused by the pandemic has been really draining. I am normally very outgoing, but I have had to spend a great more time indoors. This is a lovely card and gift. Thank you".



Key Stage 3 Community Spirit

Key Stage 3 have certainly got themselves into the Christmas community spirit over the last few weeks. They have all written letters and hand made a Christmas decoration for a senior citizen within our community. Even if you don't celebrate Christmas we know that this is a time for caring and looking after one another and we wanted to do just that!



Northolt Christmas Card 2020 Design

Jenezia, one of our year 11 students who is studying GCSE Art, created this winning design for this year's school Christmas card. Jenezia thank you for putting your wonderful artistic skills to such good use!



Covid-19 Flowchart for Parents and Carers

Please take a look at this [flowchart for parents/carers](#) to assist planning what you need to do if you, your child or someone in your household displays symptoms of COVID-19. This flowchart is also available in multiple languages.

[Punjabi](#) [Urdu](#) [Tamil](#) [Somali](#) [Polish](#) [Arabic](#)

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and Happy New Year!**

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