

Northolt High School newsletter



Friday 21st May 2021

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Committed to excellence

Our new school build process begins!

I have had the excitement of having a number of meetings this week relating to our New School Building project, which is at last beginning to pick up pace! As you will probably know, our school was established in 1974 following the merger of Vincent Secondary Modern (the current North building) and Eliots Green Grammar School (the South building). The two original schools were built in the 1950s and the buildings are now somewhat dated and expensive to heat. They are also a long way apart meaning that students have to move a fair distance between lessons.

We will eventually be demolishing the South building as this will be the site for our new school. The first step in our project is therefore to relocate our Science department from their current home in the South. Work will begin during this May half term to install a large temporary accommodation complex on part of our school field. This will, once finished, become a new home for Science and we're hoping to move in by the end of October. There will be a little disruption during next half term as the temporary accommodation is installed in stages and we will be sharing details about this with students next week. Please rest assured that we are making robust safeguarding arrangements and all of the contractors on our site are required to have enhanced DBS checks.


As a reminder, if you were not able to attend the public consultation event we ran about our plans, please feel free to watch a recording of a presentation made by Mr McKee, our New Build Project Manager, which you can find [here](#). We would also be very grateful if a few more of you could complete our consultation questionnaire which you can find [here](#). It will really support us when we get to our planning application for our new school if we can demonstrate strong participation in public consultation. Thank you all in advance for your support.

Ms Budd, Headteacher

Our school community

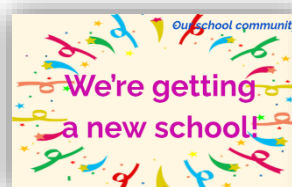
But isn't it going to take AGES?

Yes, it will take a while, but we're ready to start work now! From next half term there will be work going on to build us a new school, so there are some things you need to know.

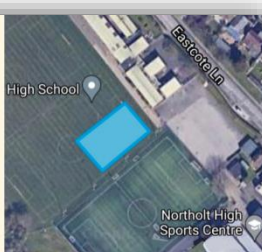


Our school community

We're getting a new school!



Our new temporary building



Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 10 May – Wednesday 9 June** – Year 11 Assessment Window
- **Monday 17 May – Thursday 10 June** – Year 13 Assessment Window
- **Thursday 27 May** – Late start for students, 10.30am.
- **Friday 28 May** – Last Day of Half Term
- **Monday 7 June** – Remote Learning Day (students not in school)
- **Thursday 10 June** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 24 June** – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Wednesday 21 July** – Last Day of Summer Term

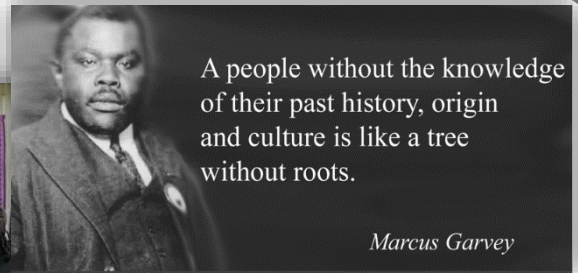


Seizing opportunity

Instilling ambition

Realising potential

Peer Advocacy



On Monday this week, our year 8 Peer Advocates had their second session, led by Jenn Lewis from CEN and Karen Brooke from Oshun Education. The session's focus was on teaching students about the long and glorious history of the Benin Empire. We learned about some of the famous bronze creations, the 16 000 km of walls that protected the city and the history of trade with European countries.

Benin Kingdom
(Edo Empire) 1180 - 1897

Moving forward, students who have been involved in the project will be turning their attention to putting some of their learning into action. They will explore how they would like to see our school curriculum change for the better so that it reflects the diverse backgrounds of our school community and that it doesn't unconsciously promote unhelpful racial or cultural stereotypes. They will be presenting recommendations for improvement to senior and middle leaders. We're really looking forward to hearing from them!

Covid-19 Symptoms

You must keep your child at home if your child or anyone else in your household develops coronavirus symptoms. The main symptoms of coronavirus are: • **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) • **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual) • **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you are keeping your child at home you must contact Ms McMurdie, our attendance officer, on **02088648544 extension 705**. She will then be able to advise you further.

Remote Learning Day for students – Monday 7th June

A reminder for all families that the Monday after half term is a remote learning day for all students.

Teachers will set lessons on Google Classroom for students to complete. Please note; there won't be live lessons as we have done in the past as teachers will be busy on this day with the process of awarding grades to students in Years 11 and 13.



Please check with your child that they are confident with accessing their Google Classroom account this week and let us know at help@northolthigh.org.uk if you need any assistance.

Year 9 – The GCSE journey begins

Year 9 have made an excellent start to their GCSE learning and have impressed their teachers with their diligence and resilience. We are all very proud of them! It is their first year doing subjects they have chosen for their GCSE qualifications. It is lovely to see them learning new skills and acquiring new knowledge. You can find out what some of our students think about their option subjects below:

Areeb - GCSE Geography

"My favourite option subject is Geography because it is very interesting and it is exciting learning new skills and knowledge. We have learnt about different places in the world, for example we are currently learning about Mexico City. I have always wanted to be a Geographer and I like learning about nature. I like doing community projects as it's a good place to start when becoming a Geographer. I have participated in cleaning the statues in Horsenden Hill Farm and picking up litter in parks."

Zahra'a - GCSE Computer Science

"My favourite option is Computer Science. This term we've been learning about networks and last term we learnt about Python which is a computer language. It was fun because we learnt how to code a couple of games, including a drawing game and a dice one. When I'm older I'd like to be a programmer and code games. Python is really simple and easy to understand."

Daniela - GCSE 3D Design

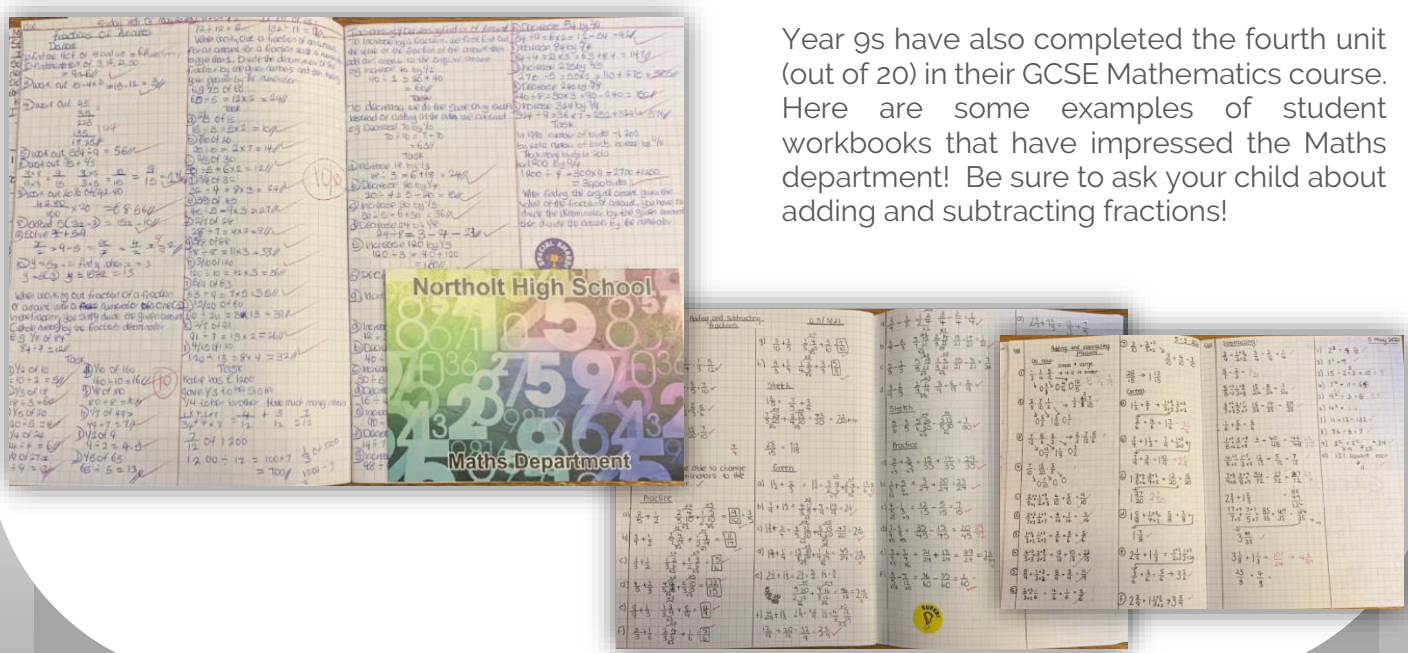
"One of my GCSE Option choices was 3D Design. I love 3D design because I can create new things such as chairs and board games and my teacher, Mr Tarrant, is great. He helps me to understand everything we are learning. The lessons are fun and they support my future career choice to be an architect."

Nevaeh - GCSE Physical Education

"My favourite option subject is GCSE PE as it teaches me lots of new skills and knowledge and sets me up for my future as an athlete. In PE, we are taught lots of different things such as the skeletal and muscular systems and we learn new sports every four weeks such as Volleyball, Basketball, Football and Badminton. I'd like to study Sports Science in the future at Birmingham University."

Trinity - GCSE Drama

"I enjoy GCSE Drama because we get to do some acting. Even though we are going through Covid, we still act a little. I really want to go into acting when I'm older so I try my hardest to get everything right. We're studying 'Girls like that,' I enjoy it because we're learning about monologues and this is a monologue play. We've also been learning about Shakespeare's plays such as 'Macbeth'. Drama has helped me feel more confident."



Year 9s have also completed the fourth unit (out of 20) in their GCSE Mathematics course. Here are some examples of student workbooks that have impressed the Maths department! Be sure to ask your child about adding and subtracting fractions!