



Friday 24 May 2024

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

Apologies for not having sent out a weekly update for a couple of weeks.

We have completed the first half term of Summer and are now in the third full week of the formal exams.

Exams

The GCSE & A Level formal written exams began last week. I cannot stress enough to you as parents of students sitting formal exams the need for them to be punctual for their exams. **For morning exams** - students should be lining up on the tennis courts at **8.30am sharp**, not arriving at **8.30am** and then going to look for missing equipment, friends or lockers. **For afternoon exams** - students should be lining up on the tennis courts at **1pm sharp**. **A reminder that henna is not allowed in any examinations (JCQ rules).**

Community

As previously mentioned Mr Newman from the Humanities Faculty on June 22nd has signed up to take part in an 8 mile mud run to raise money for Cancer Research. This resonates with his family due to loss of family members. His aim is to raise at least £250 to help in the fight against this awful disease. If anyone would like to donate, please find attached the link to this message and it would be very much appreciated.

<https://www.givengain.com/project/steven-newman-raising-funds-for-cancer-research-uk>

Croydon Athletics

Thank you to Miss Green and the PE dept for organising and preparing our students for the athletic competitions.



Empowerment



Equality



Empathy



Excellence

Year 9

On Wednesday 8th May some year 9 students attended Croydon arena for an athletics competition. It was tough competition but our students really pushed themselves. We have had the official scores through from Croydon Athletics and we had 3 students placed:

- 2nd place out of 20 for Javelin by R.Dennis for 15.66m throw
- 3rd place out of 20 by Z.Coke in the Discus with a 14.20m throw.
- 3rd place for T Maxwell-Jones in Javelin with a wicked throw of 13.20m.

Year 8

On Monday 13th May some year 8 students attended Croydon arena for an athletics competition. Despite another challenging competition day:

- J.Barret placed 2nd in 100m heats and then came 3rd in the finals
- A.Soumoahoro placed 3rd in High Jump.
- We also had our incredible relay team of J.Barrett, S.Prepah, L.Izekor and C. Ababio who came 4th out of 20 schools.

Year 10

Year 10 absolutely smashed it today at the Croydon athletics competition.

- Z.Elliott Ingham placed 1st in high jump with a jump of 1m 40m.
- S. Rasakumaran placed 1st in Discuss with a throw of 17m 33 Harmony-Rose placed 2nd in Javelin with a throw of 22m
- C. Souleyymanou came 3rd in Discuss with a throw of 16.95m

We would also like to congratulate Zamira Elliott Ingram who has been selected to represent North Croydon at Surrey Schools Athletics competition for High Jump.



Uniform

I appreciate it is the summer term but we still have a school uniform which your children need to abide by. Therefore can I ask parents again to ensure that your children have:

- The correct uniform for school - especially those doing exams
- That your daughter adheres to the rules on jewellery
- No false nails, makeup or the wrong coloured hair
- Coats will not be allowed to be worn in the school buildings so I would suggest thermals or layering underneath their uniform to keep them warm if they have a tendency to feel cold
- Trainers are not a replacement for school shoes

Can you also support your child in going to bed at a reasonable time to ensure that they can get up and to school on time the next morning.

Students are expected to adhere to the rules and may be sent home to get the correct uniform if necessary. Please can you take this weekend to ensure that your daughter has everything that she needs for school. If you are struggling to get uniform / equipment please contact your daughter's form tutor / Head of Year and we will see what we can do to help.

Upcoming Events

- **25.05.24-26.05.24 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition**
- **07.06.24 Year 8 & 10 French trip**
- **12.06.24 Year 7 Parents evening (in person)**
- **13.06.24 GCSE and A-Level Art Exhibition private view**
- **19.06.24 Year 9 Well being conference**
- **19.06.24 Year 9 Parents only meeting re changes to options**
- **21.06.24 Performance faculty awards evening**
- **24.06.24-05.07.24 Year 10 Mock exams**
- **01.07.24-05.07.24 Year 12 work experience**



- **03.07.24** **Summer fest & New Year 7 Induction evening**
- **05.07.24** **Croydon Borough Induction day for New Year 7**
- **08.07.24-11.07.24** **Barcelona Trip**
- **11.07.24** **Sports Day@ Croydon Arena**
- **12.07.24** **Year 11 Prom**
- **15.07.24** **Deep learning day Yrs 7-10**
- **15.07.24** **Year 12 Goldsmiths University Visit**

Parents' Behaviour

Recently, there have been instances where the tone of communication between parents and school staff has become strained. Unfortunately a small minority of our parents believe that it is acceptable to be rude and abusive to our staff and use language that is not appropriate for students, let alone adults. I appreciate that parents may struggle with understanding the day to day interactions of a secondary school and the expectations of their children as they become older and more independent. However, please allow your children to learn from their mistakes and not cover for them as later down the line it often becomes a problem at home. An example would be covering for missing items etc. Staff are more than willing to work with parents; but this must be respectful and at a minimum civil. If this continues I will be left with no option but to take further action against those parents. Remember, the staff at our school are dedicated to the well-being and academic success of your child. We believe that maintaining a positive and respectful relationship between parents and staff is crucial for creating a supportive learning environment.

Email contacts for parents

- If you think you are eligible for your child to receive free school meals, please click on the link below. It is very easy to apply and parents should receive a response within 24 hours <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>
- Any feedback/queries from parents/ students on our Catering provision please email: catering@nhsg.org.uk .
- Any queries regarding Parent pay or finances please contact finance@nhsg.org.uk



Please endeavour to regularly check your child's lunch accounts to ensure they have adequate funds to purchase food and refreshments. Please clear any arrears and outstanding amounts. If you would like to discuss arrears on your child's account please contact finance@nhsg.org.uk. All students are entitled to a free hot porridge from the main canteen every day from 8am.

I wish everyone a very happy and restful half term break and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 3rd June at 8.30am.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Hayden, Head teacher

*Norbury High provides its students with the support, knowledge and opportunities they deserve, to become **empowered** and **empathetic** individuals, who value **equality** and strive for **excellence**.*

