

March 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have come to the end of an exceptionally busy but productive term at Northwood.

I am pleased to report that the exam groups have conducted themselves exceptionally well in their final set of mocks and the Year 9 and Year 11 have approached their option choices with great maturity and seriousness.

We will be publishing a full Northwood News capturing all of the great enrichment going on shortly after Easter.

Some Key Reminders below:

End of Term Arrangements:

School will finish at **12.20pm** on **Friday 27th March**.

Uniform - A Few Key Reminders:

A smart traditional uniform is central to the Northwood ethos of high standards and training students to take pride in their appearance in preparation for the world of work.

We will be checking uniform more carefully after Easter to ensure fairness and consistency for all.

- Hoodies are not allowed to be worn to / from school
- If a child has to wear trainers for any reason please provide a written note that can be authorised by their Head of Year and shown to staff. Medical evidence will be required for longer term medical issues.
- Socks for both girls and boys should be plain black (no additional logos)
- Please ensure shirts are long enough that they can be tucked in. Some students are wearing shirts that are now too small, therefore they struggle to remain tucked in.
- Girls are not allowed to wear flared, stretch style school trousers. All school trousers must be loose fitted. We wrote to you before February half term explaining that we would allow until the Easter break to rectify incorrect school trousers. Thank you to those families who have already replaced incorrect flared trousers.
- Please check the length of your child's skirt and replace any skirts that are too short.

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Parking:

There are an increasing number of concerns related to parking and traffic flow during peak drop-off and pick-up times. For the safety of everyone, we kindly ask that you follow these key guidelines:

1. **Park/ Pull in to designated spaces only:** Please use the designated student drop off/ pick up bays and parking spaces only and ***do not park in or across the disabled bays***. Please do not stop the traffic flow or create hazards by parking outside of marked areas. The car park has plenty of spaces and it is a short walk to the student waiting area.
2. **Avoid double parking:** Double parking causes unnecessary delays and puts pedestrians and other drivers at risk. Please park in a single spot to ensure everyone's safety.
3. **Observe traffic flow:** Be mindful of the one-way direction and speed limits in the car park. Following the flow helps prevent congestion and reduces the risk of accidents.
4. **Do not block crosswalks:** Always leave pedestrian paths clear to ensure students and staff can move safely throughout the area.
5. **Be patient and courteous:** Drop-off and pick-up times can be busy, but being patient and courteous helps maintain a calm and orderly environment.

We understand that mornings and afternoons can be hectic, but your cooperation in following these guidelines will help ensure a safer environment for all. We appreciate your commitment to the safety and well-being of our school community.

Year 9 Options:

Year 9 have navigated the options process with maturity and thoughtfulness. As mentioned at the Options Evening, their final choices will not be confirmed until June, but all students will have a short interview with a member of the leadership team after the Easter break, where they can discuss and confirm their options choices. Whilst final options won't be confirmed until June we will work with students from now to guide them if we think that there is a chance that they won't get their preferred options.

Hillingdon Parenting Workshop Offer and Wider Wellbeing Resources:

Please find attached a poster outlining the range of workshops available via Hillingdon for parents.

Additionally Hillingdon have launched a new website designed to support children, young people, families, and professionals by bringing together clear information, self-help tools, signposting, and a wide range of emotional well-being resources in one accessible place. The new *Thrive* website is now officially live. Please visit <https://thrivehillington.co.uk>

We look forward to welcoming our students back on **Monday 13th April** – normal start time.

Yours faithfully,
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