

19th October 2026

Dear Parent / Carer,

I have always believed that the first half term is crucial in a school- it is here that we set up our routines, expectations and foundational learning for the year. I am pleased to say we have had an excellent first half term at Northwood.

- Attendance levels have been high
- Behaviour has been very good
- Classrooms have been full of purposeful learning
- Club attendance and student-led events have been excellent with rehearsals in full swing for Oliver and over 150 students joining in activities on the Astroturf every Friday.

A few reminders for the half term ahead:

Last day of this half term: Wednesday 21st October- students finish at **normal time**.

First day of the new half term: Monday 2nd November- students start at **normal time**.

Uniform Reminders:

We continue to believe that a smart uniform is essential to the community spirit and professional ethos of our school. Whilst we continue to enforce high standards of dress around school, I want to assure parents that we are making allowances for comfort. For example- blazers can be removed in lessons whilst working.

A reminder that hoodies are not allowed to be worn to and from school as we want our students to give the best appearance in the local community. A coat should be worn instead.

We have also seen more students wearing socks with logos- this is not allowed- socks should be plain black to fit the business appearance of the uniform.

Extra-Curricular Programme

The current extra-curricular programme will continue after half term up until Christmas. We are very proud of our enriching extra-curricular offer and encourage all students to take part.

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Please remind yourself of our programme [here](#) and encourage your child to make the most of these fantastic opportunities.

Other Key Dates:

- Friday 6th November - Enrichment Day
- WB 9th November- Careers in the Curriculum Week
- Tuesday 10th November- Year 8 & 9 Parent info evening 4-5.30pm
- Monday 16th November - Year 10 Parent info evening 4-5.30pm
- Tuesday 1 December - Parent Ambassador Meeting
- Thursday 3rd December - Parents Evening Year 9 REC 4-5.30pm
- Thursday 10th December - Parents evening YR9 IPEn 4-5.30pm
- Friday 11th December- Winter Christmas Fair
- Friday 18th December – last day of term – students finish at **12.20pm**

Changes to pick-up arrangements

The office has received an increasing number of calls asking for students to be informed of changes to collection arrangements at the last minute. Whilst the office will do their best, it is not always possible to get messages to students before they leave. Could we ask all parents/carers who collect their children to discuss clear back up arrangements if plans change e.g. check for messages when out of school (at school gates) or call home from the office if no-one is there to pick them up.

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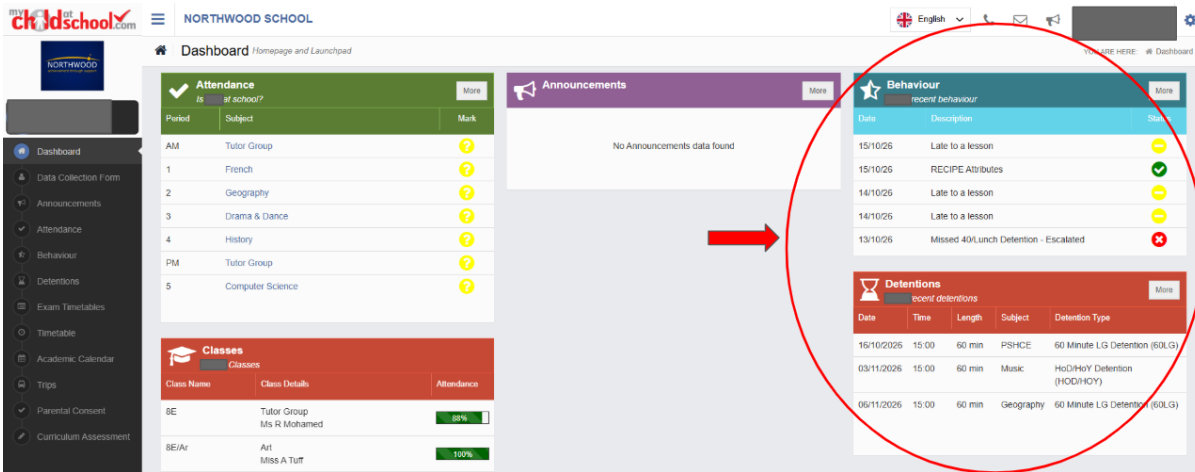
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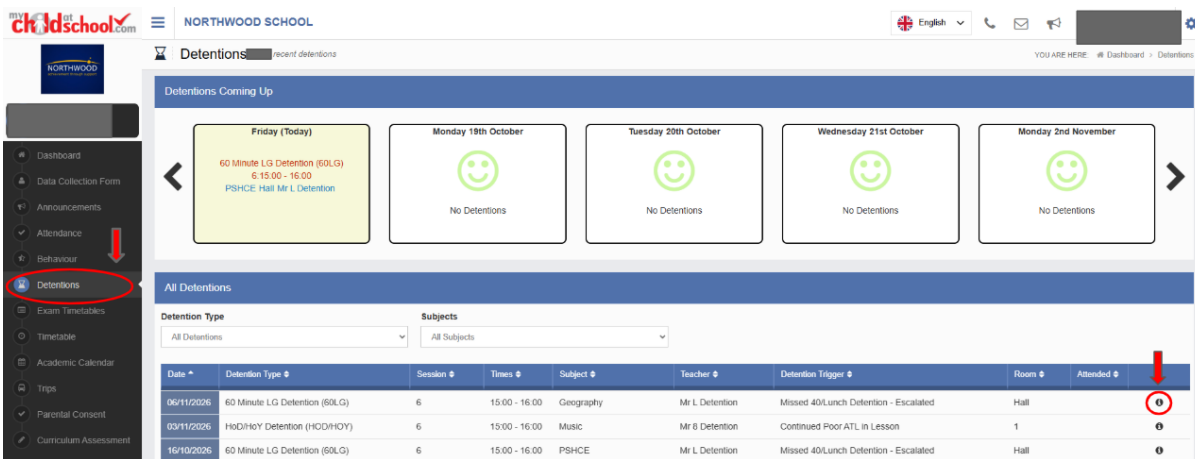
My Child at School (MCAS) - Behaviour & Detention Information

- On the main MCAS dashboard you are able to see a snapshot of your child's behaviour and detention information.



The screenshot shows the MCAS dashboard for Northwood School. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Dashboard, Data Collection Form, Announcements, Attendance, Behaviour, Detentions, Exam Timetables, Timetable, Academic Calendar, Trips, Parental Consent, and Curriculum Assessment. The main content area is divided into four sections: Attendance (with a table of student attendance), Announcements (showing no data), Behaviour (with a table of recent behaviour incidents), and Detentions (with a table of recent detentions). A red circle highlights the Behaviour and Detentions sections, and a red arrow points from the Announcements section towards them.

- On the "Detentions" tab you can see more information about your child's detentions. Hovering your tooltip over the "i" symbol will provide you with a comment from the member of staff where applicable, providing more context on the reason for the detention. Please note that this is only required for certain detentions, where more information would be beneficial.



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Other - Please note that any HoD/HoY detention for Year 7-10 has a duration of 40 minutes. On MCAS it will say 60 minutes due to timetable configurations.

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