



**Northwood News  
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# Headteacher's message

As per my previous correspondence to you all this half term, I would like to share with you all my commitment to Northwood's vision to provide all our students with the best possible opportunities - both inside and outside the classroom.

Thank you all for your support during the industrial action this half term. I recognise that the partial closure of the school may have caused difficulties to some families but I would like to emphasise that we all remain dedicated to your child's education.

This half term has been an exciting one for all students at Northwood. Many of our Year 8 students journeyed into London to see a performance of The Tempest at the Globe Theatre. We celebrated No Pens Wednesday and World Book Day. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have demonstrated their maturity as they completed their final set of PPEs before the official exams in the summer term.

Although there have been many exciting moments, this half term also sees the end of an era at Northwood: Mr Anderson's farewell. I could not write this message to you all without recognising Mr Anderson's incredible contributions to Northwood School and the community. We wish him all the best as he embarks upon this new chapter.

On behalf of the Northwood team, I would like to wish you all a wonderful break.

Miss Olivier

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Olivier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

# Farewell to Mr Anderson ~ student voice

On behalf of the Northwood School Community, the Northwood School Student Council would like to wish Mr Anderson, our headteacher, a very fond farewell as he moves onto his next chapter. Since becoming Headteacher in 2012, he has helped to transform Northwood into the thriving community it is today. Forever approachable and kind, we will all dearly miss him. Mr Anderson, thank you for everything, and the best of luck.

As you prepare to leave us and move on to new endeavors, we wanted to take a moment to express our appreciation for all that you have done for our school community. You have been an exceptional leader, always striving for excellence and ensuring that our school operates at the highest possible level.

You have been an inspiration to us all, and your guidance and support have been invaluable. We will miss your dedication, your kindness, and your unwavering commitment to our students' success. You have made a lasting impact on our lives, and we are grateful for the opportunity to have worked with you.

As you begin this new chapter in your life, please know that you will always have a special place in our hearts. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors, and we know that you will continue to make a difference wherever you go.

Thank you for your hard work, your guidance, and your unwavering commitment to our school. You will be missed, but your legacy will live on.

Thank you for helping me be on the right track in my Northwood school journey.

Thank you for making Northwood School a widely diverse school where I feel safe, supported and happy.

Thank you for turning this school around and pioneering the school from the point of our fantastic building being built. We are all incredibly lucky to attend our fantastic school and it could not be possible without the work of who I believe is one of the country's best Headteachers.

# Farewell to Mr Anderson ~ student voice

Although you've never taught me, I am grateful that you supported me and never gave up on me. I've become a better person due to your determination to make me a better person.

So long, sir; it's been a pleasure because I know you support liverpool :)

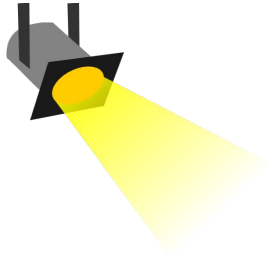
Thank you for being the best headteacher I have ever had. Having had attended many schools in different countries, Northwood has most definitely been the friendliest, supportive one I have been at. The atmosphere at the school is warm and it genuinely makes you excited to learn; this could have only been achieved through having an incredible headteacher who is Mr Anderson. I will really miss saying "Good morning" to him in the hallway and for his overall presence around the school. Thank you, sir.

It was great to have you as our headteacher at Northwood school. I'm in year 10, and I've had you for almost 4 years. I was very sad when I heard the news that you're leaving. I just want to thank you for all the hard work and input you've put into this amazing school. You've improved the school with all your enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you for that. We really appreciate your help and contribution to everything, and being responsible for such a big part in the school. Thank you for always being there for every student who needed help, regardless of whether you knew them long enough or not. Thank you for building a school that has made me improve a million mistakes. Thank for always being there, whenever I had prefect duty, or if I wasn't there to cover. You were always there, thank you so much. I wish you all the best, and good luck for the future and upcoming journeys that you experience. Thank you for being part of our school for so long, and we could experience such a great journey here. No one could ever replace you as a headteacher because you are so good. Thank you for everything.

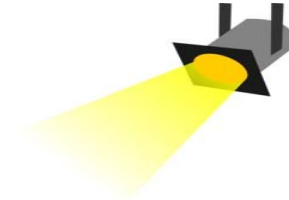
For always making me do my top button.

Helping interact to hold our fundraising events for charity.

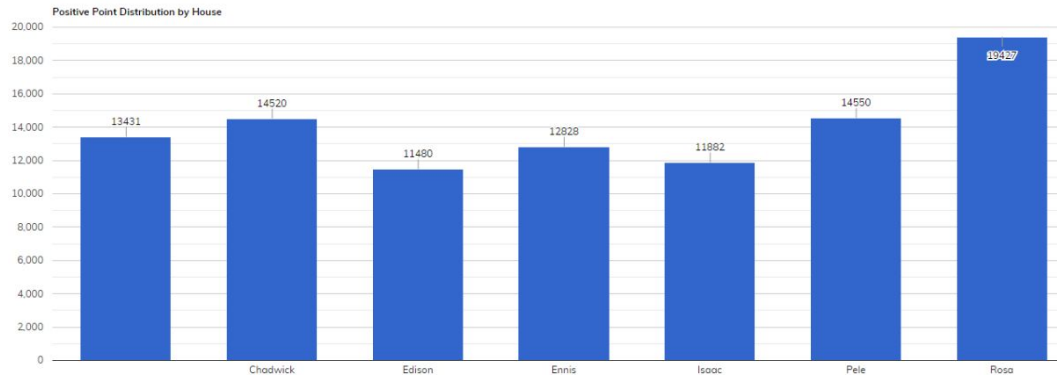
Thank you for directing me to my lessons.



# House Update

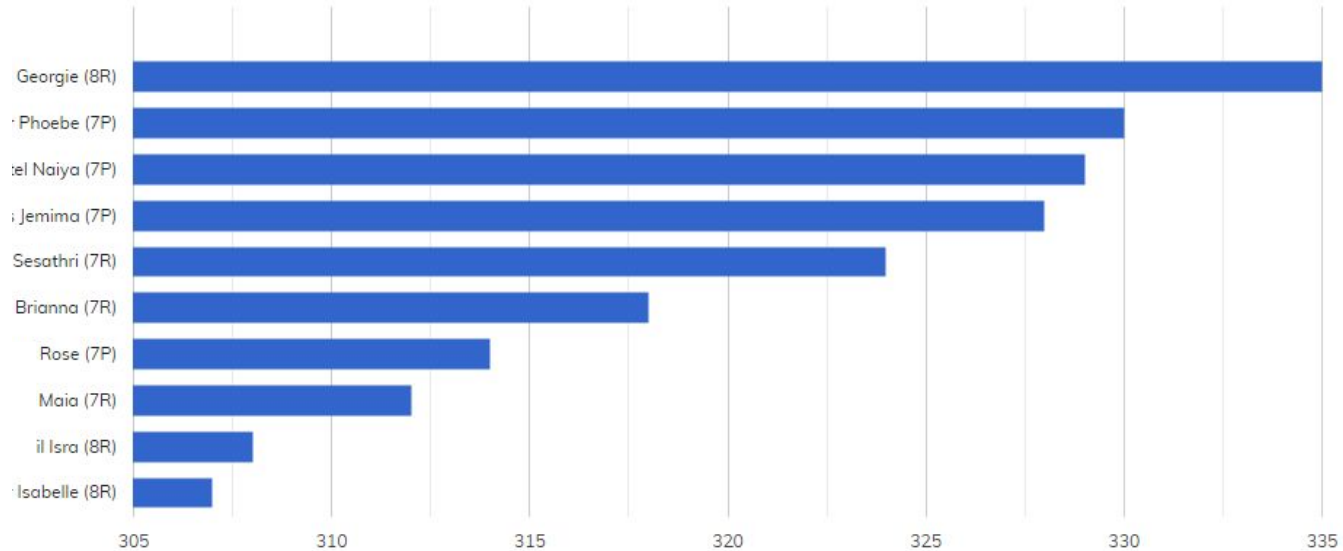


Congratulations to Rosa who are the current house champions with 19427 RECIPE points!!



# House Update

Another huge congratulations to the top 10 RECIPE pint winners in the school.




# House Update

This half term we celebrated **International Women's Day** with a special House Competition. The aim of the competition was to create a fact file about someone who was prominent in advocating or promoting gender equality and equity. Thank you to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners.




Alice - Year 11



**DYLAN MULVANEY**



**WHO IS DYLAN MULVANEY?**

Dylan Mulvaney is an American Actress and social media star who is 26 years old. In addition to this she is also a transgender woman. Mulvaney came out as trans during the pandemic and began documenting her gender transition in March 2022. To this day she has reached over 10 million followers on Tiktok and over 1 million on Instagram; her rise to fame being her documentation called "Days of Girlhood"



**WHY SO INSPIRATIONAL?**

Not only is she an activist for transgender roles, but overall strives for equality for all. This can be seen with her compassion for women and their health which she speaks about in interviews and videos; but also with her new line of merchandise which she is actively changing to be more size inclusive. Mulvaney is trying to spread awareness on not only their experiences of transitioning, but the people around her and the daily problems they may have.



*Alice  
Year 11*

The lesson to be learnt is that everyone has different experiences in not only society but who they are as a person. Making small changes in our lives and bringing light to shared experiences people have is the first step to making a fair and inclusive society.

"I think vulnerability is power. And femininity is power"- Dylan Mulvaney

# House Update



Amelia - Year 12



## Biography

Lizzo is an American singer, rapper and classically trained flutist. She is a three-time Grammy Award winner, some of her songs include "Good as Hell", "About Damn Time", and "Truth Hurts". Her actual name is Melissa Viviane Jefferson and she was born in Detroit, Michigan. She was part of a Pentecostal Church and due to this, gospel music was a huge part of her upbringing. When she was 10, she learned how to play the flute and later on in high school, she learnt to rap. Finally, when she found the desire to be a musician, she realised she wanted to stand out, and wrote rap music which is now very well known within today's society.

## LIZZO

### Why is she Queen?



Amelia  
Year 12

We should look at Lizzo as an inspiration as she has set us expectations. We should not be rewarded for treating everybody equally, it should be an expectation and a minimum. Many young people look up to Lizzo as a prominent and 'cool' person. Consequently, I would hope her campaigns and views translate onto her audience.

## Equality

Lizzo has always stood up for black women in music. In a recent interview she stated that black women have been innovators in the music industry, and they suffer from marginalization and erasure the most out of everyone. She has always stood up for fellow artists and their gender. Lizzo corrected the Paparazzi for using the wrong pronouns when referring to Demi Lovato. In addition to this, Lizzo has also stood up for artists of all body types and wants to disregard the beauty standards within society. She wants everybody to have an equal chance within any sector, no matter their gender, race or body type.



# House Update

Rishika - Year 7



## Shakti

From my perspective, it's not an individual person who inspired me. It is the power; the strength, the confidence that women have to stand up for themselves and for their rights. In Hinduism this is referred as '*Shakti*'. In Sanskrit, *Shakti* impersonates the dynamic female energy from which the universe is created, and sustained, and she is what everything will withdraw back into at the end of their lives. Take a moment to think what made our confident, brave role models to fight for their rights. To be treated equally like the men. Without shakti, where would we be today?



Rishika 7E

## Business and Economics

Some of our Year 10 students are participating in the Tenner Challenge, which is Young Enterprise's free national challenge for students aged 11-18.

Over the course of four weeks, students will use £10 pledges to get their student business ideas off the ground and make as much profit as they can. Students are also encouraged to make a difference in their local communities.

For these students, we hope this programme will develop their key employability skills, such as: creativity, resilience, and problem solving.

Well done to our fantastic aspiring entrepreneurs!





## Brilliant Club



Every year we select a small number of our Year 12 students to participate in an academic course.

Some of our *brilliant* Year 12 students have worked diligently, over the last few weeks, to submit their final assignment for The Scholars Programme.

Each student chose a country and researched sustainable tourism within their chosen economy. Based on their research, each student crafted an academic essay in response to this university style task:

' Making the most of tourism. Discuss with reference to sustainable tourism development and your chosen case study.'

Our students will be attending their graduation ceremony at University of Oxford in the summer term.

Representing the school, Shreya has been nominated to speak at the ceremony to summarise her experiences of completing the Scholars Programme.

Congratulations to:

Jack  
Tate  
Tyler  
Shreya  
Rofay  
Eleanore  
Krishan  
Jake



# Sports



## Handball

It was a busy half term for Handball, with Northwood having entered 4 teams into the England National Schools competition and hosting the first round right here in our sports hall. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to gain some more match experience and test themselves against some of the top teams in our regional area. The handball on display was excellent and all of the pupils involved did both themselves and the school proud.

The U15 boys won their first game 9-0 in a dominant display. The handball they played was exceptional and their attitude even better. Unfortunately, they lost their second game 4-2 against a very physical opposition. The team adopted a frantic style of play despite attempts to calm them down. This led to them playing at 100mph and a large amount of unforced errors. If they had played at their normal tempo, they would have won the game quite comfortably. An important lesson learnt.

The U15 girls put in a good shift but simply could not cope with the technical ability of their opposition. Credit where it's due, the other team were exceptional and played some brilliant handball. Our girls demonstrated a great deal of resilience and kept up a high intensity for the whole game. In the end, they lost 8-3.

The U13 boys played one game due to other teams pulling out and this saw another dominant Northwood performance, winning 11-4 and ensuring that the entire squad received some game time. They will now be going through to the next round of the competition.

The U13 girls made a strong start to the tournament, winning their first game 7-3 against an inexperienced but much more physical side. In their second game, they faced a team with some technically gifted players but gave it absolutely everything they had in a close game that ended 5-3 to Northwood, making it two wins out of two. A special shout out has to go to Louise F, Jena R and Madison C for their efforts in attack and also to Jemima A who put on a defensive masterclass. The girls have join the U13 boys in making it through to the next round.





## Football

As always, this term was full of football highlights with a total of eight fixtures taking place, a successful girls tournament and a Middlesex Cup semi final. The Year 7 Boys got their Northwood Sporting fixtures underway with three fixtures, one of which was extremely tightly contested and unfortunately settled by an own goal that meant that the team lost their first game for Northwood 3-2. The second game was a real learning experience as they came up second best to an extremely strong Bishop Ramsey team. Having come off the back of the Bishop Ramsey result, the team showed great bounce back ability to win their next game 3-1. The boys have made a brilliant start to their time at Northwood and hopefully they will continue to build upon the progress they have made.



There was also the chance for our Year 7 and 8 girls to take part in a regional football tournament. The girls have been training brilliantly for sometime now and have been making vast improvements week in and week out. This progress was clear to see in their first tournament playing together. The girls narrowly missed out on progressing to the next round by a couple of points; however, they all performed fantastically well and should all be proud of themselves.



Next it was the turn of the Year 8 boys. The boys took part in two competitive fixtures, losing both 3-0 and 2-0. As a result of last year's success that saw all of our teams either win their league or finish second, all of our year groups have been placed in the top league in their area. This step up has been evident to see in the quality of the opponents who we have been facing. Despite this, all of our Year groups have welcomed the challenge and we have looked forward to the demands and tests that have been placed on us.

The Year 9 boys football team have had yet another fantastic year and term so far, progressing once again to the Middlesex Cup semi final. Along the way the team has played some fantastic football and scored a total of 20 goals in 5 games. Unfortunately, just like last year, the team fell at the same hurdle that was the semi final losing 3-0 to a well deserved winning team, Twyford School. Unfortunately, lady luck was not on our side and the team were able to do everything but put the ball into the back of the net. Fingers crossed the team can go one step further and reach the final next year. A fantastic achievement nonetheless, well done.





Finally, this term also saw the Year 10 boys team take a 3-0 victory over Vyners school. A special mention must also go to Howard C and Dylan R who have been regularly representing Middlesex County's football teams this term. Lastly, a massive well done to Tendai Q who traveled to Poland with Watford Fc to take part in a football tournament which by all accounts he played a pivotal role in winning the tournament.



## Netball

Well it's been a hectic term for Netball with borough tournaments for Years 7-9 and the remaining league games against nearby schools. Huge shout out to Ms Fry for assisting with the Year 7-8 training and to Miss Lovitt and Miss Pryer for leading the Year 9-10 training come rain or shine on a weekly basis! Please see below for this term's achievements!



### Year 7s

Captain: Maddison (7C), Sophia (7C), Charlotte (7P), Ana (7E), Isla (7P), Allison (7EN), Jemima (7P), Naiya (7P) and Sauda (7EN)

On the 23rd February, our Y7s travelled to Queensmead to compete in the Borough Tournament, winning two games against Queensmead and Swakeleys and losing two games against Bishops Ramsey and Northwood College for Girls. This placed them 3rd in their pool and therefore were unfortunate in getting through to the semi finals. Nevertheless, the team played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship against the other schools in their first Borough tournament! Stay tuned for next year!

Our Y7 team then came up against St.Helen's in their final league game. It was a tough game as the girls battled fiercely throughout the match but unfortunately, with every quarter, St. Helen's gradually scored a few extra goals finishing the game on 26-14. Excellent composure and resilience displayed throughout the match.

Shout out to our Captain Maddison C and Charlotte L who both received multiple awards for player of the match/tournament. Your enthusiasm and work rate do not go unnoticed!

### **B Team**

Krishna (7EN), Allison (7EN), Ana (7E), Nikitha (7C), Sauda (7EN), Charlotte (7P), Naiya (7P)

This term our B team played Bishops Ramsey with great determination and focus! However, due to last minute drop outs from the opposition, they had some strong players stand in for them, increasing the difficulty for us to get onto the score sheet. The final score of this game was 18-0, hard luck but a lot learnt!

### Year 8

Louise (8E), Abigail (8P), Rose (8P), Martha (8R), Saskia (8EN), Roma (8P)  
and Awesta (8C)

This term the Y8s have put in a phenomenal performance, winning every game with a large number of goals and conceding very little. See the results below:

Northwood School vs Bishopshalt - 20-3W

Northwood School vs St. Helen's - 24-1W

Northwood School vs Bishops Ramsey - 20-8W

Due to the above efforts, these girls are through to the semi-finals on the 22nd March where they play Northwood College for Girls. Wishing them the best of luck! This term, these girls have displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship, picking up new set plays and increasing the intensity of training every week!

Shoutout to Roma who has demonstrated an excellent dedication to the sport inside and outside of school, displaying great improvement in her ability to defend! Another spotlight moment to Abigail who has been selected to compete at regional level. A round of applause for you both!



### **B Team**

Sophie (8R), Shenai (8R), Skyla (8C), Isra (8R), Jasmine (8E), Anaya (8C) and Awesta (8C)

An excellent array of talent was displayed by the team in a friendly vs Bishops Ramsey. We made some fantastic links up the court and managed to get ourselves on the score sheet; however, Bishops Ramsey had the edge and were able to make some great interceptions in the center court giving them the advantage. Final score was 14-5L

## NFL

**Captain:** Madison(7C), Jena (7E), Jemima (7P), Ana (7E), Lara (7E), Louise (8E), Roma (8P), Rose (8P), Abigail (8P), Awesta (8C), Finlay K (8EN), Martha (8R), Laila (9C), Taylor (9I), Angel (9I)

This term a selection of girls were involved in a fantastic NFL Girls Flag football opportunity hosted by the NFL (American football) Governing Body over in Ealing. This 8 week programme consists of coaching sessions, an official league against other schools based in London, launch events and numerous pieces of free kit!

The girls were involved in an interactive Q&A panel hosted by a sky sports presenter with a few guest speakers such as two NFL players from the New York Jets and Chicago Bears! They then were able to receive some free kit and get involved in a skills session to introduce them to the sport.

The girls were honestly blown away with the whole experience and will be looking forward to the upcoming training sessions and league that has all been organised for us in the upcoming weeks.



## Indoor Athletics

Earlier this year our Year 7s and Year 8s competed in the Borough indoor athletics competition, consisting of numerous track and field events, including an obstacle race! The students competed in single gender teams and finished in the following places:

- **Year 7 Girls - 4th Place**  
Jena (7E), Rachel (8C), Chelsie (7P), Madison (7C), Emma (7E), Phoebe (7P), Jemima (7P), Elena (7R), Sesathri (7R),
- **Year 7 Boys - 4th Place**  
Tyler (7C), Tendia (7EN), Rohan (7EN), Sachn (7EN), Enrique (7C), Brody (7E), Joseph (7E)
- **Year 8 Girls - 3rd Place**  
Rose (8P), Martha (8R), Finlay (8EN), Sophie (8P), Louise (8E), Sety (8R), Roma (8P), Tilly (8C)
- **Year 8 Boys - 4th Place**  
Simeon (8P), Ryan (8C), Tiago (8P), Rahul (8P), Kacper (8P), Daniel (8I), Yassin (8E)



## The Tempest

On Monday 20th March and Monday 27th March Year 8 students travelled to Shakespeare's Globe theatre, one of the most spectacular theatrical spaces in the UK. Students were treated to a historical tour of the open air theatre and a bespoke acting workshop based on Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. All Year 8 students have been studying this text last half term in English and the workshop allowed them to explore and develop their understanding of key characters and themes. It was a remarkable two days and some students' first introduction to live theatre.











## Achievements outside of school



**A huge congratulations to Adrian (9R) who has been selected to play for Team GB (basketball).**

**We are so impressed with Ittihad (Y12) who volunteers with dementia patients every week at Northwood Hills Library.**

# Coming soon...

Year 12 Parents' Evening ~ Thursday, 20th April

Beyond Inequality workshops ~ week commencing Monday, 1st May and  
Monday, 8th May

# Coming soon...

## Modern Foreign Languages



EUROVISION  
SONG CONTEST  
2023

To celebrate language and culture, the MFL department will be providing students with a range of opportunities to learn about other countries and cultures by experiencing the musical diversity of the Eurovision content.