



The View from North

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GOOD NEWS

Thirty NBHS pupils recently took part in the Future Chef cooking competition. Ashley Goult and Holly Brown came second and third respectively. Becky Weston gained first place and competed against winners of other Worcestershire Schools. See NBHS media gallery.

Our Young Enterprise students took part in the Young Enterprise Christmas Fair at Worcester Cathedral and gained first place. This was followed by a fair at Bewdley where they achieved second place—congratulations to all concerned!

We received very positive feedback from the exhibitors at the recent Career Fair. They were very complimentary about the behaviour and attitude of our students. We hope that the students found the experience informative and thanks go to the staff for organising this event.

Our sporting students have also performed well with basketball and girls rugby victories over local schools.

Many of our students take part in trips and visits. Our Post 16 students recently visited the House of Commons and met local MP, Julie Kirkbride whilst others visited the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Other trips include a Science visit to the Custard Factory to view The Bodies Exhibition and our photography students visited the Black Country Museum - their photographs can be seen on the school website.

Two of our students, Lizzie Harris and Dan Edwards won categories in the Houseman Poetry Competition beating other local schools and colleges.

Thursday All-Age Activities

Why not come along, (with or without sons/daughters/brothers/sisters) to one of the mixed-age activities available on Thursday evenings at North?

Pete Lopeman runs Art and Craft for all ages from 4.00-5.00p.m.

You can try Samba drumming with Gareth Hughes from 5.15-6.00 p.m.,
or try singing with Ruth Henley's Bromsgrove Community Choir

From 6.00-7.00 p.m.

All on the ground floor in school. More information from Ruth at

r.g.henley@btinternet.com

or telephone 01527 527022

- or just come along and join in!



Important Dates

22nd February 2010

Start of Term

24th February 2010

Staff training day

3rd March 2010

Year 11 History Trip

12th March 2010

Year 12 Higher Education Fair

25th March 2010

Year 11 Lionheart Challenge

1st April 2010

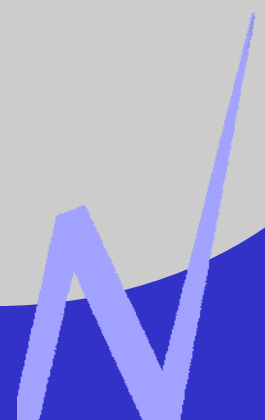
End of Term

Payments4Schools

Unfortunately we cannot accept payments for student meals via Payments4Schools. BAMFM operate the Catering Service at North and they have a different system. Apologies for any confusion.

Meal Deal

When students return after the Easter holiday on 19th April, the Meal Deal price will increase to £2.00.





Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to take this opportunity to explain that we as a school have high expectations of all our students. My valued staff work very hard to constantly improve standards and appreciate your support in all matters. We expect them all to comply with our school standards in terms of learning, behaviour and appearance (uniform). We expect all our students to be polite to each other and to all adults, not to use inappropriate language and not to be disrespectful.

I am sure you, as parents and carers, are instilling the same values in your children.

We look forward to your assistance in the next few weeks as we revisit our school standards.

School Standards

We expect *all* students to comply with the following:

- Students are to **arrive on time** at 8.45 a.m. ready for an 8.55 a.m. start. Poor punctuality will incur sanctions.
- Students are to be prompt for lessons with the **correct equipment**.
- Students are to wear appropriate uniform at all times. **No hoodies or trainers** are to be worn in school at anytime. Outdoor coats, scarves or gloves are not to be worn inside school buildings.
- **No Jewellery** is to be worn. One small plain stud in each ear is acceptable. No face piercings.
- **No smoking** is allowed on school site or when in uniform travelling to and from school.
- **Mobile phones switched off** while in school building.
- **CD/MP3 players/iPods** may only be **used outside** during break and lunch times.
- Students are allowed to have **only clear water drinks** (no other drinks allowed in lessons).
- **No eating or drinking in corridors**. Food to be consumed in the dining room or outside.
- The use of abusive and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- Students must adhere to the policy which supports the acceptable use of ICT.

Year 10 Work Experience

Most students have now returned their completed forms and many have arranged their own placements – thank you.

Mrs Boardman is now in the process of organising places for the students who have not arranged their own.

There are still students who have not completed their forms and these MUST be brought to the Office as soon as possible.

Any problems or queries – contact Mrs Boardman immedi-

Contact Details Reminder


The school has a system of text alerts to inform parents about after school detentions and other important messages. Please make sure your contact details are up to date. If you have changed your mobile or home telephone number please send the details into Reception.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE FUNDRAISING

Students and staff have raised **£120.71** - further activities are planned by the School Council to increase this amount over the rest of the term.

Year 9 Guided Pathways Evening

On Tuesday 19th January we held our Guided Pathways evening for Parents of students in Year 9. Thank you for the many positive comments that we have received about the evening. The students have responded absolutely magnificently and all have now had their appointments with Senior Teachers to ensure their choices for Key Stage 4 are appropriate. Dr Evans and his team are now busy sorting out these choices and building the curriculum for the next academic year. In recent years, we have created a very modern and up to date curriculum for our students to develop their learning and there were many qualifications on offer for study this year. As well as the traditional GCSEs, students have chosen BTEC Introductory and First Certificates, OCR National Certificates, Entry Level Certificates, as well as the new Diplomas. We will inform students of their successful choices in the near future, and we wish them well with their Key Stage 4 studies.





House News

We were really pleased with the participation in 'North Stars' last term and look forward to students participating in the Year 10 'Enterprise Activity' in March. Students earn house points for their involvement in events for their hard work:so far this year the totals are:

	PINEWOOD	MURDOCH	EALING
Bronze Merit Award Certificate	630	585	570
Silver Merit Award Certificate	300	240	360
Gold Merit Award Certificate	100	60	100
Platinum Merit Award Certificate	40	0	60
Diamond Merit Award Certificate	0	0	0
Well Done Card	1500	1794	1596
Lower School Award	360	395	445
Participation	24	36	40
Total	2954	3110	3171

Year 11 Rewards trip will take place towards the end of this term. The criteria will be attendance over 96% and teacher recommendation.

Payments4Schools

Just to remind parents/carers that payment for School Trips, School Fund, Revision Guides and Uniform can be made over the internet. A letter detailing the procedure and providing you with a Pupil Identification Number was sent out before Christmas. There is a link on the school website in the Student area.

For information:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/payments4schools



Eddie Berwick raised over **£1,100** for his charity haircut for Selly Oak Hospital unit for wounded soldiers who served in Afghanistan.

Well done, Eddie and G4 tutor group !





Forthcoming Production News!

Pictured are Stuart McDiarmid (Sweeney Todd) and Peter Imms (the Judge) who are rehearsing hard with the rest of the cast for the show next month.

North presents a Bromsgrove Premiere of Stephen Sondheim's famous musical.

Enjoy the black humour in this Tony award-winning thriller given the Sondheim treatment. The musical tells the story of Benjamin Barker, alias Sweeney Todd, who returns to London after 15 years' transportation on false charges. When he learns from his former landlady Mrs. Lovett that his wife poisoned herself after being ravaged by the judge who wrongly transported him (Judge Turpin by name), he vows revenge.

Delicious meat pies are made by his obliging neighbour, Mrs Lovett. 'We'll serve anyone... to anyone' as the lyric artfully puts it.

The all-student cast is accompanied by an orchestra in this enduring tale of love and revenge.

Attend the tale of Sweeney Todd!

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SWEENEY TODD
SCHOOL EDITION
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