



The View from North

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Year 9 Induction Programme

All new intake Year 9 pupils participated in a 3 day induction programme to motivate and inspire, whilst building key personal and group skills that will prove essential for their success at North Bromsgrove. Students experienced a wide range of activities that included;

Puzzle Challenge Activity - They encountered a variety of fun, but challenging 3D hands-on puzzle tasks, which they had to complete in teams. Most challenges lasted for no more than a few minutes, but required each team to work together and carefully develop strategies in order to find a solution. The temptation to give up did appear from time to time, but the programme encouraged the students how to persevere, put their own skills to better use as part of a team and overcome difficulties by approaching problems from different perspectives.



Science Challenge – pupils were challenged to complete a science themed task as small groups to plan, prepare, financially budget and practically experiment, to prevent damage to an object falling from a great height – in this case, an egg!

E-Safety and Internet Safe Guarding – in the truly digital age that young people are now centrally part of, pupils were given information on how online offenders operate and think, how children and young people commonly behave and how technological advances are developing. Through a combination of moving video presentations, class discussion and educational materials, pupils were directed how to be more responsible when accessing the internet and how to report concerns or issues to the Child Exploitation and Online Protection agency.



Enterprise Activity – They engaged in an enterprise activity in a controlled, simulated environment. The range of mini-enterprise tasks required pupils to establish a company to provide a service or manufacture, market and sell a product, to activities where pupils designed a solution to meet a business or social need.

Team Building with the RAF - The RAF Motivational Outreach Teams visit schools to provide people with fun and exciting activities. The exercises delivered to the pupils at North were designed to help all pupils work better as a team, communicate more effectively, and solve problems together.

The aims of the 3 days were to make pupils more aware of their personal, learning and thinking skills and focusing attention to the qualities and skills needed for success in learning, North Bromsgrove and life beyond it. The pupils evaluations of the induction programme were extremely positive, as was feedback from the first Parents Consultation meeting of the new school year.

Video summary of students experiences can be viewed at the schools official 'You Tube' channel accessed via the school website [homepage at www.northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk).

Important Dates

26th Oct—2nd Nov 2009
Half-Term

5th November 2009
Senior Maths Challenge
Community Learning Activity

9th & 11th November 2009
English Early Entry Year 11

13th November 2009
Staff Training Day

16th November 2009
National Enterprise Week

17th November 2009
Year 9 Arts Challenge Event

18th November 2009
Year 9 Learn to Earn Event

20th November 2009
Children in Need Even Day

23rd November 2009
Year 11 Mock Exam Period Starts

28th November 2009
Post 16 Parents Evening

Good News

Good response to parents evening on 8th October.

Fantastic to see so many students receiving awards at Lower Awards evening—well done!

High profile poet in school today—more information to follow in the next edition.

Year 11 External Exam Information

There will be external English and Maths GCSEs taking place between 5th – 12th November 2009.

If your child is involved in these exams, they will have been told during their lessons and a statement of entry will be posted home showing the time and venue before the end of this term.

All the exams will take place in the morning and the students will be back in lessons from 11.10am.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We would remind you that we **do not** recommend that holidays are taken during term time. It is essential that your child is in school learning to ensure they reach their potential.

If your child is absent due to illness, a phone call is required daily to the Attendance Officer, Mrs Belmonte.

PRAISE POSTCARDS

We think it's important that your child is rewarded for their positive attitude and hard work. As we come towards the end of the first half term we trust that your child has received a praise postcard.

NORTH STARS is coming...

Our 'showcase' for student talent in singing, dancing, acting and much, much more, is being organised this year through our House system. Currently auditions are being arranged. Please encourage your son or daughter to take part and gain house points for their House!

RE Full Course

Reminder that all slips for students opting to do the full course RE need to be back with Miss Coombs ASAP as the places are first come first served and they are filling up fast.

Details are: Thursday after school from 3:30-4:30, enables year 10 students to upgrade their half GCSE to a full GCSE with one exam including study on the following topics:

- terrorism
- genetics- should abortion be decided by law courts? Should we be allowed to have designer babies?
- punishment- should a murderer be murdered as punishment? What's the point of prisons? Do they work? Our world- whose responsibility is it to look after it? Why should we bother?

COOKERY COMPETITION

Food Technology are currently running a cookery competition. The lucky winner (21st October) will go on to compete with winners from other Worcestershire Schools.

PARENTS SURGERY

Do you have a particular concern about the school that you would like to discuss with members of the Senior Leadership Team? If so make an appointment for Thursday 12th November (4.30 and 6pm). Appointments are for 10 minutes and we look forward to meeting with you. Please make appointments via the general office.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for parent governors. Attached is a letter outlining the requirements to fill this post. If you would like to nominate someone please return the completed form to the school by :

Friday 6th November

Clearly mark the envelope with Parent Governor Nominations.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETING

Next Parent Consultation meeting will be on Thursday 19th November in the Conference Room from 6 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Your views are vital and will help us move forward.

If you would like more information or would like to add something to the agenda please contact Mrs Schofield on:
ss@northbromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk

14th October 2009

Dear Parent

SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY - PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

There are vacancies for parent governors on the school's governing body. The term of office is 4 years. The governing body plays a significant part in the development and management of the school and as such, parent governors play an important role as members of the governing body helping to form policy, set priorities and manage the budget.

I am therefore writing to invite you either to nominate yourself or to nominate a parent/parents to fill the vacancy. A nomination form is enclosed. If you would like to nominate someone please return the completed form to the school by Friday 6th November.

The person nominated must, on the date that nominations close, be a parent of a registered pupil at the school. No parent may propose and/or second more nominations than there are vacancies. It is envisaged that parent governors will normally be chosen from amongst those parents who will have a child at the school for a reasonable period of time. Parents being nominated are invited to give on the nomination form some brief biographical details suitable for inclusion in the voting paper.

Under the terms of the School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003, as amended, individuals are disqualified from holding office if they:

- are detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- are bankrupt;
- are subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 or to an order made under section 429 (2) of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- have been removed from the office of charity trustee or trustee for a charity by the Charity Commissioners or High Court on grounds of any misconduct or mismanagement, or under section 7 of the Law Reform (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1990 from being concerned in the management or control of any body;
- are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young people;
- are disqualified from working with children;
- are disqualified from being an independent school proprietor, teacher or employee by the Secretary of State;
- have been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (without the option of a fine) in the 5 years before becoming a governor or since becoming a governor;
- have received a prison sentence of 2¹/₂ years or more in the 20 years before becoming a governor;
- have at any time received a prison sentence of 5 years or more;
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to or since appointment or election as a governor;
- refuse to an application being made to the Criminal Records Bureau for a criminal records certificate.

If the number of nominations received is the same as, or fewer than, the number of vacancies to be filled then those nominated will be elected unopposed. If all the vacancies are not filled in this way the governing body will have to appoint parent governors to the vacancy/vacancies. If this should be necessary such appointees need not be parents of children at this school.

If there are more nominations than vacancies the election will be by secret ballot. If that is necessary voting papers will be sent to you together with details about the ballot procedure.

Yours sincerely



MRS S M BALLARD
Headteacher



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ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee

Address

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Signature of nominee confirming
willingness to stand

..... (Date)

The above named parent has a child at the school, is willing to serve if elected, and I would like to nominate him/her for appointment as a governor of the school. **(Not required in the case of self-nomination)**

Nominated by (Date)
Signature and Address

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Seconded by (Date)
Signature and Address

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Information About the Nominee Which He/She Would Like Printing On the Voting Papers

Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school by **Friday 6th November 2009**