



## School Bulletin for Friday 8th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### University Applications

The Year 12 UCAS applications have begun. There will be more personal statement workshops offered in the near future and students now need to research the courses and universities they are considering applying to. It is highly recommended to attend university open days, especially if it is a town or city that is unfamiliar. If it is not possible to attend the specific course open-day, then universities are usually very accommodating when contacted to facilitate a visit and tour. Once the applications have been completed, there is the option to either pay the fee privately or the school can pay then the student will be invoiced. £18 for a single application, £24 for up to five university applications. Please contact Mrs Marples [Marples.N@north.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Marples.N@north.kent.sch.uk) if you require any further information regarding university applications.

### Student Leadership for 2018/19 Academic Year

Earlier this week in a Year 10 assembly there was a presentation on student leadership where it was explained what the school was looking for next year. All students in the year group have the opportunity to put themselves forward for the following positions:

- Student Principal and Student Vice Principal for each Community;
- Senior Prefects.

Any interested student needs to complete an application on one side of A4 as a formal letter. The letter needs to explain their reasons for application, their current skillset and any relevant experience they may have had which will support their application.

Letters need to be given to either Mr Prebble or Mr Eede before the deadline of 5pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 11 Saturday School

The following subjects are hosting sessions on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June:

Geography	9.30am-12.30pm	AG5	AWO
Maths	10am-12pm	AG1/2/9/11	Maths Team
History	3pm-5pm	Sixth Form Centre	MWA

### Sports Day Track Events – Thursday 28th June 2018

Our Sports Day for track events takes place from 12.30pm to 3:00pm at the Julie Rose Stadium. Usual lessons will continue for the morning and then all students will be walked to the Julie Rose Stadium and will be dismissed from the stadium at 3:00pm.

If your child/ward needs escorting back to school, please either email [northschool@north.kent.sch.uk](mailto:northschool@north.kent.sch.uk) or call the main switchboard on (01233) 614600 and we will ensure that they return to The North School before being dismissed.

If you would like to attend and support your child/ward we welcome this but would ask that you please sit at the mound area as the seats in the stadium are set aside for the use of our students only.

### Evolution Showcase

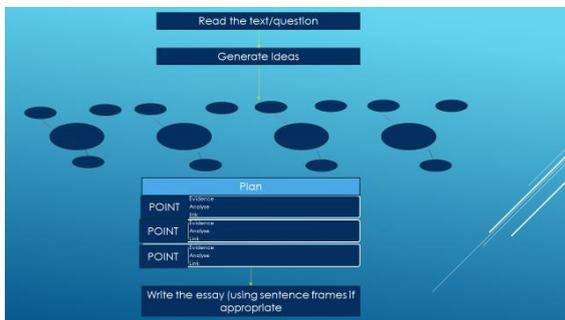
We are pleased to announce that tickets for the next Evolution Showcase which takes place from 7-9pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July are now on sale from Main Reception. Tickets cost £3 for adults and £2 for children/concessions.

### Parent Forum

The next meeting of the Parent Forum is at 6-7pm on Monday 11th June 2018 to which you are most welcome to attend. Literacy will be one of the items – see below in Bulletin. Please come to our Main Reception and the meeting will be held in the Conference Room.

### Whole School Literacy and Extended Writing – Message from Mrs Martin

We are heading into exciting times this term as we launch our strategy to improve extended writing in Years 7–11.



Students will be focusing on improving their writing skills from the research and planning stages right through to the production of their revised and perfected final copy. The steps of the journey are highlighted in the flow chart here on the left.

If you would like to support us in this venture here are some ways that you can help to improve writing at home.

- 1) Discuss the writing topic with your child before they begin to write. Help them to collect ideas and to question their knowledge and understanding of the topic.
- 2) If they are given a long or detailed writing task for homework, encourage them to plan their writing before they begin to write the final piece.
- 3) Proof read any homework with them before they hand it in. In particular check for:
  - a. *Clarity*: Does the writing make sense? If not help them to insert any missing words or word endings. If necessary support them in re-writing any sections which may seem a little difficult to understand.
  - b. *Punctuation*: Ask your child to read their written work to you (or you read it to them). Is there any basic punctuation missing that is hindering the meaning of the piece? If the basic punctuation is correct, why not go the extra mile and help them put some additional punctuation in such as brackets, colons and semi-colons?
  - c. *Spelling*: Identify any spelling errors. If complex and sophisticated vocabulary has been attempted but spelt incorrectly, encourage your child to look for the correct spelling in a dictionary. If simple words are incorrect or the wrong homophone has been selected discuss the correct spelling. You may even want to ask your child to write out the correct spelling of the word four times (which is in line with our whole school literacy policy).

Here at The North School, we are committed to improving the quality of writing for all our students and look forward to you sharing this journey with us.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the above or literacy in general, you can contact myself or Mrs Spence on our literacy email address: [literacy@north.kent.sch.uk](mailto:literacy@north.kent.sch.uk)

### **Development of The North School Website**

As a school we are conducting a review of The North School website <https://thenorthschool.org.uk/>.

We are investigating all aspects of the website including the design of the site, the content of the site and the functionality of the website.

As parents and guardians you are one of our prime user groups of The North School website and we would value your input to the future look, feel and functionality of the site.

Therefore, we have created a short survey that should take you no more than five minutes to complete.

To access the survey please follow this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6J7XXHT>

Once again we would like to thank you for your time and continued support.

### **Sports Results**

Another quiet week but well done to Ella in Year 7 who has successfully got through the first two rounds of Charlton Athletic football trials.

Regards,

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