

# Northwood News

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## From the Headmaster's Desk

Dear Parents

I want to start this weekend's newsletter by thanking all our parents who are contributing to the school fee account. Under these very difficult times, it is extremely challenging to make ends meet, but our parents have been very good in meeting their commitments. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your sacrifices in allowing our school to remain operational and our staff remunerated will never be forgotten.

During the course of this week, I did send separate correspondence to our grade 8 - 11 and grade 12 parents. In case you have not received these letters, here is a reminder of some of the most important points:

### End of Assessment Week and Term 3

The assessment period ends on 7 October – this is also the last date of term 3 according to Northwood's revised year plan. The boys then return to school on 12 October for the start of term 4, with the aim of completing the curriculum coverage for the year. The school then runs until 23 October when term 3 reports will be issued and the boys and staff will then have their one week holiday as per the Government Gazette. School will then reopen on 2 November.

### Full Capacity

*Please note, that from 12 October all boys return to school as per the normal operating procedure. That means all grades will be at school from Monday to Friday. The gazetted restriction has been amended, and after engaging with our staff, the DOE and SGB, we believe it is in the best interest of our boys to return to school and get back into the routine that is synonymous with education.*

The fact that all boys return does not mean that we can deviate from our Health and Safety Protocols, if anything we need to be stricter and even more diligent in ensuring we manage the process and protocols as effectively as possible. I appeal to you, once again, to ensure your son completes the screening process honestly and responsibly and that you inform me immediately if you are concerned about your son's health.

Please note that the boys will receive their revised timetables on 12 October, with school times reverting to the norm.

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## Thought for the Week

"This is the true joy in life: Being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one, being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."~ **George Bernard Shaw**

## Important Dates

2 Oct	End of Trial Exams
7 Oct	End of Block Testing Gr 8-11
7 Oct	Grade 5 Information Evening
8&9 Oct	Grade 8-11 on short end of block testing recess
12 Oct	All boys return
14 Oct	2021 Prefect Induction
15 Oct	2020 Prefect Dinner
19 Oct	Prefect Tie Ceremony
21 Oct	Speech Day
23 Oct	Grade 8-12 3rd Term reports handed out.
23 Oct	Term 3 ends
2 Nov	Term 4 begins
5 Nov	Start of Matric Finals
6 Nov	Golf Day
16 Nov	Start of Grade 8-16 Testing Programme
4 Dec	End of Final Testing Programme Gr 8-11
9 Dec	Matric Bell Ringing
15 Dec	End of Matric Finals
15 Dec	Reports handed out to Grade 8-11s.
15 Dec	End of Term 4

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### Grade 12 Speech Day

The grade 12's speech day will take place on 21 October this year. This ceremony allows for a limited attendance and as such you can expect this day to be slightly disrupted. As soon as we have finalized the structure of the day, you will receive additional information in terms of your son's expected attendance or not.

### Final Examination and Assessment Period

You may have noted in the media that the department has scrapped end of year examinations for the grade 8 -11's. This is a result of the lack of access and late return of learners to schools. Northwood has, however, been able to/or will be able to complete the full academic expectation of the curriculum in each of our subjects, and across all grades. We have no need to reduce, nor are we interested in reducing the academic expectations on our boys. The fact that all of our boys will be at school for at least four full cycles will allow us to cover the balance of the content expected in each grade.

This therefore, allows us to write proper assessments/examinations at the end of the year. Writing exams is very important, not only in terms of testing or assessing, but also in terms of developing much needed skills. Exam writing in itself needs to be practised and as such we deem it absolutely essential.

The final exam will start on 16 November and will continue until 4 December. Promotion schedules need to be processed by the DOE by 8 December, so we are starting slightly later than other schools, but the additional teaching time is important to our boys.

Once the Department has approved our schedules we can issue reports; which should be ready for collection around 13 December.

### Northwood as a Marking Centre

The marking of grade 12 scripts starts on 2 January and continues until 20 January. With the proposed opening of schools scheduled for 27 January 2021, this process will have no impact on our school or boys.

May God continue to bless you, our boys and our school.

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# Trial Examination Timetable 2020

Date	09:00	14:00
Thurs 01 Oct	History P2 (3 hrs)	EGD P2 (3 hrs)
Fri 02 Oct	Business Studies P2 (2 hrs)	
Tues 6 Oct	AP Maths	

## Term 3 Control Tests

DATE	DAY	TIME	GRADE 8	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11
Thurs 1 Oct	4	08:00-09:00		Phys Science	Life Sciences	
		10:00-11:00			Geography	
Fri 2 Oct	5	08:00-09:00	Maths (1½ hrs)			Phys Science P1
		10:00-11:00				
Mon 5 Oct	6	08:00-09:00		Creative Arts	Maths/ Maths Lit (1½ hrs)	Phys Science P2
		10:00-11:00		History		
Tues	7	08:00-09:00	Phys Science			English
		10:00-11:00	EMS			Account (1½ hrs)
Wed	8	08:00-09:00		Life Science	History	Geography
		10:00-11:00			Account (1½ hrs)	

## Matric Final Examination Timetable 2020

### EARLY EXAMS

DATE	09:00
Mon 19 Oct	Life Orientation (LO CAT) (2 hrs)
Thurs 22 Oct	IT (Practical) P1 (3 hrs)
17 July to 23 Oct	Visual Art Practical

Date	09:00	14:00
Thurs 05 Nov		English HL P1 (2 hrs)
Fri 06 Nov	Afrikaans FAL P1 (2 hrs)	
Mon 09 Nov	IsiZulu FAL P1 (2 hrs)	
Wed 11 Nov	Economics P1 (2 hrs)	
Thurs 12 Nov	Mathematics P1 (3 hrs)	Mathematical Literacy P1 (3 hrs)
Fri 13 Nov	<b>DIWALI/DEEPAVALI</b>	
Mon 16 Nov	Mathematics P2 (3 hrs)	Mathematical Literacy P2 (3 hrs)
Tues 17 Nov		English HL P2 (2½ hrs)
Wed 18 Nov	Business Studies P1 (2 hrs)	
Thurs 19 Nov		Economics P2 (2 hrs)
Fri 20 Nov	Phys Science (Physics) P1 (3 hrs)	
Mon 23 Nov	Phys Science (Chemistry) P2 (3 hrs)	
Tues 24 Nov	Afrikaans FAL P2 (2 hrs)	
Wed 25 Nov	Business Studies P2 (2 hrs)	
Thurs 25 Nov	IsiZulu FAL P2 (2 hrs)	History P1 (3 hrs)
Fri 27 Nov	Life Sciences P1 (2½ hrs)	
Mon 30 Nov	Life Sciences P2 (2½ hrs)	
Tues 01 Dec	History P2 (3 hrs)	EGD P1 (3 hrs)
Thurs 03 Dec	Geography (Theory) P1 (3 hrs)	Geography (Mapwork) P2 (1½ hrs)
Fri 04 Dec	Accounting P1 (2 hrs)	Music (Theory) P1 (3 hrs)
Mon 07 Dec	Accounting P2 (2 hrs)	Music (Comprehension ) P2 (1½ hrs)
Tues 08 Dec	IsiZulu FAL P3 (2½ hrs)	Tourism (3 hrs)
Wed 09 Dec		English HL P3 (2½ hrs)
Thurs 10 Dec		EGD P2 (3 hrs)
Fri 11 Dec	Afrikaans FAL (2½ hrs)	
Mon 14 Dec		IT (Theory) P2 (3 hrs)
Tues 15 Dec	Visual Arts (3 hrs)	

# Northwood

**SPORTS  
MEDICINE CENTRE**

**Phone Number:** 031 564 7675

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**Open Hours:** 8am – 5pm

**Practitioners:**

**Ace Hendricks** – A&H Elite Professional Sports  
Recovery

**Nicole Redman** – Physiotherapist

**Dr Kevin Worth** – Chiropractor

**Ashleigh Reynolds** – Counsellor

**Naina Bhikha** – Counsellor

***The Medical Centre is open for business with  
strict Covid-19 protocols in place.***

## Homework Centre

The Homework Centre is open. Learners who would like after school assistance or just a quiet place to work, please speak with Mrs Morton or Mrs Butt

## 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Situated on Lower Campus  
next to Northwood Gear.

Open Wednesdays.

If you would like something from the 2nd Hand  
Shop, please contact Merryl de Sousa  
on 072 327 8814  
to make an appointment.

## Northwood Gear Shop Hours

Due to the Covid-19 regulations Northwood Gear  
will be operating by appointment only.  
Please Phone Yvonne on 083 691 0135

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