



Welcome back to what promises to be an exciting and enriching Spring Term at Northern House Academy! We hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday period. As we dive into this term, we are thrilled to share several exciting initiatives and opportunities designed to enhance our students' learning and celebrate their achievements.

Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has joined our bi weekly coffee mornings. These gatherings have been a fantastic platform to connect with families and strengthen our community. We're excited to launch our Book Bag Reading Initiative this term. This program aims to foster a love of reading and improve literacy skills across all year groups.

We are proud to announce that one of our students will feature in the widely cherished television program, "Mr. Tumble's Something Special." This exciting milestone celebrates the uniqueness of our school community and showcases the incredible talents of our students. Be sure to tune in and share in this joyful moment!

Another highlight this term is our Matisse Class's weekly visits to Blenheim Palace. Every Wednesday, the students will collaborate with the talented gardeners of the Walled Garden, gaining hands-on learning experiences while contributing to the upkeep of this historic site.

We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support in celebrating our students and engaging with our school's initiatives. This term, let's continue working together to inspire excellence and create unforgettable experiences for our children.

Mr Stevens and Mrs Holmes

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 13th February 2025

End of term

Friday 14th February 2025

INSET DAY - school is closed to students

Monday 24th February 2025

Back to School

Tuesday 1st April 2025

Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd April

Banksy and Dali - Hill End Residential

Friday 4th April

End of Term - Celebration Assembly

TRIP - BLENHEIM PALACE

We are thrilled to announce that Matisse Class will be embarking on an inspiring journey every Wednesday this term to the stunning Blenheim Palace. During these visits, the students will lend a helping hand to the talented gardeners in the magnificent Walled Garden, learning valuable skills and contributing to the upkeep of this historic space.

This fantastic opportunity has been thoughtfully organised by Mr. Jeffries, who is dedicated to creating enriching experiences for our students. All classes will have the opportunity to do this going forward—so keep an eye out for more updates!

Let's make the most of this wonderful initiative and celebrate the hands-on learning and teamwork it brings.

MR TUMBLE - SOMETHING SPECIAL

We are absolutely delighted to share some thrilling news with you all! One of our very own students has been selected to feature in a segment of "Mr. Tumble's Something Special" on television. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their uniqueness and showcase the wonderful spirit of our school.

This beloved program has brought joy and inclusivity to audiences for years, and it's incredibly exciting to know that our student will be part of something so meaningful. The segment will highlight their interests and abilities in a way that reflects the values we cherish here at Northern House Academy.

This episode is airing now and available to watch!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in celebrating the achievements of our students. Moments like this remind us how truly special they all are.

PHOTO PERMISSIONS AND CONSENT FORMS

A massive thank you to parents for completing photo permissions and trip consent forms. We have a huge amount of wonderful trips and special events coming up for our students to enjoy so if you still haven't managed to get your forms in, then please try to find the time ASAP so your child can participate and you can see on instagram [@nha_oxford](https://www.instagram.com/nha_oxford)



STAFF SPOTLIGHT MR WHEATLEY TRUST SITE MANAGER

WHAT DOES YOUR DAY LOOK LIKE?

No two days are ever the same; sometimes I am driving students to trips, or fixing doors. It is always something different and that's what I enjoy!

WHY DO YOU ENJOY WORKING AT NHA?

I work with lots of different people, who make coming to work enjoyable. Every day is different :)

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES AND INTERESTS?

Out of work I manage a girls football team, which I love. I like to play golf, when it is not too cold! Love being out socialising with people.

STUDENT QUESTION -ASTON - WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPERHERO?

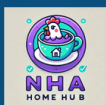
Superman

HELPFUL LINKS - HOME LEARNING

****drum roll please**** with great excitement we are announcing the launch of 'Home Hub' . Each term a grid of home hub activities will be sent home for you and your child to enjoy together. For each activity completed your child could earn 5 house points for their house. All you have to do is send in a photo of the completed activity to the NHA Home Hub Email.

Home Hub is also a great place to share all the lovely achievements our NHA pupils complete at home or out of school. We love to see what our pupils get up to outside of school – every photo will earn 5 house points.

homehub@northernhouseacademy.co.uk



BOOK BAGS

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our newest reading initiative: Book Bags! This program is designed to foster a love of reading and support the development of essential literacy skills for each student in Tate and Louvre.

Each student in Tate and Louvre will receive a Book Bag containing a carefully selected phonic book tailored to their reading level. A new book will be sent home each week, providing an excellent opportunity for your child to practice their reading skills in a supportive home environment.

We kindly ask for your support in this initiative by:

- Setting aside time each week to read with your child.
- Encouraging them to discuss the story and practice their phonics.
- Taking good care of the Book Bag and its contents to ensure they remain in excellent condition for future use.

We believe that reading at home plays a vital role in a child's learning journey, and your involvement is key to the success of this program. Thank you for helping us inspire a love for reading and learning in our students!

If you have any questions or need guidance on how to support your child's reading, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make a significant impact on their literacy journey.

Thank you for your continued support!

PARENT/CARER COFFEE MORNINGS

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have been attending and supporting our weekly coffee mornings. These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for us to connect, share ideas, and strengthen the sense of community at Northern House Academy.

Your ongoing involvement and engagement are what make these meetings so valuable. The conversations we share and the feedback you provide play an essential role in shaping the supportive environment we strive to maintain for all our students.

We look forward to seeing you at the next coffee morning, which will be held 24th January at 10am.

Thank you once again for your time, energy, and dedication.

