

***Be Safe, Belong, Be Inspired***

# Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter



## *A message from our headteacher Alex*



Life never stays still; we have had a week full of progress at Northcroft School and we want to thank the team across Amegreen, the young people and the parents for their patience and kindness during our first week at Northcroft School.

The Haywards Farm School and Northcroft School staffing team took a great breath of relief as we opened both schools on Monday morning, and all children and young people arrived at their schools ready to learn.

We have some staff members who will be supporting both schools initially, to ensure that the solid relationships that have been built between staff and young people will be maintained and that consistency with an all-thorough vision from Haywards Farm School to Northcroft is upheld.

Michelle, Haywards Farm School's Reading Lead, will be based at Northcroft on a Wednesday. Michelle will continue supporting the children who are on a phonics scheme and those in the preliminary stages of moving from this scheme and onto Accelerated Reader. Michelle will join the young people for lunch and work her way through the cohort supporting reading, handwriting, and spelling.

Gill, our school cook for Haywards Farm School, will join Northcroft School on Thursdays, where she will be cooking with our young people in the afternoon.

Leigh-Ann, Haywards Farm School's Therapeutic Practitioner trained in ELSA and Thrive, will join Northcroft School on Wednesday afternoons to support emotional literacy interventions. On Monday afternoon, Leigh-Ann will also transition the year 7 young people to the Paddocks.

Sam, our amazing school Office Manager for Haywards Farm School, will join Northcroft on a Tuesday to work alongside staff and parents to ensure the school is fully compliant.

This has all been made possible as we have kept the cohort of children at Haywards Farm School low this academic year, I hope everyone's had a restful weekend, Alex



## *Dates for the Diary*

- **Monday-** Year 8 and 9 Paddocks AM, 7EC Paddocks PM
  - **Tuesday**
- **Wednesday-** 7EC trampolining at Oxygen Active
- **Thursday-** Year 8 and 9 Stables AM
- **Friday-** 1pm finish.



# Class updates:

## Secondary Classes

What an awesome week for our young people at Northcroft School. The young people showed real maturity and growth whilst settling into the new building and navigating their way around it. Young people's academic timetables did not change this week to support the transition into the school, but young people will be part of their timetable development this coming week.

During the week, Year 7 took part in a drama workshop which was based around the Shakespeare book they are currently studying, 'The Tempest', whilst Years 8 and 9 continued studies using their book 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

During the first week in Northcroft School, one of the activities used to transition the students into the school was a session where students took part in a forum discussion about roles they would like to have and apply for as part of the School Council. This was an enormous success, and we are underway at ensuring these are allocated and further developments will continue next week.

Students have had a lot of opportunity to express their views and aspirations for the future of the school. They also completed a survey on their first week in Northcroft giving it an average rating of 4 out of 5 stars for week one. Staff always enjoy receiving young people's feedback and implementing any useful suggestions, to help young people feel a sense of belonging in our school community.

All the young people were invited to take part in the Remembrance Day memorial to pay their respects and were exceptional role models whilst out in the community. A fantastic week spent being positive citizens within our community.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week for more continued personal development and life changing experiences.



## Secondary Paddock and stable futures times .

### Upper KS3

**Monday Paddocks arriving @ 10:00 and leaving after lunch @ 1pm**

**Thursday Stable futures arriving @ 10:00 and learning after lunch @1pm**

### Lower KS3

**Monday Paddocks arriving @ 1pm and leaving @ 2:30**