Dear Parents,

Guardians, Staff & Governors

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2013-14 this term has been an exhilarating and exhausting one for both staff, students and our parents who have been supporting our youngsters through a lengthy and anxious examination season. We have tried to replicate the rigour of public examinations for all year groups in order to prepare pupils from Yr 7 upwards for future changes to the examination system where most qualifications will be assessed by formal end of course written examinations.

We are eagerly awaiting some excellent results, which once again will show the rapid and sustained progress that our pupils make and the impact that our teaching and support has had on their learning.

It is the time of the school year when we have to say goodbye to many of our older students who are leaving to go to university or employment. We are very proud of the young adults they have become and as sad as we are to lose them we know they are well prepared for the next stages of their learning. It is lovely to hear first hand from parents, the impact of the school’s work on their son or daughter’s development. It makes it all so worthwhile.

See the latest news on our website to read recent letters and feedback from parents.

Denise Webster - Headteacher

Open Season at Norwood

Open Evening
Thursday 25th September
4.30pm – 7pm

Open Days
9.15am – 10.30am
Monday September 15th 2014
Tuesday September 16th 2014
Wednesday September 17th 2014
Thursday September 18th 2014

Sixth Form Open Evening
Tuesday 14th October 2014
5.30pm – 7pm

Sixth Form Open Days
Friday September 19th 2014
Monday October 6th 2014
Wednesday October 8th 2014
Wednesday March 18th 2015

Joe Galea

He has always been there to help and makes sure we are all working hard. He understands us - I hope that he comes back here to teach us again - CJ

He has been brilliant and we are really going to miss him.

Jahlassie

Good Luck and Thank you!

Kristian Galea has only been with us here at The Norwood School for a year but he has definitely made quite an impact on us all. A gifted, cheerful, reliable and supportive teaching assistant, he has worked primarily within the English Faculty. We will be very sad to lose him but we are very proud that he has managed to successfully gain a place on an English PGCE at Goldsmiths starting in September. Those who have been lucky enough to work with him are convinced that he will make a wonderful teacher. Kristian is taking a well-earned break travelling in Thailand before his studies start – good luck and thank you from us all!

Sussex University Yr 12 Summer School
Rosesh Beutra (Media Studies)

Angelo Classen, Mr Hashemi, Chianne Hector & Georgina Sturrock (Biology)

Kitty Smith (Chemistry)

University of the Arts London
Adela Adams (Textiles at Chelsea College of Arts)

Lauren Peters & Victoria Malka (Graphics at Camberwell College of Arts)

Jade Murray (Drawing at Camberwell College of Arts)

Diogo Fernandes (Interior Design at Chelsea College of Arts)

Sasha Fletcher (Fine Art at Wimbledon College of Arts)

Dates for Your Diary

A Level results Day
Thursday August 14th 2014
Upper Sixth 9am – 12 midday.
Lower Sixth 12 – 3pm
and enrolment for 2014/15

GCSE Results Day
Thursday August 21st 9.30am
Sixth Form Enrolment
9.30 am – 12 midday.

Autumn Term
Starts 8.40 am
Wednesday 3rd September 2014

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Sad Goodbye

University Summer Schools
Hot off the press!

Well done to everyone who has successfully managed to gain places on University Summer Schools. It is a fantastic way of finding out about university life and the doors that higher education can open to you.

Yr 10 Sussex University Taster Course
Ben Addai (Science)
Africa Correa Moreno (Science)
Kyle Walker-Thompson (Humanities)
Shanam Stewart (Humanities)
Corey Elliot (Humanities)

Sixth Form Enrolment
Thursday 25th September
4.30pm – 7pm
This term Mrs Trilliss our Librarian has been working with a group of students as part of the Carnegie Medal Award. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children. Eight books were shortlisted and the students have been busy reading and writing reviews that have been posted online.

Fin in Yr 10 reviewed Kevin Brooks, *The Bunker Diary* - Puffin (14+) ‘16-year-old Linus Weems has woken up in a rectangular building with a low ceiling made entirely of whitewashed concrete, with no windows and no doors. The lift is the only way out. But this time when the lift comes, it isn’t empty.’

‘An amazing book, the bunker diary is a complex and compelling read’ wrote Fin. ‘It does have a darker feel to it than most books but it is worthwhile as it is refreshing in its realistic approach to life. The characters are both deep and believable you can completely believe that this book is written as an autobiography. An amazing read. Full of surprises and always you guessing right until the end.’

Fin Pearce, Year 10

www.carnegiegreenway.org.uk

The group were lucky enough to attend a live streaming celebratory event at Elm Green School in June where they were able to cast a live vote, join in with quizzes and meet other readers.

Earlier this term Ms Goldames set us a writing challenge – to compose a piece of writing in just 50 words. It was certainly a difficult task for the Governors, who had to choose the winners from three categories. We hope that you will enjoy reading their contributions as much as we did! They each won £50 in vouchers of their choice.

**SUMMER**

I was sitting in the car, the sun warming me, a cool breeze waltzed across my skin. It was bliss, we finally arrived. The sea glittered there was an ocean of people. Sun-dried shells lay gloriously on the shore. We swam through the school of people. Summer had come.

Renee Williams-Genas - yr7

**THE BEACH TOWEL**

Branded bodies mingled with pasty flesh in the soaring heat. The smell of sun-cream hung heavily in the air. A kaleidoscope of colour blurred in the front of me as I negotiated the burning sand underfoot! My ice cream melting, I scoured the shore. Finally, there it was! My beach towel Hallelujah!

Kate Ben Abdallah - Parent to Sami yr8 & Sophie Ben Abdallah yr7

**A SUMMER MOMENT**

The resilient, relentless hand ensures exact pressure. Slowly spiralling, an emulsion of dreams and anticipation is released into the yielding vessel, it is done. It shimmered in the sun, emitting beads of perspiration. He looks me in the eye, a challenge beckons. “Do you want a flake in that love?”

Miss Kovacs - Teacher of English

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All students can access the Library system Eclipse to search for books and authors that we have. They just need to follow this route:

Start Menu > All programs > Library > My Library