SPORTS

SPORTS DAY 2015
We have been spoilt by having not one but two Sports Days this year – a fun filled day at school to finish off the Summer term. We were blessed with the weather on both days, a wonderful atmosphere and some of the fastest, longest and highest records ever achieved! Well done everyone and a huge thank you to the FS staff for working so hard to make the event such a success!

2015 Youth Games
Earlier this summer the London Youth Games 2015 took place at the University of East London. We are delighted that yr 10’s Joel Imaani & Hamdi Ahmed were selected to represent the Lambeth Team in the tournaments whilst Mustafa Khalil was selected to represent the Craydon Team. They all did really well to reach the quarterfinals.

Lesley Owusu
Lesley Owusu visited us in July - a perfect prelude to our Sports Day. She spoke to some of our best female athletes about the rigours of becoming a professional athlete, the determination, self-discipline and motivation needed to reach the top and the joy of competing on the International Athletic Circuit.

Open Season 2015
Prospective parents and their families are invited to tour the school and meet our student ambassadors and staff.

Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff & Governors
Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year – a reflection of the incredibly busy summer term.
We have managed to capture just a snapshot of some of this year’s exam successes, each individual set of results for every child tells its own unique story – one of determination, hard work and fantastic progress. Amongst some of our highest achievers I think it would only be right to highlight Kelvin Sam – well done! An amazing 13 GCSES, 3A*’s, 7A’s, 2B’s and a Merit in Dance.
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank staff and parents for their continuing support, hard work and commitment. I would also like to offer our Sixth Form who are continuing their educational journey to University, or those embarking on the world of work, our very best wishes for a happy and fulfilling future.

Denise Webster
Head Teacher

Open Days
9.15am - 10.30am
Monday 14 September
Tuesday 15 September
Wednesday 16 September
Thursday 17 September
Friday 18 September
Monday 5 October
Wednesday 7 October

Sixth Form & Yr 6 Open Evening
Thursday 24th September 2015
5.00pm - 8.00pm

Norwood
SPORTS

BAM!

Lesley Owusu

POW!

Matthew De Rossi
in the High Jump and 1500m
Jasmine Emerson-Smith
for her amazing team spirit and all round performance.
Cam’ron Shallow – all rounder!
Trey Rose
for his amazing 30m throw in the javelin.
Akira Wisdom – on the track.
Joana Amaro
all round team spirit and enthusiasm.
Rehana Francois
for leadership skills as captain of ‘Bolt’.
Isimeme Shaw
for the 100m and shot put
Tyreece Springer
for the 300m and the 1500m
Louise Machado
for running practically all the races on offer – a potential heptathlete if ever we have seen one!
2015 High Flyers!

Year 11

Ben Addai
3A’s, 5A’s, 2B’s and a Merit in Drama

Africa
5A’s, 4A’s, 1B, 1C and a Merit in Drama

Matheus De Silva
2A’s, 5B’s and 4C’s.

Corey Elliott
1A’, 3A’s, 5B’s, 1C and a Merit in Drama.

Romet Gravesende
2A’s, 6B’s, 1C and a pass in Drama.

Leila Hamilton-Dakar
1A’, 3A’s, 5B’s, 3C’s and a Distinction in Dance.

Rosa Heaton
2A’, 4A’s, 5B’s and a distinction in Drama.

Fin Pearse
1A, 8B’s, 1C and a merit in Drama.

Year 11 boys

Africa & Mum

Romel Gravesende & Mrs Webster

2015 Sixth Form Success!

Eesha Naeen

Emmanuel is looking forward to moving down to Southampton to study a Bio Chemistry Degree. It is an exciting time for me and my family – they are really very proud of my grades plus the fact that I am off to Uni. If I were to offer any advice to the new Lower Sixth – I would urge them to start as they mean to go on – A Levels are a real challenge and it took me a little time to adjust to the pace and independent approach I needed to adopt if you are not in the Library on the first day then you might as well give up! Well done to Emmanuel for achieving C in Biology, A in Chemistry and an A in Maths!

Victoria & Jade

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Victoria & Jade are two of our artists who will be starting their Foundation Courses at Ravensbourne this year - Jade in Fine Art and Victoria in Graphics. Both immersed themselves in the arts whilst in the Sixth Form, enjoying Photography, Victoria taking Graphics and Media (B&I) and Jade Art and Fashion (B, D&D* and D*D). “We have lost count of the exhibitions and museums we have been to over the last few years”, they remember together, “I loved visiting the designers studios we visited and the Media Camp I did last summer, said Victoria, “I loved Dennis Sever’s House and the Alexander McQueen Exhibition at the V&A”, said Jade. Well done both and good luck – we will certainly miss your hardworking presence in the art rooms from dawn to dusk every day.

Techeb Jimoh

“If I had to remember one name at the Oscars in the next 10 years it will be because he has changed it!”

“Although we see the potential in all the children who walk through our doors here at Norwood, it is truly special to have taught someone with such natural talent and ability as someone like Toheeb – in all the years that I have been teaching, never have I come across someone who has such raw talent at such an early age,” said Mr Condon in his speech at this year’s Fallow.

Toheeb will be off to Guildhall School for Music and Drama to study on their prestigious BA Honours Acting Course. Notable alumni include; Daniel Craig, Orlando Bloom, Simon Russell Beale, Lemn Sissay, James, Damian Lewis, Ewan McGregor, Dominic West, Michelle Dockery...
The competition for best dressed partygoer was hotter than ever this year as the Year 11’s swept down the gangplanks onto their waiting yachts - Rihanna eat your heart out! Who needs Saint Tropez?

A red carpet Night to Remember

What a wonderful end to a busy exam year for Year 11! Floating down the River Thames on a balmy summers evening - students and staff gathered at the perennial prom to celebrate all their hard work. It has certainly been a busy year with so many opportunities that staff

organised - all on top of the usual curriculum time - including Wonder clubs, revision residential, field trips, Saturday schools and Easter revision clubs. The evening gave everyone the time to reflect, smile and laugh together about the past five years but also to dream about the exciting futures that we know lie ahead for each and every one of them. It was also a time to say thank you to Mrs Macadie who retired this year after a long and illustrious career at the Norwood School. Well done and thank you to her and to all the form tutors.

I wish time would stop during the good moments

Most people say that home is the place where you are born or married, clearly at Norwood it’s different. My Norwood, the Norwood that I know, is a family related not by blood, but care for each other - in other words it is a home of all natures and the mother of all colour. Norwood is a place where dreams start giving meanings, because Norwood establishes the roots and creates clear paths to a bright future.

I have had a fabulous time at Norwood, I will never ever forget it. When I speak of “Norwood”, I refer not only to the nice buildings but you, you the people I have shared this with you! You! Because you are my Norwood. How can I ever repay you? I know, thank you isn’t enough for what you have done for me. First of all you welcomed me and cared for me, the stranger that I was. As you’re reading this, just know that even if high school has gone and it’s time to go now I will never forget you, because deep down in my heart you have a special place and now you are part of me. The staff, amazing and with joy, support the children, like a mother bird caring for its young ones in the nest - without hesitation they work to their best. Thank you.

Griffinh Kivumbi Yr 11

It is always sad to say goodbye to friends and colleagues at the end of each academic year - but when someone who has served our school community as long as Chantal Macadie has then she deserves a really special mention.

Joining, what was a very different school and the NBL faculty way back in 1992, her reference read… ‘Lessons are business like with a hard working atmosphere, she is alert to any student who is lacking’ In June 1995 she became Acting Deputy Head of Lower School and then moved into the role that she is so well known for – a Head of Year - in 1998. A very private person, who has commanded a great deal of respect from both staff and pupils alike - she will leave to spend time with her beautiful family and enjoy a thoroughly well-deserved retirement.

Thank you and goodbye - with love from us all.

Chantal Macadie
Baroness Shriti Vadera

6th of March 2015

I’m delighted to have this opportunity to speak to you about Speakers for Schools, a UK charity that provides state secondary schools and colleges with talks from a range of industry leading professionals, public figures and academics.

The Baroness, Chair of Santander UK & Former Cabinet Minister is currently chair of Santander in the UK and the first woman to head a major British bank. She gave us an insight into her career to date and answered a number of thought provoking questions asked by the Y6 audience. Her visit was a lesson in determination and the importance in finding a passion to do something with your life that will make a difference.

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Oscar Lamptey

I’m very lucky to have so many free instrumental lessons as a bursary student, I am learning the keyboard in class and have individual trumpet and vocal classes with visiting tutors. I love playing in the band with the others – especially the older students.

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Welcome to our New Senior Prefect Team!

The second half of the summer term saw a flurry of Year 10 activity, with this, the dream team who have successfully reached the last part of the rigorous application procedure. Making their campaign videos, posters and canvassing at break, lunch and after school – they have already impressed us all with their professionalism and dedication. After a close run whole school vote back in June, Joseph and Rose were voted our new head boy and girl – very well done!

Who do you go to if you need help at school?

What responsibilities will our senior prefects take on this year?

What are they looking forward to?

Do you think you will ever find it hard to speak to your teachers about being stuck with your work? Feeling lonely or not understanding something that has been set for homework?

Come and speak to me and I will help advise you on the best approach. I know that your teachers will want to help – so don’t be shy – I can help.

I know that it will be a great responsibility being head boy, I want to be part of the positive changes we are making to one another’s lives as a school.

I will be meeting and greeting lots of important guests and will be required to make lots of public speeches!

I will be working closely with the younger pupils, helping manage the mentors who will work with Yr 7 in their tutor time and around school. I will be out and about on duty at break and lunchtime to check that the little ones are settling in well. I will explain ‘Welsh’ to you!

I will be encouraging people to take part in all the sports events, teams and clubs. Don’t forget to join in with the Greenhouses Basketball - with the practices that start at the crack of dawn! If you want to find out about being on a team or starting a new sport – find me!

I will be helping with the after school cooking classes and working with the Friends of Yew Tree Gardens planning a Summer bar – hopefully to raise money to buy some more seating for the play area. I will be one of the senior prefects who will be helping staff monitor the behaviour of children waiting at bus stops and out of school at the end of the day.

Find me if you think you would benefit from the buddy reading and writing schemes. You get a great breakfast and the older students will really help you practice and improve. Don’t forget to make the most of our library and lunchtimes and after school. We can help you with your homework, recommend a good read or provide a quiet place to work.

I am so proud to be Head Girl. I hope that I live up to the faith my teachers have in me. I know it will be a busy year ahead.

I am especially looking forward to representing my peers on the school council and working with the Sixth Form Leadership Team in September.

Look out for my suggestion box – it will probably be in the canteen or the library. If you have got ideas about things that you think could help us improve the school – let me know and I will share it with the team at our meetings and see what they think! If anyone you know is worried about being bullied or you know someone who is being unkind let me know – I will put you in touch with the teachers who can help. Sometimes children might need a peer mediator – I will help you find out who you need!
To all of you who worked so hard to help with our wonderful Fashion Inspired Arts Week ‘Made in Norwood’

A huge thank you!

Thank you for taking our children into the poshest shops ever on Saville Row.
Thank you for wrapping their heads.
Thank you for showing them how to put on a fake beard or wig.
Thank you for sharing your passions about the fair trade and fair and ethical fashion manufacturing and recycling.
Thank you for showing the children how to make beautiful accessories in leather.
Thank you for dressing us all up for a mock Hindu wedding.
Thank you for amazing us with your fabulous science tricks and facts.
Thank you for bringing in so many perfect pairs of pretty shoes for us to lust after.
Thank you for letting us know how to dress a ‘Liberty’ shop window.
Thank you for explaining and showing us how to create repeat patterns for fashion fabrics.
Thank you for teaching us how to flamenco to a Spanish guitarist in a beautiful swishy dress and click clacking heels.
Thank you for helping us create comical props and outfits for the stage from rubber, paper and foam.
Thank you for showcasing the talented Sixth Form actors/actresses and dancers.

Thank you for terrifyng all the parents with the freaky stage make up – wounded heads, sliced arms, cuts and bruises.
Thanks for taking groups to the Traid Warehouse in Wembley.
Thanks for working with a fashion illustrator at Kew Gardens.
Thank you for introducing the students to animal rights and anti-fur trade activists at London Zoo.
Thank you for dazzling the children at the Victoria and Albert Museum Savage Beauty exhibition.
Thank you for booking a fascinating backstage tour at the Royal Opera House.
Thank you for dressing up in Elizabethan outfits at the Globe Theatre.
Thank you for showing us how to make an origami dress.
Thank you for showing us how to dress the Fashion Collection at The Brighton Museum.
Thank you for taking us to the Nautical Chic exhibition at the Fashion and Textiles Museum.
The ARl residential to Paris during fashion week was a real one to remember.

It’s a miracle we managed to fit everything into the three and a half days but we did. Museum of Decorative Arts, the Louvre; funfair in the Tuileries Gardens; walk along the Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe; half day in Montmartre; visit to the Seine, Montparnasse Tower and the Yves Saint Laurent Foundation - proof A whistle-stop tour of some of the most stylish areas of Paris.

I would like to personally thank the tremendous efforts of Miss Wells and Mr Janis during the trip, making it the fantastic experience it was. Most importantly though it was the students who made it. Thank you everyone for your enthusiasm and effort - on top of all the walking we did, some of the jokes you wrote in the evenings were also outstanding. Particular mention to Thomas Peas for making us laugh on the coach, Gabriel Ots Banet, AC Shenbarg, Daniel Orzoco and Jayden Williams for the evening football session. Lila Joseph Stewart for the table tennis basically. Alias’ headlock for the most competitive game of Uno ever and Samantha Verity, Olivia Clark and Amreela Abdul-Latif for the survival ward games on the coach. You are a credit to the school. Have an excellent break and see you next year! Marco and co. repeat Mr O’Sullivan.

School Trip
Paris 2015

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Camron Shallow Year 10 Student

School Trip
Lisbon 2015

This year, we were lucky enough to go to Lisbon for four days, with our school. For some of us, it was the first time we had even been on a plane. We laughed a lot and screamed a little bit when the plane took off!

Our hotel was really nice and the food very different from the food we usually eat. We shared a room with our friends and kept our teachers up almost every night.

We visited many places, such as the Torre de Belem, where we ate the best cakes in the world, the Mosteiro dos Jeronimos, the Praça do Comercio and the Castelo de Sao Jorge.

We spent a whole day with a guide who told us all about the history of Lisbon, its monuments and the people. We also spent half a day shopping. We also had to keep an eye on Ms Ili and her shopping spree! We’d like to thank Mr Ili, Ms Chano and Mr Lopez for a great trip

Amber Fletcher/Nevis Gayle-Barnes. Yr 10

Dr Who Club

Don’t forget to look out for the new Wonder 3 programme in September. There will be anything and everything to choose from with our biggest range of after school clubs ever – whether you want to improve your handwriting, have help with maths homework, work with an illustrator in comic club or learn to make a robot – join in!

Author Visit

We were very excited to have Alex Wheatle visit Norwood this summer to talk to the whole of year 9 and year 10. His new Young Adult Fiction novel Lucille Bill tells the story of a teenage boy growing up in South London in the midst of gang warfare.

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Because I do enjoy biology and chemistry it was interesting talking about careers because everyone literally had different dream jobs that I had never really considered. From lawyers to doctors, athletes to accountants.

Before I visited the Oxford ACS Programme, I wasn’t too sure whether I wanted to go to university or not but after my experience my opinion has completely changed. Now I know I want to go to university and I will recommend it to anyone else who wants a successful future.

Camron Shallow Year 10 Student
Another year of stunning art and design was showcased at both the Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 exhibitions this year. Visitors were invited to put a sealed bid for artwork that they were keen to own – with some of the more popular pieces attracting four and five bids each. Funds raised have been split equally between the artists and the school and Visual Arts would like to thank everyone who placed a bid helping to raise a whopping £750 which will be used to buy another camera for Photography.

‘It is always amazing to see the standard of work that the students manage to achieve,’ said local artist Bula – who has taught life drawing over the last few years here. The students have created such personal responses in such a wide variety of media, their technical repertoire has grown so much – it is always a pleasure to come and celebrate with everyone.

Year 12 and 13 Fashion and Textiles students were so excited by the possibility of a fashion photo shoot at Wahaca in Brixton. It was such a treat to have fashion photographer Harmony Angel Cummings take the shots of their fabulous Mexican inspired collection. Students had designed and then actually printed their own fabrics before making them into their garments. A huge thank you to Wahaca who were so welcoming and accommodating – we are very grateful if they so kindly lent us such a beautifully tropical space!

Thank you to all those parents, friends and teachers who came to support the best Key Stage 3 Performing Arts showcase ever! As Mrs Webster put it after the show – ‘there really was something there for everyone and it was so great to see a whole range of abilities having the confidence to get up there and perform – from the gifted and talented bursary students to a newly formed boys Dance troupe from our Yr 7 transition class’. With choreography from Diogo (Upper Sixth) and a series of charming drama and dance collaborations with children from Yr 5 Kingswood Primary School – it really was a special evening.

Well Done Mr Crisp for coordinating it all.

You could not have chosen a more unforgettable and powerful finale to our Yr 13’s drama careers at the Norwood School. Mr Cordoni’s challenging production of John Arden’s Ladybird’s bestselling novel told the touching story of a love affair between a troubled teenager and a centuries-old vampire.

Oskar, the lead character, was a gentle boy, passed between childhood and adolescence. His mother was a sloppy drunk, his father was mostly absent, he was horrified bullied at school. When a vaguely sinister old man and a dodgy side young girl move in next door, a tragic friendship sprung up between Oskar and his new neighbour. The opening scene was a forest Grove containing an ugly metal structure. Snow fell on the ground reflecting an eerie twilight. As the first act opened, figures moved amongst the trees.

The performances by Teshahi as Oskar and Shani and Lucas as El were mesmerising. We enjoyed wonderful performances from the supporting cast too, it was certainly a thrilling, tense, emotionally charged production that deservedly won the PAPA’s Best Production Award.

This year’s PAPA’s Ceremony was the most fitting and to another wonderful year for Performing Arts who have produced a breathtaking 28 shows this year! Proud parents and excited friends made the most of the red carpet on their way into the atrium where they were greeted by their delightful hosts and took the time to mingle with one another sharing their appreciation of the many performances across the year and who they thought might be the winning nominees. With a packed auditorium, the event kicked off with just one of the many musical, dance or drama pieces. The little ones sat in the front watched in awe as Teshahi performed two monologues, AX raised the roof with his rocking guitar solo and Shaminie charmed us all with her mesmerising version of ‘I’d rather go blind’. There were many wonderful winners who were so articulate in their acceptance speeches, it was incredibly moving to hear the recognition that they awarded their teachers and it was clear for us all to see how important the powerful bonds that they have made with staff are and how much guidance, time and support they have been offered.

Most poignant was the overwhelming feeling of mutual respect and gratitude. By the time the Upper Sixth gave their final acceptance speeches there was not a dry eye in the house.

A truly memorable evening for everyone.