

## Friends of Norwood

If you haven't already joined up - get in touch with our wonderful Parent Association.

They have raised almost £10,000 in their first year that will be generously donated to worthy school activities and equipment. They have been an invaluable support at numerous events, including hosting a great bar at Performing Arts Showcases, holding a second hand uniform and bake sale and organising all the estate agent boards that you will have seen popping up around the local area.

We are looking forward to their second Comedy Night next year, a fantastic fundraiser hosted by comedian Kerry Godliman. Thank you all so much for your much appreciated efforts!

Visit their page under the Parent tab on the website and get in touch to support.



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# The September Issue 2022 Newsletter

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International Women's Day



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## Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

**It is a great pleasure to share with you our first newsletter as Co-head teachers as we reflect on the past year.**

What a year it has been! We returned in September 2021 to a new global landscape where so much had changed for ourselves and our young people. We set out to ensure that with the lifting of previous restrictions we took every opportunity to celebrate our school community. This included a positive behaviour approach where rewards featured much more prominently, a relaunch of our new House system and plenty of opportunities for trips, visits and community events. It has truly been a whirlwind of a year which we hope you get a flavour of in this issue.

Overwhelmingly the response has been a positive one. Students and staff are happy to have Norwood back in its rightful place as a vibrant and community based school where we celebrate our successes together. From the range of trips abroad, to sporting achievements and celebration of our diversity and difference, we have had a busy but rewarding time.

Our smiles widened even further with the exam results achieved by our students. Despite the uncertainties of recent years our students have secured some excellent further education

destinations and a world of opportunity is open to them. We thank their families for their support and encouragement and recognise the significant effort and expertise of our staff in supporting them to such positive outcomes.

We continue to place our emphasis on our students enjoying their school life which brings success. The positive relationships and high expectations we provide, as well as the creativity and energy of our school is something we can all be proud of.

This newsletter cannot hope to be big enough to contain all that has happened at Norwood but certainly gives a good reflection of our last year. We hope that you enjoy reading it and look forward to embracing all the new challenges and opportunities a new academic year brings.

With all our best wishes for a safe, happy and successful year ahead.

Best wishes  
**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers

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## Open Evening & Days 2022/23

**Open evening - (5.00pm – 8.00pm)**  
Thursday 22nd September 2022  
**Booking not required**

**Open days (9.15am-10.30am)**  
**Booking essential see website for details**  
Monday 12th September 2022  
Tuesday 13th September 2022  
Wednesday 14th September 2022  
Monday 26th September 2022  
Wednesday 5th October 2022  
Wednesday 8th March 2023

**Closing date for Bursary Application Forms**  
Friday 7th October 2022

**Bursary auditions and workshops**  
Saturday 15th October 2022

**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Thursday 20th October 5 - 7pm

**Closing date for SIF**  
Friday 28th October 2022

**Admission Test Day**  
Saturday 12th November 2022

**Bursaries Available:**  
The Norwood School are proud to offer bursaries to students who show a natural aptitude and passion for the Arts. We are also launching our Maths Scholar Programme this year for gifted Year 7 students who arrive with a drive and talent in Mathematics.



## Congratulations GCSE Successes

The pouring rain on results day did not dampen anyone's spirits. Congratulations to all our Yr 11 students who have done well to achieve a wonderful set of results.

We wish you every success in whatever path you have chosen to move on to. Good Luck!

### What parents say...

★ 'I know you are still extremely busy and have many days to go yet but today was the last exam day for Mattewos. All he has to do now is clear out his locker and wait for results.'

★ I cannot believe his time at Norwood has gone so quickly. Thank you to everyone for everything you have done for and with him to enable him to develop into the young man he is now. Please pass on my thanks to the whole team. He has had such an amazing experience at the school, and it was the best school for him. I know he will miss the school but is well equipped to go on to the next phase of his life. Norwood is a school where children are truly able to Be, Belong and Become. As a parent, I will also miss the Norwood School'.

★ 'I want to thank the school as we wouldn't get here without all your support; it has been amazing. I want my daughter to stay in this school and finish her A levels, as the school is very supportive, then I hope she will go to university and study a subject she will enjoy.'

★ 'I'm extremely grateful to all the support Nuell and I have received, throughout our time with you. I have been kept fully updated of Nuell's progress and also any concerns that you might have had.'



Alex with mum & sister, Jaheim and Mr Waro

## Notable Results

**George Bendel**  
4 x 9's. 2 x 8's. 1x 7. 1x 6  
Distinction

**Victor Cozzolino**  
3 x 9's. 5 x 8's. 1x 6

**Alex Dumitrache**  
6 x 9's. 1 x 8's.  
Distinction

**Karyn Laity Nishiyama**  
2 x 9's. 2 x 8's. 2x 7. 2x 6  
Distinction

**Lyra Palitz Tsang**  
3 x 9's. 1 x 8. 2x 7. 1x 6

**Lara Rodrigues**  
3 x 9's. 3 x 8's. 3x 7. 1x 6

**Saraya Damas**  
1 x 9's. 4 x 8's. 2x 7. 1x 6  
Distinction

It is always sad to say goodbye to those who are moving on, whether that is onwards to a different school or college after GCSE's or to University or employment having completed the Sixth Form.

We would like to say well done to all our Yr 11 and Upper Sixth. It has been a tough journey at times, with highs and possibly, some lows, but we have been with you every step of the way and wish you all the very best in the next exciting steps towards what we know will be an exciting future for you all - Good Luck!

“Norwood is a school where children are truly able to Be, Belong & Become.”

Lyra & proud mum



Ffion, Ramya, Emmi & Lara



Oliver with Teddy & proud mum



Frank & George with proud parents





# A Levels Results

## Congratulations

### A Level Successes

Some fabulous results from all of our students this year. So exciting to see how thrilled they all were and to hear about their next steps.

## What Students say...

### Malaika

'I have achieved AAB and am off to Southampton! Big thanks to my teachers, I am so happy with my results.'

### Oliver

'I have forged unbreakable friendships with numerous people in the sixth form at Norwood. Students and teachers, who have all made a distinctly positive impression on my life. I am forever in debt to all these people, thank you.'

### Chloe

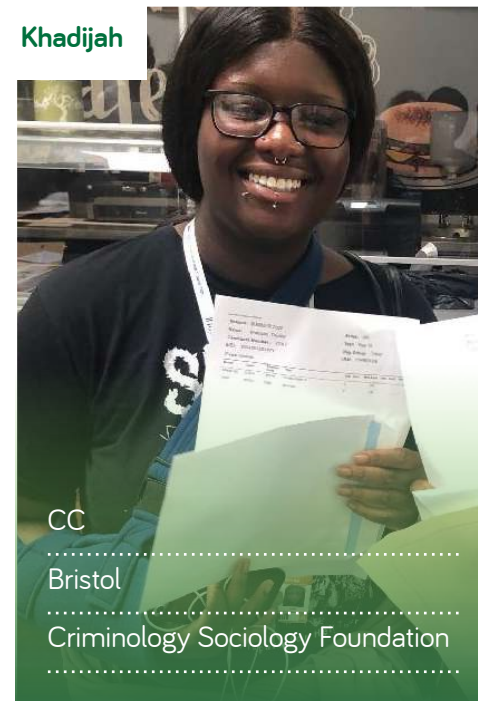
'The Norwood School has given me so many amazing memories, I will miss my teachers so much! Thanks for everything.'

Joel



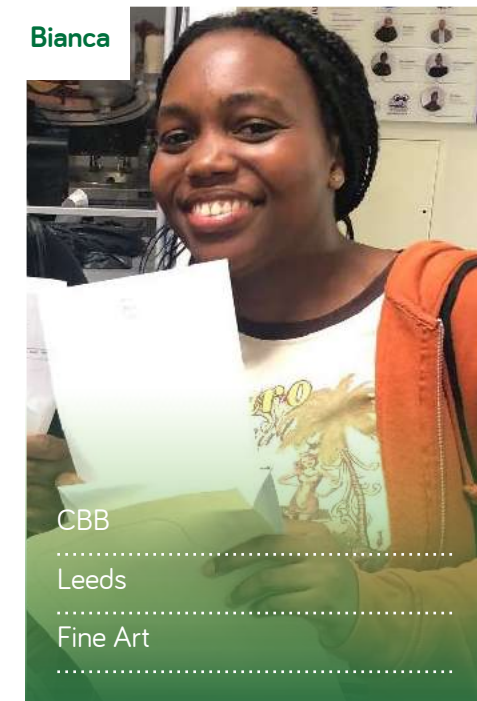
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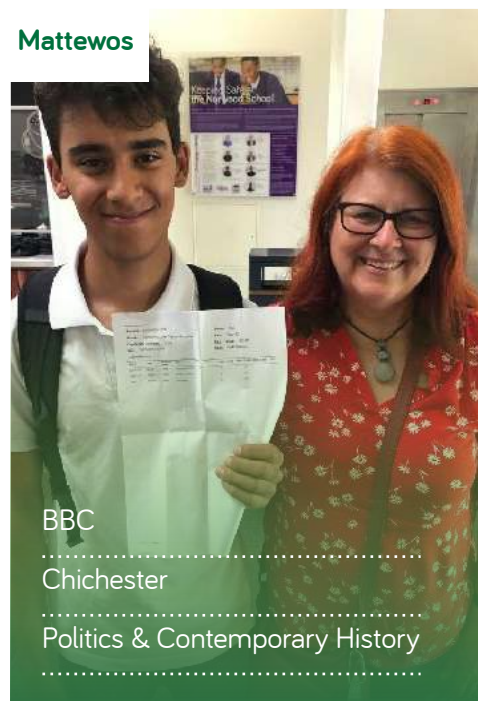


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Co-Headteachers on results day!

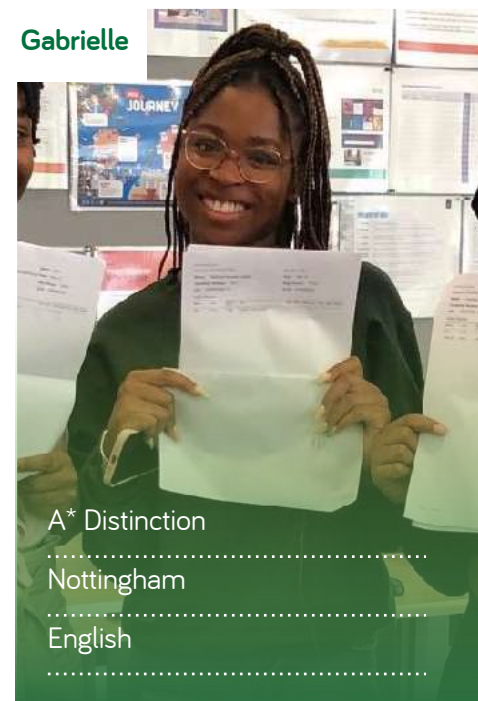


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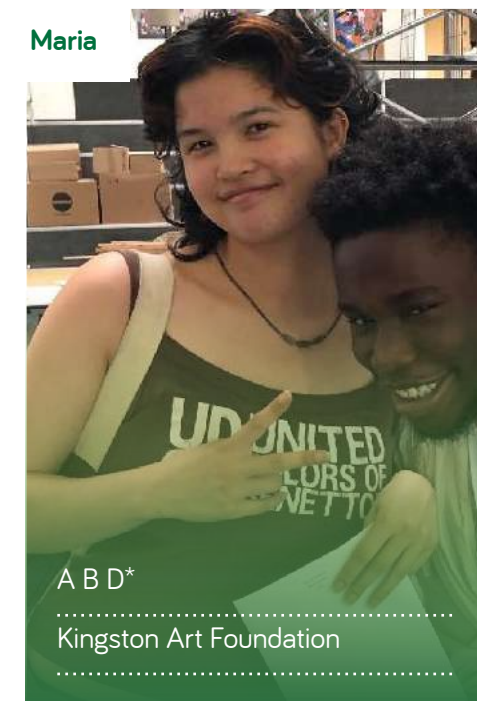
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Gabrielle



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Maria



A B D\*  
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Kingston Art Foundation  
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## Notable Results

### Lola - B D\*D\*

London Studio Centre  
Dance

### Mahdi - D\*D\*D\*

Computer Science with Cyber Security  
City University

### Sameen - AAA

Queen Mary's  
Biomedical Science

### Zara - ABB

Nottingham Trent  
Psychology

### Gabrielle - A\*A\* D

Nottingham  
English

### Audrey - A\*AC

Portsmouth  
Pharmacy

### Aura - CBD\*D\*

Portsmouth  
Computer Science

### Nuell - MP

Apprenticeship

### Oliver - ACC

Oxford Brooks  
History and Japanese Language

### Ella - AAB

Lancaster  
Law

### Malaika - ABA

Southampton  
History and Politics

### Iman - BBD\*

LMA  
Dance

### Vicky - MMBA

Loughborough  
Psychology

### Taylor - D\*D\*D\*

Liverpool  
Sports Science



# 2022 Portrait Award



FIRST PRIZE - VANESSA BALINT

## Portrait Award 2022

The annual Visual Arts Competition threw up its usual stars this summer, with the finalists spending the last couple of weeks working on their sustained pieces for the whole school to judge.

Congratulations go to everyone who joined in but in particular, the finalists, Ami Hayford Yr7, and Yr 9's Angus Snowdon, Megan Lee, Peggy Stack and Saryta Halls. A huge round of applause to the overall winner Vanessa Balint in Yr 10 for her sensitive and beautifully observed portrait of Huda.



SARYTA HALLS



ANGUS SNOWDON

## First Tech Robotics Challenge Team: Norwood Industries

Key Stage 3 STEM Ambassadors have been working hard with Ms Robjant this year, in preparation for the national event held in Watford.

Not only did the students win the 'Motivate' award for their fundraising efforts, teamwork and their "phenomenal" presentation, they also came 2nd in the Inspire Award, Think Award and Design Award.

The organisers were thrilled with our team, competing with the robot they had built and coded from scratch, this is what they had to say;

*"This was a hard choice to make, but one team stood out with their ambitious goals for the future. The winning team was chosen because they had every team member involved and impressed the judges with their artistic fundraising efforts and generous donations to a greater cause. They would not hesitate to motivate others into the programme, nor would they limit themselves to the norms of their school."*

They finished in 6th place (out of 20), having made some last minute duck spinning additions & autonomous code.





## Wellbeing Garden At The Norwood School

Spring and Summer 2022 has been a hugely successful season for the development of the Norwood School Wellbeing Garden.

The garden was started in response to the mental and physical challenges students faced during confinement experienced in lockdowns in 2020/1 and a small group of dedicated student gardeners developed the garden in its first year.

'It is clear to see that the grant from the Norwood Forum and Lambeth Public Health has been of great benefit to students and teachers at the Norwood school, and therefore to the school as a whole. Beatrice Dandy, the new school community gardener, has been amazing at connecting with the children. She is a very talented gardener who is able to share her knowledge and skills in a clear and engaging way, creating a relaxed atmosphere in which the pupils can thrive.

The Health and Wellbeing Garden at the Norwood School has demonstrated itself to be a really popular place amongst students, and is a very successful example of a community garden bringing all the health benefits of gardening, being outdoors and connecting to nature. It is an inclusive space that nurtures both people and the planet, as many of the pupils are also inspired to create more wildlife areas to support biodiversity in the school as a result of the project.'

Poppy George  
Coordinator for Incredible Edible, Lambeth

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Thanks to Mr Foster & Mr Isitt



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## Garden Timeline 2022

### 1st March

A group of students completed an urban greening project in collaboration with the South London Botanical Society. They added planting to new flower beds installed on Norwood High Street.

### 2nd March

Weekly gardening club recommences. Students meet for an hour every Wednesday to plant, grow, look after the garden and spend time together outdoors at the end of the school day.

### 21st April

Interviews for gardening post held and gardener Beatrice Dandy employed to work in the school.

### 18th May

Students attend the garden design workshop led by Poppy George and Beatrice Dandy. Students learn about aspects of garden design then work together to draw and discuss their own ideas for the future of the Norwood Garden.

### 25th June

Community Work Day – volunteers including students, parents and members of the Friends of Norwood work together to develop the garden following the ideas produced by students. Parents and students learn carpentry and raised bed making skills.

### 6th July

School gardener begins weekly gardening support sessions for students during the school day. The aim of these sessions is to help those who need support with emotional, mental and physical health during the day.

### 6th July

Year 9 students complete a citizenship project in the school garden – planting a number of young trees.

### 7th July

LGBTQ+ Club visit the school garden to plant, water and tend the garden.

### 13th July

Photography Club in the garden. Students create artistic responses to the garden and complete a creative evaluation of the school garden responding to the question - how does the garden make you feel?

### June and July

Students use the garden as a space for relaxation and taking a much needed time out during rehearsals and preparation for school summer shows. The Year 12 theatre production uses planting from the school garden as props for its end of year show. The Norwood School Garden is becoming an important space for students to spend time outside, relax and be in contact with nature. It has enabled young people to improve in their physical, emotional and mental wellbeing.





## Eating Out! MFL Rewards Trip

# What a treat!

Year 7 and 8 star linguists popped along to Mi Cocina Es Tuya in Crystal Palace. The children really enjoyed trying a variety of Venezuelan food. They were all so polite too, and listened carefully to the restaurant owner Alexis, who talked about the importance of food in her culture and the wonderful ingredients that they use. It is always great to see students rewarded for their excellent efforts throughout the year!



## Hospitality & Catering

# Brixton Village

Year 10 went to a vegan, healthy eatery in Brixton Village to interview staff about specialist skills needed to work in the hospitality industry. They found out about hydroponic farming and researched the impact that the hospitality and catering industry have on the environment. They had a tour of a professional kitchen and saw how technology is now used in a modern restaurant.

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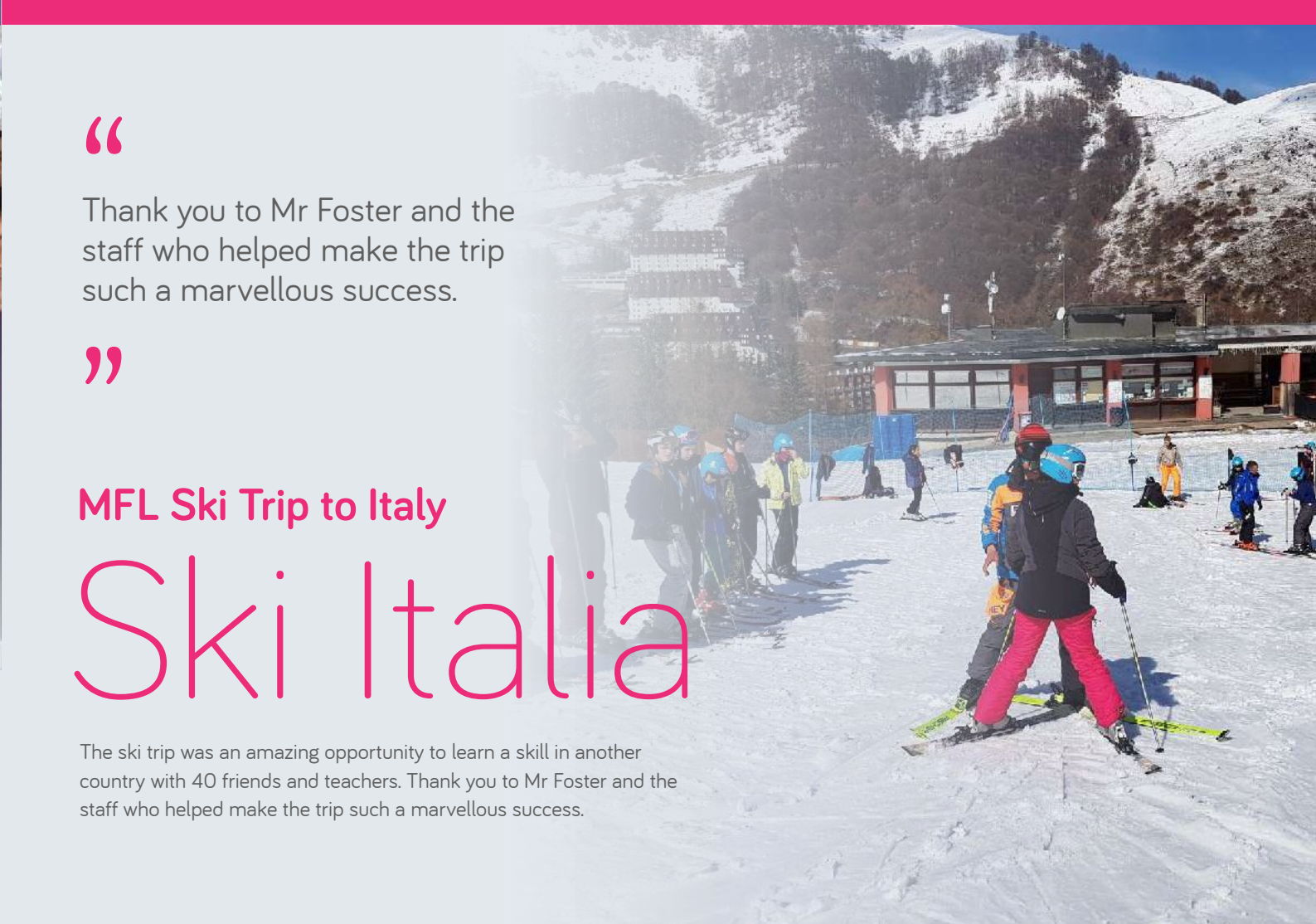
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## MFL Ski Trip to Italy

# Ski Italia

The ski trip was an amazing opportunity to learn a skill in another country with 40 friends and teachers. Thank you to Mr Foster and the staff who helped make the trip such a marvellous success.



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## English Literature Residential Trip

# Edinburgh

The Edinburgh trip was heartily enjoyed by all and the pupils conducted themselves admirably. A variety of activities included excursions to Edinburgh Castle, The Real Mary Kings Close, The Writers Museum as well as a Book Lovers Tour and an Edinburgh City sightseeing tour. These were culturally valuable experiences which have given the students the historical and literary knowledge to develop their analysis within their studies in a meaningful way, for more rigorous academic writing. A highlight of the trip was Jasper in Yr 10 reciting Macbeth quotes from memory at the top of Arthur's Seat with a view over Edinburgh!





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## Performing Arts Programme 2022

# On with the Show!

Back where we belong...it has been such a joy to be returning to the full, fun packed schedule of events and showcases that the Performing Arts team typically put on throughout a usual Norwood Year. It has been fabulous to see the range from the big showcases like the Norwood Factor and Battle of the Bands but also to the weekly Musical Performances at lunchtime in the artium, Ignite and Monologue Slam.



## The Norwood Factor ★

The summer term saw the return of the Norwood Factor - and what an amazing show it was. Seeing so many of our students involved in different capacities was wonderful and there were some brilliant performances. Thank you to the PA team for all the hard work they put in, as well as to colleagues who mentored acts and attended the performance.

Third place went to Finn, second went to '84' and after much deliberation, the winner was the incredible 'Angel' with her absolutely electric performance that brought the whole house down.



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## Battle of the Bands

Big thank you to Mr Townsend, Mr Wolstenholme and Mr Ware for the Battle of the Bands showcase. It was a fantastic event, with so many families and students supporting the performers. The addition of the 'dance floor'/'mosh pit' was a real highlight. So much talent and we all loved the 'gig' vibe.

Parents were particularly impressed. They said how much they 'love this school' and the staff in it. They also repeatedly spoke about how happy their children were here.

We were all impressed by the sheer number of bands, the age ranges and diversity within them and the way all of our students supported each other - especially our 6th formers.

### The Winners were

### The Barbie Killers

Best band name and superb performance!  
But we all won last night - a lovely night out.





# Iron

Year 12 acting students gave us all plenty to think about with their assessment piece Iron. The change over of cast to the two main roles, some stand out performances and the challenging nature of the piece were our takeaways from an outstanding production.



# Antigone

The Year 13 acting performance of Antigone was a real treat too with some excellent performances (Muktarr made a scarily good dictator!). It was a great team effort from Performing Arts. It was so great to see the Upper Sixth perform publicly before they move on to pastures new, many have successfully gained places at some of the country's best Drama Schools and Conservatoires, we will stay in touch and will be looking forward to hearing how they get on.



# Ignite

We were bowled over by this year's finalists, 13 of our year 7 students spoke, without notes, on a theme of their own choosing to a live audience. As ever it was a fantastic occasion that really brought to our attention the kind of issues and topics that mean a great deal to our eloquent, passionate young people.

Well Done!



## So You Think You Can Dance?

# Dance Stars!

Back in the early summer, this was the first show since 2019 and we were treated to what was probably one of the best productions we've had the pleasure of seeing. There aren't enough superlatives to describe how amazing it was. From the KS3 performers right up to Yr 13, the quality of performance on show was mind blowing. The finale will live long in our memory. Altin left us speechless, we are convinced he is a star in the making! The winners were KS3: Kiyanna & Kiya, KS4: Teja & Tylah-Chae and KS5: Altin

Thank you to Ms Quay, Ms Goodman and Ms Acham  
you are such a talented bunch!





# Film Festival



## Ms Tatam's Opus! Film Festival 2022

We are incredibly proud of Ms Tatam, who has been championing Film Making and appreciation in school over the last few years.

She has recently been selected by the British Film Institute's Into Film programme to be one of their Education Ambassadors - promoting Film-specialist education and use of film across the curriculum in our school, and potentially elsewhere in the region. This is a really prestigious achievement and well earned. With the GCSE and A Level Film Studies becoming ever increasingly popular and successful, Ms Tatam has established a really popular annual Film Festival which really encourages and enables our fledgling film makers.

We were really impressed with the quality of entries again this year, which varied from sad to scary to beautiful. The pigeon head is apparently a take on French Arthouse!



## 'Count on us' Maths Challenge

Year 9 students, having been coached and accompanied by Richard Hayes, went to the Count On Us Maths Challenge.

Aaron, Hamilton, Samuel, Matthew and Arlo represented the school well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done!



## Year 10 Geography Coastal Field Trip

The Geography team were determined to get the Yr 10's all out on their field work trips to the South Coast before the term ended.

Special shout out went to Charlie, Shayden, Alfie and Ahmed who got stuck in and finished their beach profiles first with a very high level of accuracy!





# IceLand Trip

The Country, Not Supermarket!

## Geography Trip

Destination: Iceland

In February half-term, our students had the opportunity to travel to Iceland to see some of the Geography they had been studying in school, for real, in person.

It was a fantastic trip where students saw some amazing sites such as the Skogafoss Waterfall, the Blue Lagoon and incredible Black Sand Beach at Reynisfjara.

The pupils showed excellent resolve in the freezing temperatures and made the Geography Department proud answering questions in the Lava Centre!

Thank you to Mr Swan and Ms Maxwell for organising what was such a once in a lifetime experience.

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## Construction Youth Trust

# Building the future.

Another fantastic year with The Construction Youth Trust.

Well done to Yr 11 and 10 for yet another fabulous year working alongside the Construction Youth Trust. The programmes have inspired our young people about modern career options, have definitely widened their horizons and challenged limiting career stereotypes. Thanks to Molly and the team, we are really helping prepare students to make informed career choices that are well matched to their interests and abilities.



## Yr 6 Bursary Trip to West End

# ‘Wicked’ Musical

It was great to see so many of next year's Bursary students join us to see 'Wicked'. One of the best bits was the meet and greet that we had organised for after the show, where the students had the chance to quiz the cast about what it is like being in the production and what kind of training and experience they all had.





# Anti Racism

Progress towards the  
Anti Racist School Award

## The Anti Racist School Award

### Getting there...

As you know, we are continuing to make real efforts towards becoming a truly Anti Racist School. Working with the team from Leeds Beckett University, we are hoping to achieve the first stage of our award this coming academic year. A big thank you to Ms Iyeke who is leading on the programme. She has dedicated time to supporting a great many initiatives across the school again this year, building on and embedding our successes from last year.

Our next focus will be to continue to decolonise the curriculum, develop our critical understanding and work proactively with parents/carers to continue to encourage their involvement in school, so that BAME and EAL parents feel welcome, with a sense of real belonging.

“ We are continuing to make real efforts towards becoming a truly Anti Racist School. ”

We are aiming to achieve the prestigious **GOLD** Anti Racist School Award

**We're working on it!**



**GOLD**

**ANTI-RACIST  
SCHOOL  
AWARD**

## African Achievement Group

# Thorpe Park Trip

The covid delayed rewards trip to Thorpe Park happened at last this summer. A great time was had by those involved in the African Achievement Group.

Thanks to Mr Issaka, for running the group and Ms Ritchie and Mr Skelly for helping to make the trip happen. Although Mr Skelly doesn't seem too happy here...!



## Goldman Sachs



## Black Network

# Goldman Sachs

Lower Sixth Form girls (Rodas, Lia, Rasheeda, Natalie, Sofia, Kyla and Jahnay) were selected to attend a Black Network career and financial advice workshop with members of the Black Network panel at Goldman Sachs, one of the world's leading global financial institutions who are committed to making progress toward race equality, advancing gender equality and increasing representation at every level of their firm. The girls really enjoyed the experience, it was aspirational as well as inspirational.



## Visiting Author Nicola Garrard

A Fast-paced, tragic and tender, *29 Locks* is an unflinching depiction of urban teen life.

It was great to start to welcome authors back into school earlier this year. Key Stage 3 enjoyed listening to Nicola reading from the novel, they also had lots of questions to ask about her inspiration and how she became an author. She wrote this kind note to us after the visit...

Dear Ms Imafidon,  
Mr Galea & Ms Bouchaib,

Thank you so much for inviting me to The Norwood School. I received a very warm welcome. I really enjoyed meeting your Year 7, 8 and 9s to talk about *29 Locks*, publishing and the difficult issues in the book.

I was very impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of your students, and their responses to the creative writing tasks were engaged and original. A special thank you to Mr Galea and Ms Bouchaib for looking after me. It was clear to me that you have a very strong and supportive bond with your students and have inspired them to love reading and enjoy English.

Very best wishes,  
Nicola

**29 LOCKS**  
NICOLA GARRARD



## World Reimagined Visual Arts Event

Ms Roper has led a wonderful Visual Arts event this summer, as part of the **World Reimagined Project**. The cross curricular project has involved lessons being delivered across English and History as well as in the Visual Arts.

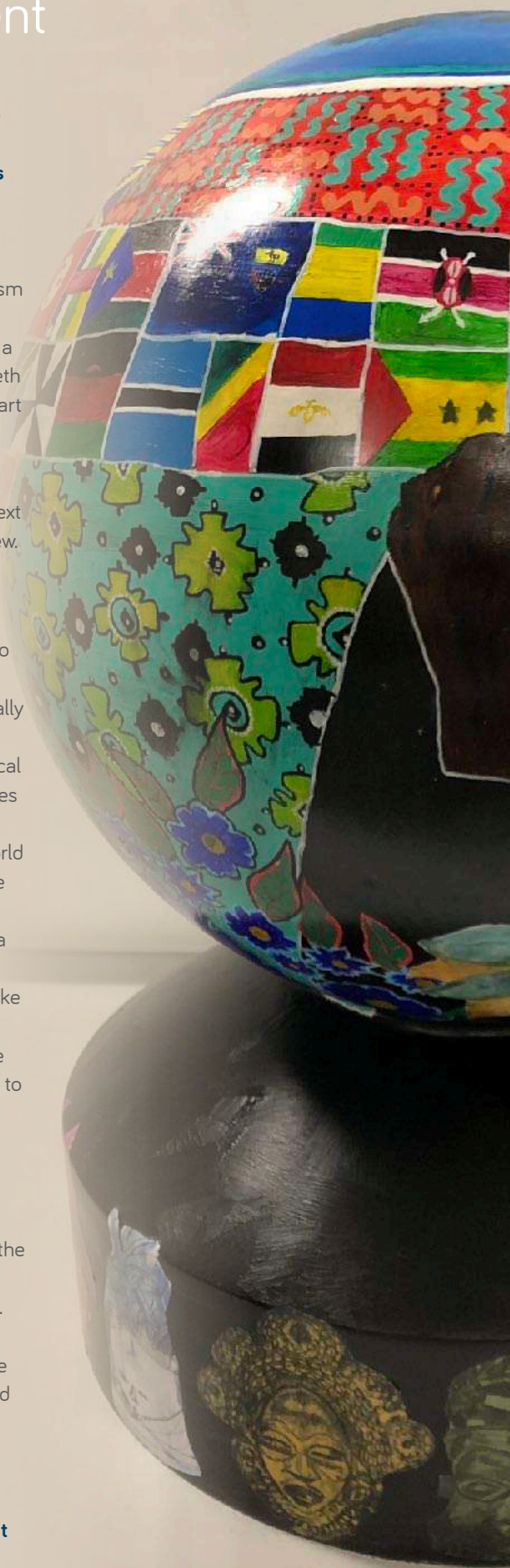
Students have worked in their specialism lessons and afterschool to produce a variety of wonderful artwork, including a globe that will be showcased in Lambeth Town Hall in the Autumn and will be part of the national globe trail.

This is what the students who were involved would like to have displayed next to their globe when it goes on public view.

Anthropologists and historians have demonstrated that the first humans developed in Africa around 250,000 to 300,000 years ago. In the history of humanity, the African continent is literally the cradle of our species. However, we argue that Africa is not just the biological source or essence of the human species but also the home of a community of people that continue to nourish the world with their vibrant and influential culture and inspirational resilience. Our globe sculpture is a homage to Mother Africa and its people. In particular, it is a homage to the African diaspora who, like a blanket, cover the entire world with their courage to help humankind move forward, despite the systematic efforts to push them down.

We have included flags of all the nationalities on the continent to help disseminate the idea that Africa is not heterogenous or a monolith. It is both the cradle of humankind and a rich amalgamation of complex civilisations. The masks that decorate the globe's base remind us that they should not be encased in a museum exhibition devoid of their true traditional meaning, but celebrated in conjunction with the rich civilisations that made them.

**Mother Africa and its people represent the root source of humanity and our future.**





The Collective A Photographic Project

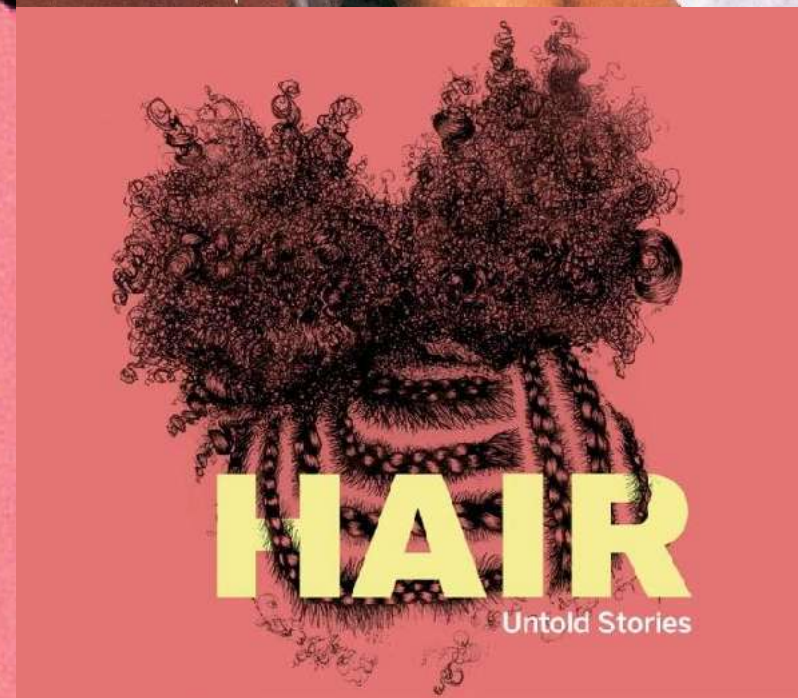
# Halo Code

The Norwood School champions the right of staff and students to embrace their Afro-hairstyles.

Our Diversity Champions have been promoting the Halo Code across school since last year. Hair discrimination remains a source of racial injustice with serious consequences for Black people in the UK.

Despite hair being a protected racial characteristic under the law, there is a widely held belief that Black hairstyles are not suited for formal settings, and may be unhygienic, messy, disruptive, or unkempt. At Norwood we think that these ideas strike at the freedom and dignity of Black people and serve no purpose other than to instil shame in us about our Blackness.

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## HALO CODE



We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of the racial, ethnic, cultural and religious identities of our Black staff and students.

We welcome Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, hair straightened through heat or chemicals, weaves and headscarves.

At The Norwood School, we recognise and celebrate our staff and students' identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on anyone's ability to succeed. Following their contributions to a Halo Code assembly, the Year 11 'Halo Collective' planned the Natural Hair Photoshoot. Coinciding with Black History Month, the Norwood community came together to encourage staff and students across all year groups to share their natural hair.

The Halo Collective had a clear vision which was evident through their styling and photography on the shoot as students felt excitement and pride.

Finally, visiting the 'Hair:Stories Untold' exhibition at The Horniman Museum provided the final inspiration needed to integrate the students' hair stories onto their photographic portraits.

This article includes a selection of images from the photoshoot as well as creative responses. The outcomes are personal, honest and insightful.

Our Lambeth Schools Partnership and Raising the Game Coordinators came to visit to see the Halo Project exhibition. They said, 'we had a great time seeing the exhibition, touring the school and speaking to the young people and the staff that make this school so special. We'll be in touch about making this borough-wide exhibition a reality and would love it if Norwood would take the lead.'





# DofE Awards

Thank you to Mr Wolstenholme for masterminding everything again this year and to all the staff who guided and supported students to their Bronze and Silver Awards. Here's what sir had to say about this years' expeditions.



Just got back from a fantastic few days with an insane amount of kids taking part in the DofE Award. We had about 90 in total! It was a really great success with so many lovely moments. Treveon forgot who he was for an afternoon and joined in with a Yr 9 game of rugby/bulldog hybrid and went off to help collect sticks for a fire when we got to the second campsite. Lots of students were helping put others' tents up and there was lots of communal cooking going on with students very proud of their dinners, even though it was mostly instant noodles... credit to Saul and Leeroy who I saw making use of the farm shop and starting their group's day off by frying up some bacon sandwiches for them. The second day of the Silver Expedition was a little more eventful with one of the Yr 10 groups getting a little lost in a forest, arriving at the campsite at 11pm to then put their tents up!

## Norwood is full of lovely students.

I am so grateful for the opportunity and also the motivation it has given Arlo to get out there and do something different and especially to engage with local volunteering opportunities- it's just not something he would have done otherwise.

The expedition was challenging for him at times but is also teaching and the other kids very valuable life lessons. He and Otis and Isaac are, I hear, keen to carry on right through to gold so something is obviously working really well!

I can't thank you enough for the expedition. Oscar had an amazing time and feels so proud of what he achieved. He feels he's been challenged mentally and physically, and is already talking about wanting to do his Gold DofE and "going off grid" on the expedition.

He has grown in confidence and is beginning to release his capabilities. Through taking on the role of navigator in his group he also is developing some leadership skills.

# Prom Season



## All Aboard the Good Ship Graduation!

Year 11 & U6 celebrating the end of the exams and whatever their future holds!

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It was great to be able to have our usual 'prom' send off to celebrate together.

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# Lake District

What beautiful views sent from Mr Tomlinson - kind of him to think of us all at work whilst on the Lake District outward bound trip! Looks like all 60 students that went had the most amazing time, canoeing, camping, rock climbing, orienteering and abseiling in the dramatic and breathtaking countryside.

- Self-confidence and self-awareness
- Achieving personal goals
- Try something new
- Effort and reward
- Importance of collaboration and support.
- Confidence and resilience to overcome new challenges
- Taking responsibility
- Link between effort and reward
- Concern and awareness for the natural environment
- Reward and celebration

What an amazing experience for all those involved.

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# Women's Day

Some of our younger Art Bursary students took part in a photography & word workshop that celebrated International Women's Day

Have a look at the wonderful photos they took! Only one has used a DSLR before!. We were very moved by the poignant outcomes.

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Let Girls Play!

# This Girl Can!

After an amazing summer of women's sport, particularly football, we are already ahead of the game at Norwood with loads of well established, regular girls sports teams and clubs for all year groups to enjoy.

Ms Barton has already been doing a wonderful job encouraging our girls to get onto the football pitch and play, with great success! With the support and enthusiasm of Ms Howell, Ms Douglas and Ms Goodman, we are truly lucky to have such a committed, enthusiastic team of exceptional female role models in our school to help inspire and unlock equal opportunities for girls to participate in all sports. We are proud that our outstanding sporting offer will continue to

encourage more girls and boys to feel the mental and physical benefits of exercise.

Ms Howell says, 'Our 'This Girl Can' Club celebrates active females who are doing their thing no matter how they do it or how they look. We know that women come in all shapes and sizes, with all abilities and from all backgrounds. We never judge and we don't care what other people think'.



## Big Achievement No.1

Big congratulations goes to Ms Douglas, who was successful at becoming a governor for Chichester University. She smashed the interview and they have got a bright young alumni to give some new perspectives to their work. Well done Ms Douglas!

## Big Achievement No.2

Huge congratulations to Ms Barton - our very own football midfielder who has just been signed up and is now playing for Crystal Palace in the FA Women's Championship.



## Big Achievement No.3

Lambeth at the London Youth Games Summer and Amber Staple did so well this year at trampolining. Lambeth has never been represented at the trampolining Youth Games and the girls competed and represented our school and borough with pride.





Marcia Agyei Yr 8 High Jump



Otto yr 7 1500m



Kylan Laing Celaire Yr 9 High Jump



Jacob Hawe Yr 10 200m

## London School Championships Selections

Our students put in some stellar performances at Battersea Athletics Track. We had a record number qualifying for sprint finals with 11 students taking part in the 16 finals across both the 100m and 200m events. We also had huge success in the middle distance and field events throughout the day.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Felix Lyons Yr 7 800m

## Results 2022

### 1500m

Otto Balam Finished 9th out of 16 with a time of 5:22:09

### 800m

Felix Lyons finished 5th out of 16

### Long Jump

super star Otto finished 7th out of 16.

### High Jump

Marcia was proud to finish in 3rd place.

### Other star performers

Kylan in the High Jump and Jacob in 200m

## Greenhouse Basketball Academy

# Basketball

**Greenhouse Basketball Academy continues to go from strength to strength.**

Our Yr 12 basketballers went to the London Youth Games where they made it through to the quarter finals.

Norwood Basketball Academy took a trip to Manchester, to watch and support one of our own, Juelz Robinson. Juelz, one of the most exciting players to watch in the finals, he attended Norwood School Year 7 to 13, and

currently plays for one of the top Basketball Academies in the country, Myerscough College, which competed in the finals of the Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL).

Our students also got the chance to watch the battles between two powerhouses in the Women's Elite Academy Basketball League (WEABL) Finals and the Academy Basketball League (ABL) Finals. This was an invaluable, aspirational trip for our boys and girls.



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