



Almost
£10,000
raised at
the Comedy
Night!

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

How is it already the end of January?

This week we want to acknowledge those in Year 11 and Year 13 with their heads down and focused on revision. Year 11 have their second mocks starting next week and continuing after half term. We are seeing good uptake for intervention classes and high levels of engagement in their study. We also know Year 13 have deadlines for their university applications to meet and so things can feel very real for them at the moment. We are sure you will join us in wishing them well and encouraging them to keep going - all the hard work will pay off! Another special mention goes to our Parent group, Friends of Norwood. They are a determined and dedicated bunch of parents who are helping bring about much needed funds to enable us to provide additional resources and experiences for our students. The fairs, second hand uniform sales and socials are always so well organised. The comedy night was excellent - the lucky audience laughed, gave of their money and went home happy! We are very proud to have parents who recognise the difficulties schools currently face and are prepared to put their time and effort into helping. That kindness is much appreciated.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers



Last week's Hot Choc with the Head's gathering. A really great chance for students of all ages to meet one another and discuss their interests and successes.



Last week's FONS comedy night was a roaring success. It started with some excellent music from the Bursary Bands and finished with our very own Mr Swan having an on stage tussle with Harry Hill! As always it was a very good night out and has raised lots of funds for the school. Thank you to the FONS for their fantastic efforts and to the comedians who agreed to stand up for free.

Highlights of the Week

Over the last 2 weeks the year 10 and year 9 VA bursary students have visited Martin Grover's studio in West Norwood - escorted by Ms Jackson and Mr Gappy. The students asked lots of questions and all said they had a great time seeing the wonderful work Martin produces. The project is seeing some excellent community links being developed with local artists.



Martin Grove studio visit

A number of our sixth form have recently received mentoring training in order to support and advise students in lower years. The first session took place earlier in this week and was a huge success.



Student to Student Mentoring Sessions - a great success so far.

Year 7 have started on their Fieldwork skills this term in Geography. On a cold but sunny Monday morning they went outside the main reception and drew the natural environment around them to understand how we interact with the physical environment. They were very well-behaved and they helped each other out. Even though we didn't go far you can see the excitement on Eban's face :)



Eban and his Yr 7 peers enjoying their Geography fieldwork

Better Internet for Kids, has recently published an article laying out the ins and outs of AI and the impact its continued development, is having on children. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.betterinternetforkids.eu/teacher-corner/deep-dives/generative-ai>

It is National Apprenticeship Week next week, [check out these helpful and informative parent resources.](#)

Important Dates

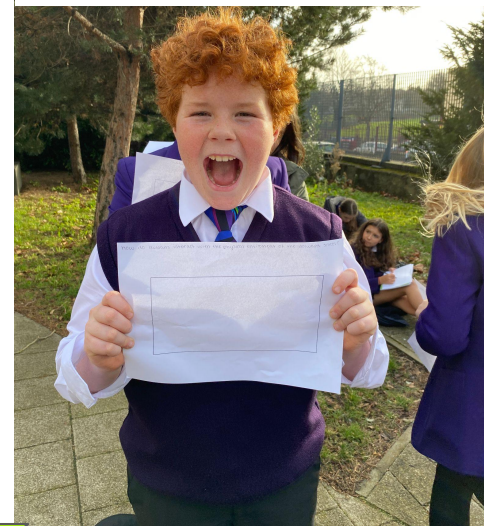
- Yr 10 Parents Eve Thursday 8th February 4:30 - 7pm
- Yr 11 Mock week 1 WB 5th Feb
- Half Term 12th - 16th Feb
- Yr 11 Mock week 2 WB 19th Feb
- Whole School Careers Event All Day Wed 21st Feb (12:40pm closure for Yr 7 - 10)
- Yr 9 Pathways/Parents Evening Thursday 22nd Feb
- Year 11 Info Evening Thursday 14th March

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week



Congratulations to:

- Tonia-Jarve Parkes 7ALE
- Mateusz Szczepiek 8ASP
- Malachi Winful 9GFW
- Marcia Agyei 10DTA
- Mustapha Arabi 11LEN
- Huda Hassan 12HAI
- Grace Evans 13JFR



Good Luck to all the PGCE Students who have completed their first placement with us and are moving to their new schools - a lovely group message sent to us from Polly in English:

We have had such a wonderful time on our first school placements at Norwood. The staff have made us feel so welcome and involved in the school community. The warmth of the school is lovely and we have felt very supported here by everybody. We have loved getting to know the pupils and staff and we would just like to say a special thank you to Ms Kovacs and our mentors, faculties, form tutors and year teams for being so supportive and kind. We will really miss Norwood! From Polly, Suzy, Teika, Harold and Daniel!

Sporting Successes

Lambeth Sports Hall Athletics Championships

Our Year 7 & 8 sports hall athletics teams took part in some fierce competition over the last two weeks resulting in some brilliant performances. Special mentions to Rehaan R (Year 7), Sam B, Sam W, Kenzo J, Aaron T, Recian D, Isabella O, Chloe S, Jessica G and Lilly B (Year 8) who all won their races on the day! We eagerly await the tallying up of the final results. Please congratulate our superstars when you see them and thank you to Mr Waro and the PE team for all the organisation.

