

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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With the change in temperature, we know winter is on the way- a reminder to parents and carers that students should be wearing plain dark coloured coats as is outlined in the uniform expectations. Hoodies are not acceptable alternatives and are not allowed.

We have had a busy week with lots of opportunities for students to experience the world outside school in various trips and visits and also test their sporting prowess in a number of sporting fixtures and events. This week this also included the final of the Portrait Artist competition. We were bowled over by the talent on display. Final voting currently underway.

Wherever we can, we want to ensure our young people get to have memorable and enjoyable experiences to enhance their school life so we thank those staff who make this happen.

Our marking of Black History month has included film viewings, discussions in tutor time, a broader food menu and the opportunity to celebrate natural hair through the Halo project - do read the feedback received from the founder of this lovely project. We are very proud to be a part of it.

We met the Year 7 parents too, with their children having settled in well to Norwood. It was an opportunity to clarify some of the school's processes and systems and also make connections with other parents - something which does not happen so readily when your child joins secondary school.

Wishing you a happy Half Term break when it arrives,
Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers

Music Masterclass



Cinema Trip to the Institut Français.



Year 10 and 11 to the New Scientist Show and the social gathering after the well attended Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening



Highlights of the Week

Thank you to Mr Foster, Ms Bouchaib and Ms Johnson, who led a Yr 11&12 cinema trip to the Institut Français.

It was a busy week, Mr Norris took a mix of Year 10s, 11s and 6th formers to the New Scientist show last week. Mihail was amazed you could talk to someone in space, Donte couldn't believe how much water was needed to grow 1kg of almonds and Ayan claimed a chicken can survive 18 months without its head! Mohammad loved the tractors and Thiago and Zain wanted to examine their nails under the microscope. Mr Norris was VERY happy about the live hookup to the international space station. Great time had by all.

Mark Crown from well known music group Rudimental, came in on Thursday and did a master class with selected Music students.

As part of Black History Month, Black Movie Day Showings for KS3 took place last week on Thursday and Friday. All the movies had strong Black female leads and support this year's theme of 'Saluting our Sisters'. All been organised by Ms Douglas.

It was a really great week for girls sport with Year 7, Year 8 and 9 netball matches, well done everyone!

Important Dates

- 17th October Music Showcase 7pm
- 19th October Sixth Form Open Evening 5-7pm
- Russell Group Meeting 4:15pm in the Study Hub
- 23rd - 27th October - Half Term
- WB 30th Oct Yr 11 Mock exams week 1
- 8th November FON Quiz Night
- 15 Nov Monologue Slam 7:00 – 8:00pm
- 23rd Nov Dance Show 7:30 – 8:30pm

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Jack Davis 7DRO
- Chloe Smith 8GJO
- Otto Balaam 9WMA
- Khyrie Jagdath 10JAL
- Joseph Macco 11LEN
- Carolina Kupper 12SPE
- Alex Herrera Armas 13CPL

Food students trip to Chinatown



BHM Film Sharings



Girls Sporting Success



Urban farm trip to see aquaponic systems for growing salad leaves and vegetables. Yr 10 Food.

Wonderful letter from Halo Code

This is Jane from the Halo Collective, hope you are well.

I just wanted to wish you all congratulations on implementing the Halo Code into your uniform policies! All of us here at Halo, are proud of The Norwood School for choosing to stand on the right side of social change.

To the staff, I thank you for taking such an important step to achieving equality in the school environment. Hopefully, your students realise how lucky they are to have amazing teachers who care about creating an inclusive environment for Afro-textured hair. I hope they thanked you.

To the students, especially those with Afro-textured hair, this is your time to celebrate! Celebrate that you can come into school and be in a space where your hair is praised and not judged or shamed. Celebrate this freedom and latch onto it, I am so happy for you all. I wish I could have felt that freedom growing up but my heart is full knowing that you get to show off your beautiful hairstyles in the way you want to at school. Remember your hair is your halo, be proud of it.

And to those who do not have afro-textured hair, celebrate that you get to be allies in this fight, you too are important in making change. Celebrate for your peers and be sure to hype them up when you see them rocking their hair.

All in all, I am proud and excited to have such a great school standing with us in the ending of hair discrimination. Only the elite join onto the Halo Code so be proud that you get to be a part of such an amazing cause.

Congratulations again and I hope to meet you all very soon. Sending many virtual hugs,

Jane :)

