



The results are in.....

Admissions figures for next year:

- 887 applications in total (for 180 places)
- 215 1st choice
- 212 2nd choice
- 57 sibling applications



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

You don't need us to tell you what a busy time of year the build up to..... Christmas is - but it is no different in school. Alongside the learning, lessons and assessments that we naturally are undertaking as part of our school day we have all the extra. And Norwood really does do the extra. Whether it is students being involved in workshops debating with political heavyweights, film makers entering the Film Festival competitions or gardeners getting festive making seasonal wreaths, there is plenty to be involved in. We loved the choir sing along and the steel pan bands' first performances in the atrium. Watching students in the audience dance and sing along was uplifting. We also appreciate our 6th formers giving their time to become mentors and help our younger students on their journey through school - they are inspirational young role models.

We went round humanities lessons this week to see a range of students from our eldest in year 13 to our youngest in year 7 engaging with their teachers, answering questions, showing curiosity and demonstrating their own knowledge. It is proof that our students are versatile and willing to throw themselves into all the opportunities they have whether debate, dancing, robots, singing, sport, practical dissections... the range is vast. It makes us be proud to be heads of a school that can provide such an array of activities for our young people. And we have our staff to thank for it. They really do put their heart into their job. And they really do need this holiday! We hope they and you and your families enjoy the break. We will be back for more in 2024!

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole  
Co-Headteachers

Y12 Politics students were invited to an online conference and debate on "Leaving the EU - the UK's biggest ever mistake?" by students at Oxford High



Oppidan Mentoring training for Sixth Formers



Avery will be selling their stocking fillers at the FON fair to raise money for her Kenya expedition



## Highlights of the Week

Our community gardener, Catherine, was creating Christmas wreaths with the gardening club on Wednesday - such a lovely idea to help keep their appreciation and enthusiasm for plants going when the garden is in hibernation! Staff got have a go too with apparently varying results!

Oppidan Mentoring training took place this week- our 6th formers are being trained to become Key Stage 3 mentors.

As the Norwood Factor performance edges closer, the competitor and mentor photos were being taken. Thanks to Mr Oxford for his photography skills... the anticipation is building! Check out the promotional materials at the end of this newsletter.

The choir were in full voice singing Christmas songs to get us all in the festive mood in this week's lunchtime live. We all love a singalong!

**FON** Any donations of clean school uniform can be dropped off at Reception Friday/Monday. If anyone wants to donate cakes/Christmas treats (no nuts please) drop them in on Monday to reception (in named containers if you want them back).

Ms Taiwo has been working hard to establish the a new cohort of councillors elected to the School Council. They are:

Year 7: Ariana Perez-Tompkins

Year 8: Lewis Skinner

Year 9: Bree Mitchell

Year 10: Kyra Knibbs-Curtis

Year 11: Aaron Zziwa

Many congratulations to them all!

Christmas lunch on Thursday 14th. Breakfast club will run but there will be no tuck at break. Please check fundraising opportunities on the following page.

## Important Dates

- Yr 11 Parents Eve Dec 14th 4:30- 7pm
- Norwood Factor 18th Dec 7pm
- Monday 18th Dec Second Hand Uniform Sale
- Last day of term finishes at 12:40pm Own Clothes Day Tuesday 19th December
- Staff INSET Monday Jan 8th 2024
- School Returns Tuesday 9th Jan 2024 8:30am
- Sixth form Parents Eve Thurs 11th Jan 4:30 - 7pm 2024

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

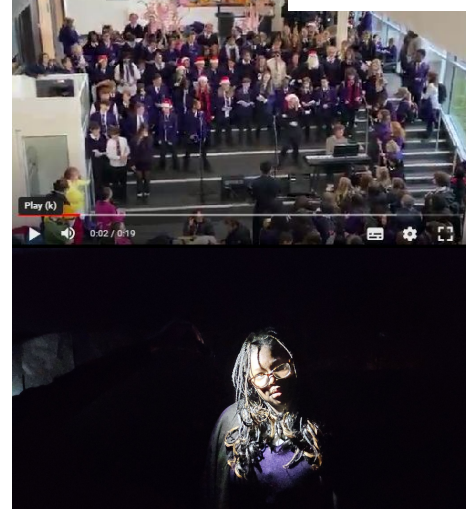
Congratulations to:

- Blessing Asianaa 7DRO
- Vincent Taylor-Page 9ALB
- Alex Galan 10JAL
- Marco Wright-Novakovic Coste 11OSW
- Elsa Arn 12LKE
- Anastazia Pina Pereira 13SPE

Norwood Factor  
Photoshoots with mentors



School Choir



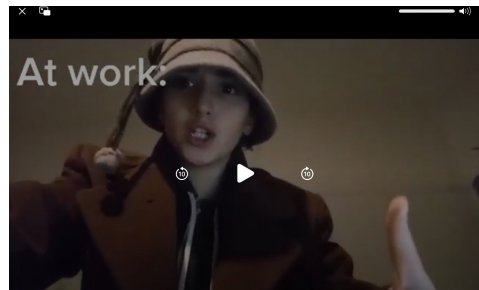
Yr 9s had A Christmas Carol workshop from the Old Vic - on stage lighting.



Year 11 science lesson- dissecting lamb hearts.

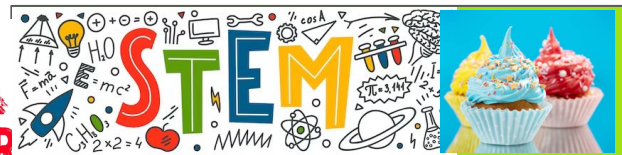


Fabulous Film Festival entries





## End of term charity fundraising reminders



Bring in some spare change.... support STEM Club students with their Bake Sale on Monday 18th Dec break and lunchtime.



**Together  
we will end  
homelessness**

What the food bank wants. Can you spare any of the following?

Suggested donation of £1 to wear your own clothes on the last day or term.  
Collected at the front gate or pay via Parentpay



**Pimped Hot Chocs for sale Monday 18th Dec 3pm**

Sixth Form Candy a Gram Prom Fundraiser Break and Lunchtime



Funds raised will be donated to 'Save the Children' and 'Crisis' and 'Shelter'.

## NORWOOD & BRIXTON FOODBANK SUPPORTING PEOPLE IN CRISIS



Rambling Rose will be taking Christmas tree, wreath and decoration orders but also will be selling wreaths, table decs and small potted Christmas plants - great prezzies!



- Breakfast cereals
- UHT milk
- Tea or coffee
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned or packet soup
- Pasta and rice
- Tinned meat – for example, stews, curries, pies and corned beef
- Tinned fish – for example, sardines, tuna
- Tinned vegetables, including tinned tomatoes
- Tinned baked beans
- Tinned/packet pulses, like kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils
- Tinned fruit
- UHT puddings – for example, sponge, jelly, instant whip
- Tinned rice pudding and custard
- Sugar, biscuits and snacks
- Toilet rolls
- A range of toiletries
- Sanitary products
- A range items for babies including nappies and food
- Cat and Dog food
- Household cleaning items. *Donations welcomed. Please bring them into the atrium and pop them on the pink piano for collection. Thank you.*



# Weekly News

Great Stocking  
Fillers too!



# CHRISTMAS at NORWOOD

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the Atrium  
Students and Staff from 3pm  
Parents from 3.30pm

**ALL  
WELCOME**

Cakes, Treats  
and  
Drinks

Books, Games  
and  
Toys

Second Hand  
Uniform  
Sale

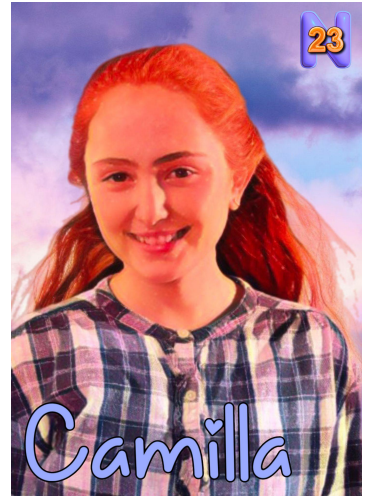
Friends of The Norwood School  
will use the proceeds  
to benefit all students



Beautiful handmade gifts from our talented  
Mr Gappy and Ms Jackson



## Norwood Factor Promo the finalists!



*Ms Tatam has waved her magic wand over the Norwood Factor Promotional materials this Christmas - and surpassed herself! The school will be buzzing even more once the posters go up!*

