



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

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This week's newsletter contains the usual insight into life at Norwood but also some important information regarding keeping children safe out of school. There is quite a lot to read and digest - much of it gives information on useful contact details of organisations which provide support and advice. There is also information on already established community programmes and how to ensure your voice is heard on issues of neighbourhood safety.

There is an update on how funds raised by FONS is being used to support the school and how to register your interest in joining the team. You will be aware that the funding schools receive is inadequate and therefore we welcome and are immensely grateful for every piece of income we receive.

And GCSE and A levels are nearly upon us. Please continue to support and encourage your child to attend any last minute intervention and revision sessions on offer. It can only do good!

Best wishes

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



Our Year 10 Boys team recorded their second win in a row in a very close game against Evelyn Grace Academy. Mr Lemmie's Year 9 team are on the verge of qualifying for the semi-finals of the Lambeth League so watch this space!



We had our first ever Girls House Football competition this week with lots of our school athletes from Years 7, 8 & 9 representing their Houses. It was a very competitive event with Globe coming out victorious in a penalty shoot out win against Barbican!

## Highlights of the Week

As part of the Construction Youth Programme the new Yr 10 cohort of students continue to participate in the exciting range of workshops, visits and activities that are on offer. Last week - they were understanding the basics of bricklaying, considering weights, load and proportions, this week they met Construction Managers Simon Barnett (originally an electrical engineer) and Billy Ford-Langan, (originally a plumber) from Multiplex, a global construction company.



On Friday last week, Year 12 Acting and year 10 bursary took The Sad Club to The Tramshed theatre in Woolwich to perform in front of the National Theatre judges. Needless to say they absolutely smashed it and gave the best performance they've ever done. Now we wait to hear if we get through to perform at The National Theatre in June.



Visiting Creative Parents - thank you

Visiting creatives (all parents) shared their work and experience with students to give them a sense of the careers and directions a future in visual arts may take them to. It was a great opportunity to utilise some of the expertise of our parents and students really appreciated their time, expertise and talents.

Wayne and Romany from Snooze fabric held a workshop with a number of SEN students to come up with ideas and inspiration for a mural to decorate the SEN area - looked like a really good start! We can't wait to see the end result.



## Important Dates

- Thursday 9th May 4:30 - 7pm Year 7 Parents Evening
- Wednesday 15th May New Yr 7 Friendship Tea Party 4 - 6pm
- GCSE and A Level Exams Start Monday 20th May
- Thursday 23rd May 7pm Battle of the Bands
- Summer Half term 27th - 31st May

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Hector McCarthy Aitken (7ALE)
- Dahir Ali (8GJO)
- Lauren Smith (9EAN)
- Jayden Muscat (10DTA)
- Tatiana Rodruguez (11LSK)
- Cymeon Phillips (12NZH)
- Sarah Bouchene (13SP)



Romany and Wayne from Snooze Fabric

# Weekly News

May 1st 2024

## Information and Update from Friends of Norwood

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Norwood team for their continuing hard work and support and thought that it would be great to give you a little update on what they have been up to and how they have been spending the money they have raised.

They have made significant financial contributions to the following:

- £3k – towards the cost of the new set of steel pans
- £1k towards Mr Wolstenholmes amazing fundraising for the new grenade piano.
- 2k towards the cost of the coaches for Summer Activity Day.
- £750 towards the Yr 11 and Sixth Form proms donation

Last week saw a wonderful Arts Workshop that was also supported by FON, with artists joining students who have a range of SEND needs - coming up with a variety of possible ideas for an exciting mural that hopefully will be painted in the SEN area over the summer break.

Also - please note that the Friends of Norwood will be circulating role descriptions/responsibilities and looking for people to take on the PTA from the end of this term. We will be having an AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> June where voting will take place for the new team. If you have any questions or are interested in supporting the team - [all contact details can be found here on the website](#)

Huge thank you to the team for all their efforts and hard work.

## NORWOOD COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER Information for Parents

### 1 School Patrols in West Dulwich

[Love Your Doorstep](#) was launched in Enfield after the 2011 Riots to bring the community together. One of their community projects is the "Love Your Doorstep Community Patrol Scheme" which launched in 2019 to help keep students safe from robberies and anti social behaviour after school. The Dulwich Village patrols, supported by Community Police and Schools officers, are their first South of the River and began with routes to and from the Charter School.

Subject to recruitment, training and ASB checks the first volunteers for the West Dulwich patrols will walk pre-set routes around the Kingsdale school area: probably 4 - 5:30pm on school days. These will cover Alleyn Park, Dulwich College, Kingswood Estate and Gipsy Hill.

- A patrol is a group of 2-4 volunteers, who are visible, say hi and intervene if necessary by being friendly
- The scheme works on a rota, and volunteers sign up for days that suit them
- The more volunteers on the rota, the less time each needs to give.
- The recruitment process includes a DBS check plus safeguarding and first aid training
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The sign up form for volunteers is here  
<https://forms.gle/pAZHz526dbMofrVc9>

For more information please email  
[communitypatrol@loveyourdoorstep.co.uk](mailto:communitypatrol@loveyourdoorstep.co.uk)

### 2 Safe Havens and Spaces in West Norwood

Discussions are underway regarding funding to work with the [Safer Business Network](#) to provide [staff/volunteer training](#) across the borough. Meanwhile Herne Hill already has a programme and funding is being sought to cover Tulse Hill and West Norwood although a "cross-boundary" exercise to cover Dulwich, West Norwood and Crystal Palace has also been proposed.

Watch the video here [Safer Business Network](#) to see what is entailed in becoming a safe haven, including registration with the [Ask For Angela](#) service. Accredited premises are added to the [Walksafe](#) maps for the Homesafe, Follow Me and [Student](#) and [Business](#) features. They are also used for the [Good Night Out Campaign](#).

The aim would be to engage as many local pubs, coffee shops, restaurants, pharmacies, health, welfare, community, faith and youth centres as practical with the provision of both Safe Havens and Safe Spaces (with warmth and food, for home work and social contact). We would also wish to involve beauticians, hairdressers and nail bars as locations for discrete calls for help.

Please contact [Contact - Station to Station](#) if you are interested in helping (whether as a potential safe haven or as a donor/supporter) and/or would like a copy of the Safe Haven information sheet.

### 3 Community Policing News, Contacts and Dates

The [Contact your local policing team](#) button on the Met Police website now carries buttons to report neighbourhood concerns or contact your local team and the new system is being used to support monthly reports for the Safer Neighbourhood Panels to distribute. These also cover the local policing priorities agreed with the Panels. These are commonly shoplifting, motor vehicle crime and a mix of ASB and/or robbery. There has also been an instruction to the Lambeth teams to give priority to cycle theft, not shown separately in the figures for robbery or burglary.

The advice on [Bicycle theft](#) on the [Neighbourhood Watch website](#) links to a text produced by Oxford Neighbourhood Watch in co-operation with the University [Bike Theft Prevention](#). In view of reports of local ambushes of cyclists on their way to work/school (robbery) and of overnight thefts from locked garden sheds (burglary), a key point is to fit a hidden tracker and register your bike. Installing trackers also seems to apply to thefts of high value tools from vans and sites.

The local Safer Neighbourhood Panels (Gipsy Hill, Knights Hill, St Martins and West Dulwich) have begun co-opting representatives from the schools, faith and youth groups, local businesses and other “partners” serving their communities to help ensure those priorities reflect the concern of **all** local residents, young and old, particularly those who are most vulnerable are rarely attend meetings or make their concerns known.

The first of the new Neighbourhood Watch Groups has gone live, linked to West Dulwich SNP. An exercise across the local SNPs to encourage new groups and co-opt representatives from Tenants and Residents Groups serving estates and streets which do not have a Group is getting under way.

Please visit [Neighbourhood Watch](#), browse and join as an individual. It is free, there are no obligations on you and the newsletters and discounts make it well worthwhile. Consider

In the meantime - the following local Meet the Police and SNP Meetings are scheduled:

### [Gipsy Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)

[GipsyHill.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:GipsyHill.SNT@met.police.uk)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 11.30 – 12.00 Budgens 207 Gipsy Road

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 11.30 – 12.00 Gipsy Hill

Next Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting: May 21st

### [Knights Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)

[KnightsHill.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:KnightsHill.SNT@met.police.uk)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1.00 -2.00 Outside B&Q

Next Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting: March 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30

### [St Martin's Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)

[StMartins.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:StMartins.SNT@met.police.uk)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 3.00 – 4.00 Co-Op 178 NR

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 – 11.00 Abbots Park Community Centre

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 – 11.00 Co-Op 178 NR

Next Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup> 2.30

### [West Dulwich Safer Neighbourhood Team](#)

[ThurlowPark.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:ThurlowPark.SNT@met.police.uk)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10.00 – 11.00 Tesco Express 551 Norwood Road

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 – 11.00 Co-Op 539 Norwood Road

Next Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meeting: May 8<sup>th</sup>

email [wdsnpssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:wdsnpssecretary@gmail.com)

See also [Railway Guardian](#) for reporting incidents on stations and trains.

[Have your say on Lambeth School Streets Expansion](#) This includes the proposal for [Dunraven Primary School](#). The deadline for submissions has been extended to July 8<sup>th</sup>.

[Have your say on School Streets Expansion](#). This includes the proposal for [Paxton Primary School](#). The deadline is August 26<sup>th</sup>.

The [Statutory Consultation on the West Dulwich CPZ and Healthy Route](#) has been postponed until after the election on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The [ePetition calling for a West Dulwich LTN Urgent Review](#), on access, road safety and pollution grounds (including on boundary streets), deadline 31<sup>st</sup> May, has nearly 900 signatures. A Whats App group, representatives from the streets, estates and businesses affected has been formed.

## 4 Youth Engagement and Health and Wellbeing Activities

The Norwood Community Safety Partnership priority for May is to

Health and Wellbeing Grants between £4 – 7,000 for established Tulse Hill organisations with experience supporting local residents for projects that address health inequalities through: Physical health, Social inclusion, Mental wellbeing and/or Improving the local environment. Lambeth Council has provided £28,000 in total to be distributed. All grantees will also be provided with up to 5 days of capacity building support, tailored to their needs. The grants application process will launch in May. To register interest please email [hello@high-trees.org](mailto:hello@high-trees.org) or call 0208 671 3132

[Rathbone Society's](#) Inspiring Learning Project has been running for three years and has supported 90 young people. They are seeking additional mentors, particularly for children and young people from refugee and asylum-seeking families in digital and physical poverty with lack of access to full participation in education. Volunteers should be able to commit an hour a week for at least six months to help a student, between Y7 and Y11. with their homework and/or revision in one subject, for example English (many come from households where English is not the first language), Maths, History or Science. Study support sessions are online, 4pm onwards. Please contact [Rathbone Youth Centre](#)

[High Trees](#) are hosting their first Lambeth Charity Networking Event - open to everyone working for not-for-profit organisations in Lambeth. The event will be held on Thursday 9th May, 4pm - 6pm at the High Trees Hub (220 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2NS). This is an opportunity to meet others working in the sector and find out about the work being done by different organisations in Lambeth, with refreshments provided. We also welcome feedback on how you'd like this event to be structured. If you would like to attend, or cannot make it this time but would like to in the future, please click [here](#)

## 5 Contacts for News and Information

Norwood Community Safety Partnership  
[csp@norwoodforum.org](mailto:csp@norwoodforum.org)

For local news sign up to the [Norwood Forum newsletter](#) plus those for [Station to Station](#), [Norwood Action Group](#) and [Friends of Gipsy Hill](#) . To post or find out about local employment and volunteering opportunities visit [Local Job Vacancies - Station to Station](#)

Visit [Lambeth Made](#) for information on the education, skills and employment programmes organised by the Council and sign up here [Contact | Lambeth Made](#) to request newsletters.

For the Lambeth Youth and Play Newsletter e-mail  
[ORotibi@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ORotibi@lambeth.gov.uk)

Use the [Opportunity Lambeth](#) to post/discover employment and volunteering opportunities

[Rathbonesociety](#) runs the [Youth Employment Hub](#) for West Norwood, providing support for Lambeth residents aged 16 to 30: e mail [youthpromise@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:youthpromise@lambeth.gov.uk) and [registration form](#)

[Fight for Change](#) runs the [Lambeth Young Advisors](#)

[Lambeth Parent Forum](#) organises a wide range of [activities](#) for those aged up to 25. [Visit here for news and past newsletters](#) and here to [JOIN THE FORUM](#)

The [Lambeth Safeguarding Children Partnership](#) provides [Training](#) and a [Newsletter](#)

The Lambeth Sports team can be contacted via [sports@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:sports@lambeth.gov.uk)

To add services to the [Lambeth Family-information-directory](#) please use [promote-your-service](#)