



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



It's this time of year when a lot of choices are being made by many of our students and families. Our careers fair, held last week, was an opportunity for every year group to think about future careers or directions of study and ask questions of the experts in the room - including our own knowledgeable staff and visitors from other institutions. It was a busy day with lots of useful conversations had. We also had Year 9 Parents Evening last week where discussions about current progress and future subject options took place in - Year 9 and their families are making their final decisions and applications soon! We have Year 11, having undertaken their mocks making decisions about their next steps - our 6th form being a choice for many. And right at the top of the school Year 13 have made their UCAS choices and offers from universities are rolling in. Or they are seeking a role in the world of work. It is a time for them to consider what lies beyond Norwood which is both exciting and a little scary. We will do our best to support all of them in whatever decisions they make and hope their next steps are successful and enjoyable ones.

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

Careers Fair 2024



Year 9 students went on a Hospitality Industry taster day. The students had a fantastic time watching cooking demonstrations whilst being fed tasters of Wagyu beef, mini burgers, pasta, 3 types of Valrhona chocolate, 4 types of ice cream, roasted vegetables and pine berries!



Teyana and Bree won the mocktail competition and have won themselves a meal with an adult each

## Highlights of the Week

We had another successful annual Careers Fair last week- throughout the day all year groups got to have informed conversations about future directions - including our 6th Form. We hosted over 50 Universities, Colleges and employers, thank you to all those who attended.

The African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust, whose mission it is to increase the number of potential bone marrow matches across all ethnic groups came in last week. Once again our sixth formers really impressed the team with their eagerness to "Sign the sheet and swab their cheek".

Our amazing art technician and artist, Ms Jackson led a book binding workshop with Bursary students this week - with great results!

Update on Norwood's UK Maths Challenge results. We entered just under 190 students into the Intermediate Maths Challenge. We managed to achieve: 46 Bronze awards, 21 Silver awards, 2 Gold awards, Automatic Qualification for the next stage - The Pink Kangaroo and Automatic Qualification for the Maths Olympiad - well done everyone!

Kyra and Aaron from School Council presented to Governors on Monday on all aspects of their ambitions plans for the year ahead. The team also met this week to give feedback on the Olive Dining Summer menu suggestions. They were also asked their views regarding a new proposed Unisex blazer - they absolutely love the uniform changes and think it's a great idea. We are glad they agree!

## Important Dates

- Yr 9 Pathways Application Workshop Study Hub Wed 28th Feb 5 - 6pm
- Year 11 Info Evening - Thursday 14th March
- Deadline for Yr 9 Pathways Friday 8th March 5pm
- Music Showcase Wednesday 27th March
- Term finishes Thursday 28th March 12:40pm

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Francesca Bosworth 7DRO
- Leo Holmes 8MCL
- Ivo McCarthy Aitken 9GFW
- Anyah Omar 10DTA
- Natalie Koper 11LSK
- Carlina Kupper 12SPE
- Babette Otto 13NZH



African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust,



Ms Jackson's Book Binding workshop



School Council meeting

