

**Check your emails for info on up  
and coming Cultural Day July 16th**

Dear Parents,  
Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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We have sunshine! What a difference it makes to our mood and wellbeing. Lots of our current and future events such as sporting fixtures and DofE expeditions are affected by the weather so long may the sun continue to shine.

As headteachers we always find time to talk at the end of each day to discuss the highs and lows of what are always busy days. One of our highs is often the snatched conversations we have with students, whether it be in lessons, around the school site, or when we are on lunch duty. These chats give us a chance to find out so many things. Just last week we managed to speak with students about topics including: our uniform, what lessons had gone well, assessments, revision techniques, the Euros, bangers 'n' mash for lunch and were even treated to an impromptu rap about environmental issues. We really appreciate these opportunities to hear the thoughts of our students and hope they recognise that their views and opinions are listened to.

The more formal Hot Chocolate with the Heads which takes place every Friday is an absolute highlight for us. This year we have welcomed over 200 students in total into our office who have been nominated by staff for reasons such as their commitment to their learning, being kind to others or making a positive contribution to the school. It is always a lovely end to our week and reminds of how fortunate we are to be in a role where we get to hear about all the good young people do both in and out of school.

We hope you have a positive week.

Best wishes  
Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole  
Co-Headteachers



Cricketing Success! Best bowler- Mustafa Khan, took 4 wickets and prompted non stop complaints from Dulwich who claimed he was bowling too fast! Best batter- Otto Balaam- batted for 18 of the 20 overs scoring 77 runs holding everyone else together.

Weekly News

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# Weekly News

June 26th 2024

## Highlights of the Week

We are officially a school of Sanctuary! The only secondary school in Lambeth and the third in London to receive the award. Whoop Whoop! Take a look over the page at some of the activities that happened throughout Refugee Week and some of the great feedback from the assessors.

Mr Parsons took our cricketers to Dulwich College last week to play in an incredibly close well fought game played in beautiful conditions. However, the boys ended losing in a nail biting final over. Fantastic performance given this was the second ever game over 50% of them had ever played.

There was also this message from Year 11 Stephan O: 'I know I've said it many times over but I would like to say just how much I appreciate what you've done for me and everything you do on a daily basis. I never think my thanks is good enough to make up for it, so I'll say it as much as I can before I feel there's no need to. Thank you everyone. I will truly miss you all.'

## Important Dates

- 26th 7pm and 27th June Yr 13 Acting Showcase 4pm and 7pm
- Thursday 27th June Visual Arts Showcase 5 - 7 pm atrium
- Yr 8 Student Ambassador Applications open
- Whole School Show The Wiz 10th July 7pm, 11th July 4pm and 7pm
- Cultural Social Tuesday 16th July 6pm
- Sports Day at Tooting Bec Monday 22nd July
- Activity Day Tuesday 23rd July
- End of Summer term Wed 24th July 12:40

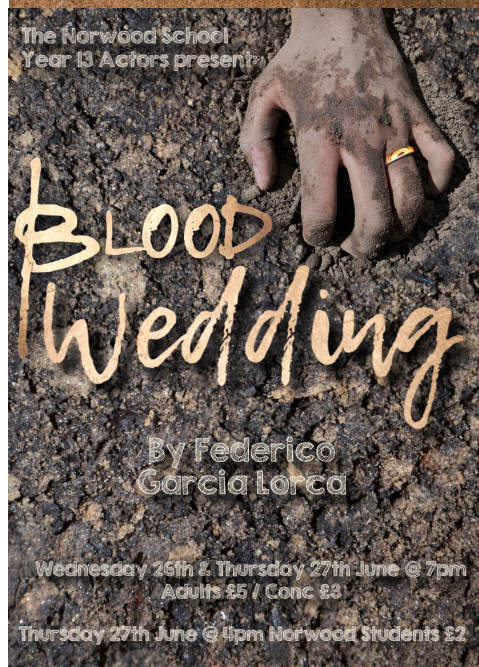
## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Celia Arn (7RPI)
- Marlana Hillier (8MCL)
- Amari Fagan (9WMA)
- Kiya Marriott Black (10JAL) and Kiyanna Reece More(10BGA)
- Nic Ancheta Donieza (12SPE)



Amazing So You Think You Can Dance last week



**Remember to name your child's uniform in this hot weather, if they are removing jumpers, ties or blazers during the day**

# Refugee Week

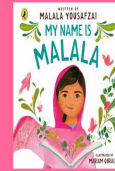
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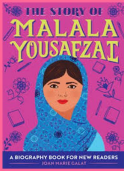
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**SANCTUARY AWARD**  
Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

We are officially a school of Sanctuary! The only secondary school in Lambeth and the third in London to receive the award. It is a really important award for us and recognises all the excellent work Ms Olano and her team do with the help of staff here.

“Books are a better investment in our future than bullets. Books, not bullets, will pave the path towards peace and prosperity.”



*Malala Yasoufzai*



Planting, tasting and cooking international flavours



Reading, watching films, creating, listening, empathising, understanding.



What the team of assessors said about us.... 'Thank you so much for welcoming us to your school this week. Your students were an absolute credit to you and I was deeply moved by how unequivocal your former students, the parent and the Virtual Heads were about the level of support your school offers. It was truly such an honour to visit your school.'

As promised, I wanted to get back in touch as soon as possible to share our award decision and I am delighted to confirm that The Norwood School has been awarded as our latest School of Sanctuary! [Read about it here!](#) Becoming a School of Sanctuary is not an easy task, requiring a whole school effort and going above and beyond. As I think I mentioned, very few secondary schools are able to achieve this award and your application was, frankly, a whole other level. I really appreciate that despite your long-standing efforts and deep expertise in this space, you have been so open to feedback and dialogue and think this says a lot about your commitment to continuously reviewing and refining your practice. It has been a joy working with you.