

IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,
Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Have you named ALL your child's uniform?

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. We hope your summer holidays brought opportunities to relax and have some family time. You will be able to see that some of our students had the experience of a lifetime doing voluntary work in Kenya over the summer - thanks to Mr Wolstenholme who worked alongside them!

We have hosted assemblies this week with each year group, focusing on the importance of being ready. Of course different year groups will have different priorities and experiences but being ready for school and ready to learn are our expectations across all age groups from yr 7 to yr 13. Your support in ensuring your child leaves home in full uniform, on time and with all they need for the day ahead is appreciated.

We want to say a big well done to our yr 11 and 13 cohorts of last year who achieved some excellent results at A level and GCSEs. It is lovely to welcome back so many of our students to our sixth form - a testament to the excellent teaching, guidance and support they have experienced in their time with us.

Finally, a big welcome to our new year 7s. They have made a great start and it was lovely to see them clapped in by other year groups at their house assemblies. A real moment of pride for us.. We wish them well.

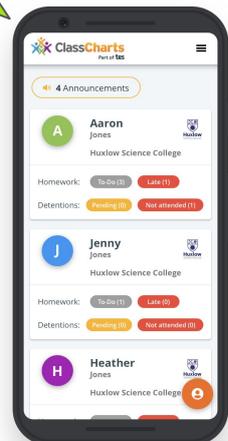
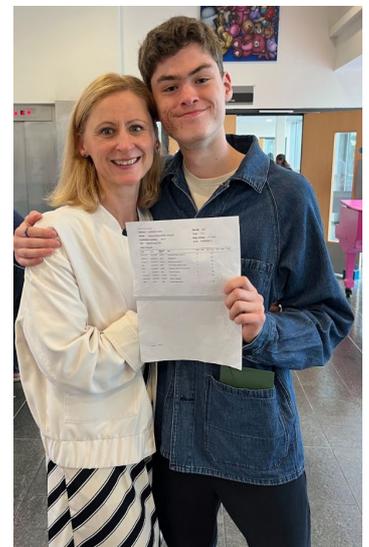
Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers

Admissions for a place in 2025 - don't forget, even if you have a sibling in school, your Yr 6 child MUST sit the admissions test - [apply here.](#)

Have you got the Class Charts App? Go to the school website and download the Parents Guide. [Click here](#)

Smiles all round below on A Level and GCSE results Days.



Classcharts

Weekly News

September 11th 2024

After school *First Boxing Club* resumes on Wednesday 25th, only 30 places available, [sign up here.](#)

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR SUCCESS Every Minute in School Counts

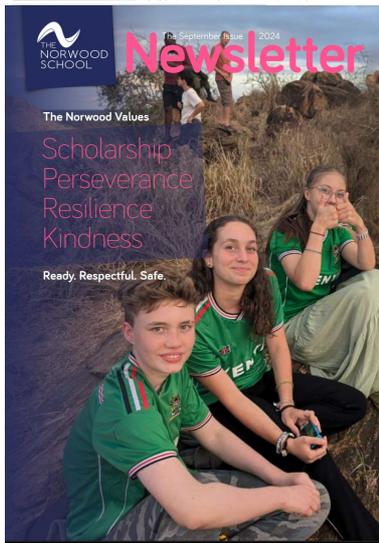
Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good [attendance](#) enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't. Our school day is split into two sessions – one session counts as a morning or afternoon spent in school. There are only a few occasions where a child is allowed to miss school, such as illness or where the school has given permission because of an exceptional circumstance. [However, if your child misses school without a good reason, local councils and schools can intervene and you may be issued a fine.](#) If there are exceptional circumstances when you need to apply for absence - [please use the form here on the website and forward your request to the co head teachers.](#)

Keep your eyes out for our wonderful new Autumn newsletter, we will text you when we give it out to the students so that it doesn't end up in the bottom of their bags for weeks! It is a great whizz through just some of last year's highlights. We hope that you enjoy it. The students newspaper - The Norwood Voice - will also be available, well done to the team of keen journalists who worked with Ms Ansel to produce it.

We are on Week One of the Olive Dining menus. [The three week rotation is available for you to see here,](#) alongside the most recent price list and what the Sixth form can pick up form Esters cafe.

Important Dates

- 12:40pm Early Closure for Open Evening on Thursday 19th September.
- Staff INSET Day School Closed to all students October Friday 4th October
- [All Key Assessments and reporting dates found here](#)
- All Parents Evening Dates [for the year found here](#)
- Yr 6 Admissions [proformas and deadlines](#)
- Sixth form Open Evening 17th October 5 - 7pm
- Yr 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor Evening October 10th 5 - 7pm
- Y 9 Information Evening Thursday 5th December 5 - 7pm
- Yr 11 Parents Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm



AUTUMN MENU					WEEK 1
					WEDNESDAY
	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
MAIN	CHICKEN LEGS & MASH/ROASTIE CREAMY MASH & CARROT VEGETABLES ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	STEAK BEEF PASTA TOMATO SAUCE ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	LAMB & HERB CARROT COLESLAW PASTA ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	BEEF CHILLI CARROT STEAMER VEGETABLES & QUINOA ICE, E, & M, SO	FISH & CHIPS WITH FRESH HERB MUSHY PEAS & GARLIC SAUCE ICE, E, & M, SO
VEGETARIAN	VEGETABLE BEEF VEGETABLE PIE CREAMY MASH & CARROT VEGETABLES ICE, E, & M, SO	VEGETABLE PASTA TOMATO SAUCE ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	VEGETABLE MUSHY PEAS WITH NOODLES ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	VEGETABLE & CHICKEN CHICKEN STEAMER ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO	VEGETARIAN ICE, E, & SO, SO ICE, E, & M, SO
PASTA/PIZZA	MEATBALL MARRIAGE PASTA ICE, E, & M, SO	CREAMY PASTA PASTA ICE, M, SO	TOMATO & CHEESE PASTA ICE, SO	MAC & CHEESE PASTA ICE, M, SO	CHEF'S CHOICE
PUD	TOFFEE PUDDING CHOCOLATE SAUCE ICE, E, & M, SO	WINTERBERRY CHOCOLATE ICE, E, & M, SO	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE ICE, E, & M, SO	BAKED APPLE PIE & WHIPPED CREAM ICE, M, SO	CHOCOLATE & BERRY BROWNIE ICE, E, & M, SO
STREET FOOD	JAMBLON PASTIES VORWORT MILKSHAKE ICE, E, & M, SO	GREEN DRINK TACO, MASH, CHICKEN ICE, E, & M, SO	BEEF LAMBURGS ICE, E, & M, SO	ICE CREAM ICE, E, & M, SO	SALT & PEPPER ICE, E, & M, SO

Aaron - congratulations! Signed to Woking FC and doing his A Levels at the same time! Here with former Ms Galdames, and Mr Galea.



End of Summer term trip to Kenya

Over the summer holidays, eight of our students from The Norwood School joined forces with eight students from Harris Beckenham for an unforgettable adventure in Kenya! During their time there, they participated in a series of impactful projects, including wildlife conservation, renovating school buildings, and even helping to build homes for the local community.

Our students were nothing short of amazing! Their dedication, teamwork, and passion shone through in every project they tackled. This experience proved to be truly life-changing for everyone involved, as they not only made a tangible difference but also created lasting memories. From planting trees to working hard building homes, and even hiking through the breathtaking Tsavo National Park, our students embraced every moment. We couldn't be prouder of their efforts!



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Extend your Child Benefit claim for your teen today.

It's time for parents across the UK to [extend their Child Benefit claim](#) if their 16-19-year-old is staying in full-time non-advanced education or approved training. HMRC sent 1.4 million letters between 24 May and 17 July to parents, explaining how to extend their claim. If you haven't received a letter, there's no need to worry. You can still extend your Child Benefit via the [HMRC app](#) or [online](#) where eligible. We know how important Child Benefit can be to families, so let HMRC know by 31 August if your teen intends to stay in approved education or training. Extending your Child Benefit ensures you won't miss out on any payments from 31 August. However, if your child changes their mind about further education or training, you can simply let HMRC know online or in the app and we'll update our records and adjust any payments as needed. For parents who can't extend their Child Benefit online, you can still do so by [post or by phone](#).

[Do you need to apply for Free School Meals?](#)

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)