

Dear Mr Cole, Ms Clemenger, Mr Waro & Mr Curtis,

I just wanted to send a note of thanks for the Year 7 parents' evening last night. A lot of parents in a small amount of time were all eager to know how their child was doing and to meet the teachers behind their learning, and the evening ran like clockwork.

Please do pass on my thanks, as I truly felt that every teacher knew my son Jamie in 7CU really well, I came away confident that not only his academic learning was developing but his well-being and personal development was growing under the attention and kindness that he seems to be receiving from your team. I came away super proud after hearing some of the lovely compliments and kind words that they shared. I felt if going forward we had any concerns to discuss, all the teachers we met were very approachable, and easy to reach out to.

Please do pass on my thanks to all those involved when you have your next staff meeting. In our world these days we are sometimes all too quick to critic & criticise so I did want to send a quick note of gratitude to share with your team.

Kind regards Sally & Matt

Working with Parents & Families

Our PTA fundraising group FONS, are going from strength to strength.

Last year they raised over £17,000 through a variety of activities and initiatives including the ever popular Comedy Night, much welcomed second hand uniform sales, Friday Hot Chocolate stalls, refreshments and treats at shows and social events. Please check out the website for further information and details about how you can join in if you aren't already involved. We were all very grateful for their thank you parcels to staff at the end of term.



Parents Evenings 2024/25

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Thursday 10th October 2024. 5 - 7pm

Year 7 Parents Evening
Thursday 15th May 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 1st May 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 9 Information Evening
Thursday 7th November 2024. 5 - 7pm

Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 6th March 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 6th February 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 12th December 2024. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 11 Information Evening
Thursday 20th March 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Sixth Form Parents Evening
Thursday 9th January 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

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The September Issue 2024 Newsletter

The Norwood Values

Scholarship
Perseverance
Resilience
Kindness

Ready. Respectful. Safe.



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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Welcome back to a new academic year. We are proud and delighted to be able to share our latest bumper newsletter with you.

Last academic year was certainly a busy one and whilst of course, we enjoy celebrating the academic success of our students who have done so well recently with their GCSE and A Level Results, we hope that you will also enjoy looking through just some of the other extra curricular highlights from last year. It was definitely a challenge to pick the small selection we have included here!

For prospective parents visiting us during this year's Open Season, a warm welcome to you all too. Undoubtedly, you will see in this newsletter that we offer an incredibly exciting variety of enrichment opportunities outside the classroom to all our students, whatever their talents or interests, but we hope that you will appreciate our drive and commitment to the importance of academic rigour. We know that our hard work, determination and the commitment of our talented staff ensures students leave us with the very possible outcomes.

Mr Cole and Ms Clemenger
Co-Headteachers

“ Whilst we appreciate the need for rigour, high expectations and academic challenge at Norwood, we place great importance on friendships, making happy memories, instilling gratitude and appreciation in our community.

”

Open Season

Open Season feedback from families

This school is Lambeth's best kept secret - and I'm keeping it a secret so nobody can take my child's place!

Students and staff are really welcoming and it's been such an enjoyable experience.

This is the fifth school we've toured - Dunraven, Elmgreen and the two schools my wife and I work in and this is by far the best!

We love your school. I really want my child to get in. Fingers crossed.

What a great school. Thanks for making us feel so welcome. Our number 1 choice.

Open Evening & Days 2024/25

Open Evening - (5.00pm - 8.00pm)
Thursday 19th September 2024
Booking not required

Open days (9.15am-10.30am)
Booking essential see website for details
Thursday 12th September 2024
Friday 13th September 2024
Monday 16th September 2024
Tuesday 17th September 2024
Wednesday 2nd October 2024
Friday 7th March 2025

Closing date for Bursary Application Forms
Friday 11th October 2024

Bursary auditions and workshops
Saturday 19th October 2024

Closing date for SIF
Friday 25th October 2024

Admission Test Day
Saturday 16th November 2024

Bursaries Available:
The Norwood School are proud to offer bursaries to students who show a natural aptitude and passion for the Arts.

Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday October 17th 2024. 5.00 - 7.00pm

Access Project & Russell Group Meeting
Study Hub @ **4:15pm**

Talk to Parents & Pupils Theatre
@ **6.00pm**

A Level & BTEC Results

Congratulations A Level Successes

Congratulations to all the Sixth Form students who have achieved another set of amazing results.

It is always a pleasure to be there on results day to celebrate and support the students when they get their results. We wish them all the very best of luck, wherever they have chosen to go, we know they will keep in touch and we really look forward to finding out what university life or the world of work has in store for them.

Thank you to Natassia and the Access Project team who help us support the most able students from Yr 10 right the way through to Yr 13.

A levels (% of grades)

A* - B	69%
A* - C	80%
A* - E	97%

Vocational

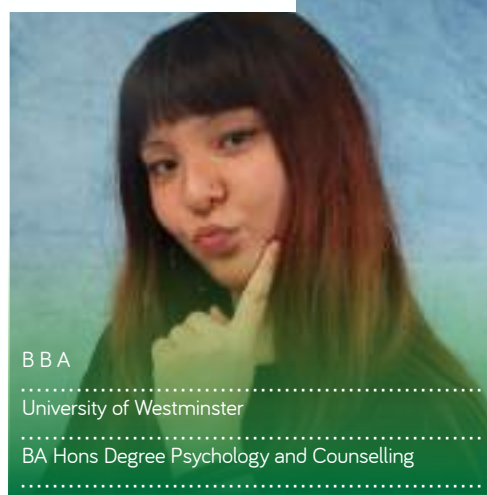
Di-Di*	66%
Di-M	86%
Di - P	97%



Luke Akposhoro

The Access Project

Karyn Laity-Nishiyama



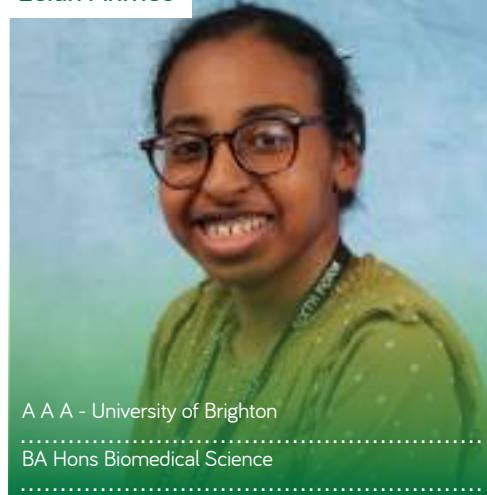
B B A
University of Westminster
BA Hons Degree Psychology and Counselling

Kiyarol Soocka



A* A* D - Ravensbourne University London
BA Hons Degree Character Design and Concept Art

Leian Ahmed



A A A - University of Brighton
BA Hons Biomedical Science

Luke Akposhoro is our University Access Officer from The Access Project.

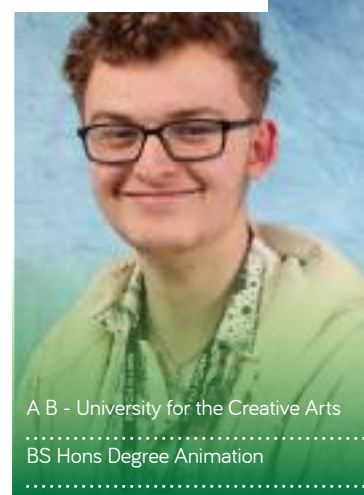
Luke's job is to support disadvantaged students on their pathway to University. He does this by supporting students through 1:1 mentoring on revision techniques, post-16 choices, making university choices, and personal statements.

Anastazia Pina Pereira



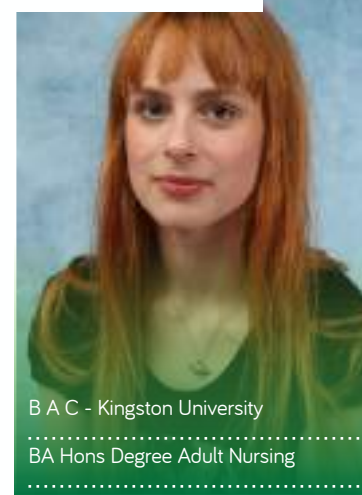
A* A B
London City & Guilds Art School
BA Hons Fine Art

Anto Darell-Brown



A B - University for the Creative Arts
BS Hons Degree Animation

Emmi Leppanen



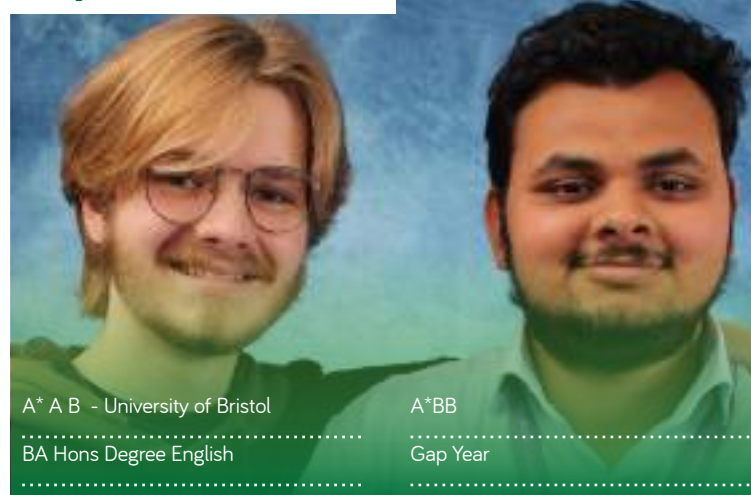
B A C - Kingston University
BA Hons Degree Adult Nursing

Keely Clarke



Di Di M - University of Birmingham
BS Hons Degree Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences

Sonny Wilkes & Sahil Mandal



A* A B - University of Bristol
BA Hons Degree English

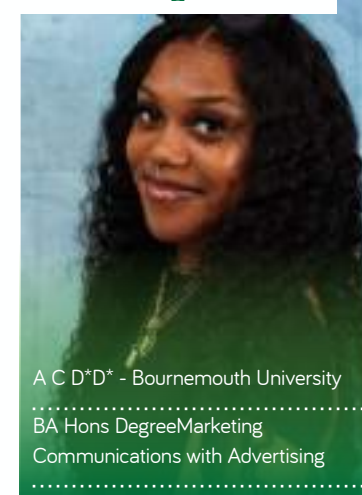
A*BB
Gap Year

Tianna Salmon



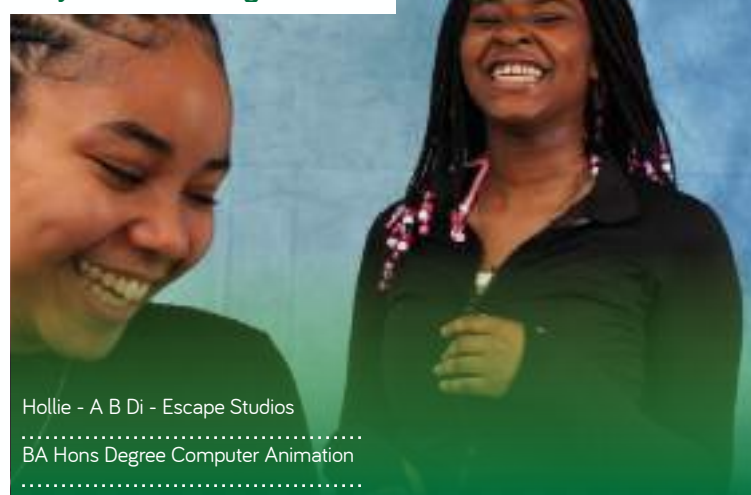
B B B - Lancaster University
BS Hons Degree Biomedical Science

Vaness Balogun-Palmer



A C D*D* - Bournemouth University
BA Hons Degree Marketing Communications with Advertising

Imojen and Hollie Egbuhuzor



Hollie - A B Di - Escape Studios
BA Hons Degree Computer Animation

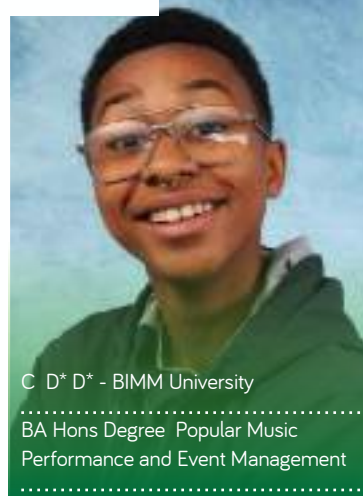
Grace Evans and Theodora



D*D* DD - BIMM University LMA
BA Hons Degree Musical Theatre/
Dance and Dance Performance

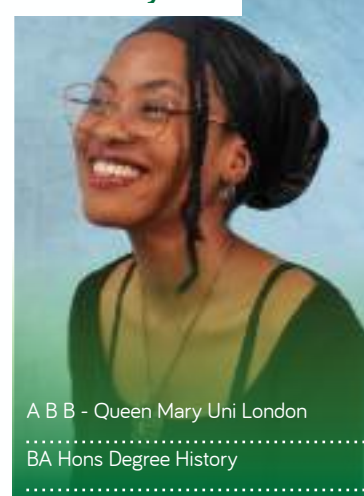
D D B
BIMM Performance Dance

Rowan



C D* D* - BIMM University
BA Hons Degree Popular Music Performance and Event Management

Rochelle Gymafi



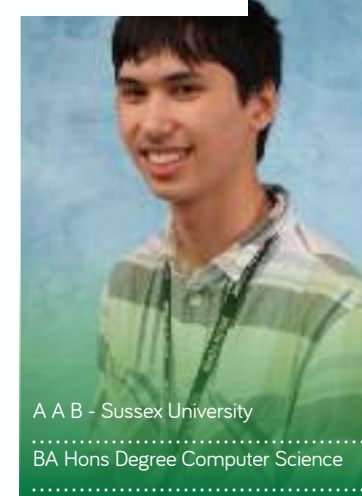
A B B - Queen Mary Uni London
BA Hons Degree History

Lily Farhy



A B B - University of Sussex History
BA Hons Degree History

Victor Cozzolino



A A B - Sussex University
BA Hons Degree Computer Science

Tiora Oribhabor
LMA
BA Hons Dance Performance

Eniola Omonjo
Bournemouth University
BA Hons Midwifery

Lyra Palitz Tsang
University of Manchester
BA Hons Geography with
International study

Alex Ekenger Martin
Glasgow School of Art
BA Hons in Environmental Art/
Sculpture

Inge Lasmane
University of Gloucestershire
BA Hons in Human Geography

Elliot Bunting
University of the Arts London
BA Hons Graphic Design

Daniel Brooks
Birmingham City University
BA Hons Finance

Kyra Wallace
University of East London
BA Hons Dance Urban Practice

Tye McCarthy
Ravensbourne University
BA Hons Creative Computing

Hugo Patron-Mowat
**Bristol, University of the West
of England**
BA Hons Business and
Management

Brooks Danielle
Birmingham City University
BA Hons Accounting & Finance

Zia Santos
Falmouth University
BA Hons Electronic Music
Production

Ffion Biggart
University of South Wales
BA Hons in Popular and
Commercial Music

Rahima Kosia
University of Brighton
BA Hons Psychology with
Counselling Studies

Maelys Even
Kingston University
BA Hons Fine Art

Ezra Bass
University of Reading
BA Hons Computer Science

Mireille Kouassi-Assale
Leeds Beckett University
BA Hons Filmmaking

Mary Nsingi
**Goldsmiths University of
London**
BA Hons Computer Science

Ruth Ameyaw
Kingston University
BA Hons Social Work

Shyanne Bean
Aberystwyth University
BA Hons Creative Writing and
Film and Television Studies

Aleks Nikolov
**Goldsmiths, University of
London**
BA Hons Music

Robert Petraru
University of Westminster,
BA Hons Software Engineering

Christien Otto
University of East London
BA Hons Data Science and
Artificial Intelligence

Kalia Bonti
University of Leicester
BA Hons Sociology with
Criminology

Jessica Morley
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Rassim Abdiche
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BA Hons Law with International
Business

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BA Hons Computer Games
Development

Isaiah Dapaah
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and Finance

Hanaan Hassan
Kingston University
BA Hons Journalism and Media

Marni Humphries
University of Brighton
BA Hons Sport Coaching

Saint Irhabor
Birmingham City University
BA Hons Accounting and
Finance

Abdul Khan
University of West London
BA Hons Criminology

Jude Lewis
**Buckinghamshire New
University**
BA Hons Computer Science

Cameron Richards
Middlesex University
BA Hons Law

Caelen Spence-Perkins
Kingston University
BA Hons Real Estate Management

Prom Season

Year 13
Sixth Form Prom at Bel Air House

Year 11
All Aboard the Good Ship Graduation!

What a fabulous way to celebrate the end of their exams, all glammed up and ready to party, Yr 11 partied the night away on a Thames River Cruise.



GCSE Results

Congratulations GCSE Successes

Another set of great results from the Class of 2024! Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard and thank you to their teachers and families for the valuable support that they gave. It was great to see how many families and staff came in on results day to support the students.

Jacob

2 8's, 3 7's, 4 6's
and a Distinction

Lucie

3 9's, 1 8, 2 7's, 1 6, 1 5
and a Distinction

Mia

8 9's, 1 8, 1 7
and a Distinction

Peggy

Distinction, 2 8's, 5 7's, 1 6

Samuel

6 9's, 2 8's and 2 7's

Mahalia

6 9's, 3 8's and 1 5.

Beatrice

3 8's, 2 7's, 2 6's, 2 5's.

Elsa

6 6's, 3 7's and a 5

Angus

2 9's 2 8's 4 7's 1 6

Mary

1 9, 1 8, 4 7's, 2 6's and a 5
Pic with parents

Oriana & Morena

2 9's, 5 8's, 7 7's 1 6
and 3 5's between them!

Paul

1 9, 5 8's, 2 7's, 2 6's

Aaron

1 Distinction, 3 7's, 1 6, 2 5's
and a 4

Thomas

3 7's, 5 6's, and a 4.

Ramona

10 9's and 1 7

Aaron and supportive mum



Thomas with proud mum & sister



Jacob



Lucie



Mia & Peggy + Family



Emilia and Paul



Head of Yr Ms Galdames
with Amal & Shamelia



Mary & excited parents



Mahalia & Beatrice



Angus (second right) with friends



66% 9 - 4
English & Maths

Attainment 8
49.1



Autumn Term

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- Induction and Academic Review Days
- Open Season
- Black History Month - Saluting our Sisters
- Anti Bullying Week
- Admissions Tests
- Transgender Awareness Week
- Film Festival
- Dance Showcase
- This Girl Can Sport
- Talk Consent
- Charity Fundraising
- Mentor Training
- Norwood Factor
- Maths Olympiad Champions
- Portrait Award
- Bursary Workshops
- Meet the tutor evenings
- Lambeth Cross Country Champions
- Music Showcase
- Monologue Slam
- Sixth Form Improv
- School Council Hustings

Trips & Visits

- Old Vic
- Ritzy
- Accelerate Studios
- Photographers Gallery
- China Town
- Urban Farm
- British Film Institute
- Institut Français





Our new Year 7 enjoying the unseasonal sunshine

New Term 2023

It has been a pleasure seeing all the students really getting back into their stride after the summer break this week. Witnessing our new Year 7s settle in and welcoming back our Years 8-13 has been exciting. We held our first House Day to launch this year's inter house competition. It was also a great way to foster positive relationships and teamwork across the school. A return to school also means we can catch up with students ask about their holidays and how they are finding their new lessons. It is a time of new beginnings that always creates a buzz around the school.

A new academic year with new uniform, new stationary and new intentions and ambitions. We hope it brings us all joy and success.

Out & About

Kew Gardens



Mr Foster and Mr Isitt took a group of students to Kew Gardens on a trip at the very end of last term. It was a lovely way to round up a year of gardening for all the children.



Last year's House Winners **Globe** - enjoying their prize of a day out at the Ice rink.



Yr 10 Football Football

We were delighted to find out how well Donte Year 10 has done. A superb footballer, he has been awarded a scholarship to the Crystal Palace Academy for two years. What an achievement. Well done.

October



Performing Arts

Lunchtime Live



Lunchtime Live was back this week with a sets from our Yr 12 and Yr 13 bands. Great to see them back in their rightful place!

A Talented Bunch

We have been reminded of what a talented and creative bunch of students we have at Norwood this week. From dancers visiting local primary schools, to the return of the 6th form band to our regular Lunchtime Live music showcases - it is always great to see our students performing. We have also held the annual Norwood Portrait artist competition this week. We think the judges will have a tough job choosing just one winner, such was the skill on show.

We have also been getting into lessons and seeing a lot of our Year 11s and Year 13s at work with their teachers. This year is crucial for them and we have been glad to so many are starting early in terms of their efforts in class and at home ahead of their upcoming assessments. It is always interesting to get in to watch lessons in action and see the skill of our staff working with students to understand new concepts. This week we have learnt new things too: in English we considered parsimony in A Christmas Carol, Reactivity was being covered in Chemistry and in History, reasons for Drake's expedition of the Atlantic Coast were being analysed.



We enjoyed looking through the varied entries for this year's portrait artist competition. Such talent! The shortlist has been compiled and the five finalists have been creating their winning efforts this week starting on Monday in the atrium. We are really looking forward to seeing their final efforts.

Year 13 dancers made it into Sunnyhill's newsletter last week! Over the past 2 weeks they have been running dance sessions with the year 4's for their 'leading dance' unit and have done amazingly well. Ms Goodman thinks we have some super star dance teachers in the making!

Live Performances Showcase

The music showcase with students from all year groups demonstrating their musical prowess in front of a packed audience was such a treat. Some fantastic performances and a great atmosphere, topped off by a memorable garage medley from our Yr 13 band.



Black History Month

As usual, celebrating Black History and Culture is very much part of our whole school year, not just during October. We have frequent visitors, whether that means artists, performers, sportsmen and women or entrepreneurs who engage our students in a huge variety of aspirational enrichment that compliments our ever evolving curriculum and reflects the wonderfully diverse nature of our school.



Laban Live!

On Wednesday we hosted 2nd year Pop Music Degree students from Trinity Laban, and their tutor Yolanda Charles, a professional bass player who has played with Queen and Paul Weller amongst others. They performed for Y8 and 9 music bursary students and spoke about their course and their journeys from school to where they are now. A very valuable experience for our students.

Year 7 & 8

English Walkabout



We went walkabout around English this week, visiting Year 7 and Year 8 classes. We saw Year 7 in their literacy lessons, giving definitions for unfamiliar vocabulary in the text, discussing the main character and using empathy skills to consider their feelings. It was great to see Year 8 studying Shakespeare's Hamlet. Mr Allison was recapping the story so far, getting students to structure their verbal responses and develop their ideas. Mr Collington was exploding quotes with his group, getting them to think about the effects of particular words and literary techniques.

We also saw Ms Olano working with her Year 10 ESOL group. There were three different levels of work going on in the one room with students completing assessments on either writing, speaking or reading.

We were impressed at how Ms Olano was able to ensure all were able to learn simultaneously.

Loads to see & do!

As always there is plenty going on at the moment - Year 11 are into their second week of mock exams with 6th form due to start theirs next week - we have been impressed with their attitude towards these important opportunities to identify strengths and areas for development ahead of the real thing.

We have a new parent governor election taking place this week - do take the time to read the candidates' descriptions and cast your vote. We were really pleased to have interest from parents of some of our younger year groups who will no doubt bring fresh perspectives.

We also had lots of competitions, performances and extra curricular opportunities for students to join in with.



Wonderful pumpkin carving competition entries



Mr Collington was exploding quotes with his group, getting them to think about the effects of particular words and literary techniques.



Black History Month What's cookin'

We got to sample tasters of pholourie and banana fritters to celebrate Black History Month courtesy of Modesola in Year 8. Delicious!

Festive Celebrations!

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.



The Norwood Factor

Photo Shoot

As the Norwood Factor performance edged closer, the competitor and mentor photos were being taken. Thanks to Mr Oxford for his photography skills... the anticipation was building!



Some of our Seasonal Activities
At the Norwood School



Ms Tatam has waved her magic wand over the **Norwood Factor** Promotional materials this Christmas - and surpassed herself!





Spring Term

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- World Book Day
- Friends of Norwood Comedy Night
- UK Maths Challenge
- Future Fit Award
- National Attendance Award
- Careers Fair
- National Careers Week
- Key Stage 3 Plays
- International Women's Day
- African Caribbean Leukaemia Trust
- Music Showcase
- All Star Basketball Champions
- Holocaust Educational Trust
- Music Showcase
- Photography Competition
- Yr 11 Information Evening
- Easter Revision and Saturday Schools

Trips & Visits

- French Residential Trip
- Globe Theatre
- Design Museum
- Hampton Court
- Stanley Arts
- Festival of Apprenticeships
- Geography Field Trips
- Victoria and Albert Museum
- National Theatre



JANUARY



Studio Visit Martin Grover



New Year, New Start!

We want to acknowledge those in Year 11 and Year 13 with their heads down and focused on revision. Year 11 have their second mocks starting next week and continuing after half term. We are seeing good uptake for intervention classes and high levels of engagement in their study. We also know Year 13 have deadlines for their university applications to meet and so things can feel very real for them at the moment. We are sure you will join us in wishing them well and encouraging them to keep going - all the hard work will pay off!

Another special mention goes to our Parent group, Friends of Norwood. They are a determined and dedicated bunch of parents who are helping bring about much needed funds to enable us to provide additional resources and experiences for our students. The fairs, second hand uniform sales and socials are always so well organised. The comedy night was excellent - the lucky audience laughed, gave of their money and went home happy! We are very proud to have parents who recognise the difficulties schools currently face and are prepared to put their time and effort into helping. That kindness is much appreciated.

Over the last 2 weeks the year 10 and year 9 VA bursary students have visited Martin Grover's studio in West Norwood - escorted by Ms Jackson and Mr Gappy. The students asked lots of questions and all said they had a great time seeing the wonderful work Martin produces. The project is seeing some excellent community links being developed with local artists.

Year 7 have started on their fieldwork skills this term in Geography. On a cold but sunny Monday morning they went outside the main reception and drew the natural environment around them to understand how we interact with the physical environment. They were very well-behaved and they helped each other out. Even though we didn't go far you can see the excitement on Eban's face :)



A fundraiser for The Norwood School
Thursday 25th January 2024

★ COMEDY NIGHT ★

Kerry Godliman | Harry Hill | Peter Rethinasamy
Angela Barnes | Josh Widdicombe | Chantel Nash



FONS comedy night was a roaring success. It started with some excellent music from the Bursary Bands and finished with our very own Mr Swan having an on stage tussle with Harry Hill! As always it was a very good night out and has raised lots of funds for the school. Thank you to the FONs for their fantastic efforts and to the comedians who agreed to stand up for free.

Athletics Championships

Our Year 7 & 8 sports hall athletics teams took part in some fierce competition over the last two weeks resulting in some brilliant performances. Special mentions to Rehaan R (Year 7), Sam B, Sam W, Kenzo J, Aaron T, Recian D, Isabella O, Chloe S, Jessica G and Lilly B (Year 8) who all won their races on the day! We eagerly await the tallying up of the final results. Please congratulate our superstars when you see them and thank you to Mr Waro and the PE team for all the organisation.



Good Luck to all the PGCE Students who have completed their first placement with us and are moving to their new schools - a lovely group message sent to us from Polly in English:

'We have had such a wonderful time on our first school placements at Norwood. The staff have made us feel so welcome and involved in the school community. The warmth of the school is lovely and we have felt very supported here by everybody. We have loved getting to know the pupils and staff and we would just like to say a special thank you to Ms Kovacs and our mentors, faculties, form tutors and year teams for being so supportive and kind. We will really miss Norwood! From Polly, Suzy, Telka, Harold and Daniel.'





Henry IV Theatre ^

in more good news, we heard alumni Toheeb Jemoh was playing Hal opposite Sir Ian McKellen's Falstaff in Henry IV. **What an amazing opportunity!**

London Youth Games

Amber and Ella, both competed in the Trampolining London Youth Games. Ella competed in the Novice category and Amber moved into the intermediate category following her success last year.

They have done an amazing job representing the school and the borough.



Outward Bound Trip

Lake District



We were chuffed to receive Mr Tomlinson's regular photo updates of the breathtaking scenery for the Lake District outward bound trip! Thanks to the team who ran the trip - it looked like lots of memorable experiences and good times were had.



Yr 13 History

Hampton Ct.

Year 13 Historians went to Hampton Court last week with Mr Cox and found out about the mid Tudor crisis and realised life back then was pretty much similar to life now in many ways...but harsher!



Out & About

Welcome back from the February half term break. A big thank you firstly goes to all the staff who enabled the Outward Bound trip to the Lake District - as the photos show, the scenery was beautiful and experiences had by our students were both challenging and fun. The week before the holiday was full of activities including the great news that Norwood School qualified for the London Youth Games Athletics Finals - a real achievement to celebrate - we wish the team luck for March.

We were visited by House of Lords representative Lord Lilley who spoke with students about his experiences and government. Our students took the opportunity to ask some questions of their own - particularly on the topic of climate change. We reckon we have some potential political heavy weights of our own ready in waiting!



Going for Gold

Well done to Kenzo J, Sam W, Chloe S and Lilly B who represented the Year 8 Lambeth Team at the (very muddy) London Cross Country Championships this week!

Aaron (Year 11) and Jahlil (Year 10) both won the London County Cup over the weekend for their club teams, Dorking Wanderers and Welling Town respectively!



Jahlil (Year 10)



Aaron (Year 11)

International Womens Day 2024



International Women's Day. Ms Bouchaib in her role as a diversity lead organised a number of events to celebrate, including giving our students the opportunity to hear from a panel of women who are making huge strides in a range of different fields such as journalism, finance, central government, health, and performing arts.

Our own 'Guerilla Gurlz' produced anti misogynistic banners and placards that were displayed in the atrium. With our motto of 'Creating Success Together' it really is pleasing to see students, old and new, working together to produce such fantastic outcomes.

Student Catch up!

One of the lovely things about working in a school is being able to catch up with ex students and hearing of their successes. On Friday we welcomed a number of former pupils back to the school as part of the inaugural basketball 'all stars' match. The game saw two teams of current and ex students led by our basketball coaches, Lucio and Dwayne, battle it out on court.

There was pre match music and half time cheerleading and a narrow victory for 'team Lucio'. All funds raised will go towards the yr 13 prom. A big thank you to Ms Ritchie for her organisation of the event and all those involved in an uplifting and exciting occasion.



Massive congratulations to Ms Ritchie for coordinating the All Star Basketball game which was a fantastic success.



Shakespeare's The Globe

The Globe trip to see Romeo and Juliet, run by Mr Spring was eventful. Paris did a strip tease down to leopard print speedos (in Juliet's dream?! Not sure we remember that from the original.), the Capulets were all racing around on BMX bikes (seen in photo going over Juliet), and they all got evacuated as the single ladies' dance smoke triggered the alarm. Memorable to say the least!

World Book day Characters!

A MASSIVE World Book Day thank you to all those who dressed up, particularly Ms Howie, Ms LT, Mr Remaud, Ms Ritchie, Ms Tatam, Mr Foster, and Dr Wright for their efforts in the Fancy Dress Hunt! It was lovely to experience the atmosphere of the day and spread the joy of reading. Also, a massive thanks to Ms Ansell for her Murder Mystery event which kept the KS3 pupils on the edge of their seat throughout the day!

Over the Summer holidays, students travelled to Kenya, the Tsavo National Park, where they took part in a series of projects involving wildlife conservation, renovation of school buildings and construction.

All the students were absolutely incredible and the experience was truly life changing for all of those involved.

Summer Term

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Refugee Week
School of Sanctuary Award
Royal Academy Young Artists
Summer Show winners
STEM First Tech Robotics Champions
House Football
Creative Careers Seminars
Construction Youth Trust
National Apprenticeship Week
Sextortion
Friends of Norwood AGM
- £17,000 raised this year!
Science in Action Week
First Give
Yr 6 Friendship Tea Party
and Induction Programme
Lambeth Country Show
So You Think You Can Dance
Visual Arts Exhibitions
Speakers Trust
Battle of the Bands
Library & Student Ambassador Applications
Sports Days
Yr 11 and Sixth Form Proms
Blood Wedding
Lambeth League Football Champions
Cricketing Success
The Wiz
Papas
Summer Cultural Celebration

Trips & Visits

Emirates Stadium
Wallace Collection
Tramshed Theatre
Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions
Parliament
Railway Summer Party
Jack Petchy Count on us Challenge
Mental Health Awareness Week
FTI Consultants
Kew Gardens



Summertime Sum up!

A big thank you goes to all of those students who represented the school in dance and music at the Lambeth Country show - it was also lovely to have so many of our families and staff in support there. We have such talent here it is right that they get to showcase this for others to see, enjoy and recognise. And lastly to our Year 11 and Year 13 students who are now exam free - enjoy your well earned summer and we wish you all the best for results day!

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.

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."



REFUGEE Week 24

THEME: HOME

- JUNE 14TH**
 - A DAY OF WELCOME - WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON REFUGEES WITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
- JUNE 17TH**
 - FINE TO FLEE LESSONS WITH Y10 (CITIZENSHIP & RS)
- JUNE 18TH**
 - GARDENING CLUB - PLANTING PLANTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS)
 - Y7 WORKING ON THE WAITING PLACE IN ENGLISH LESSONS
- JUNE 21ST**
 - EUGENE O'NEILL (LAND OF WAVES) WITH Y8 IN ENGLISH
 - SYRIAN FILM MEZOUH WITH Y9
 - EVENING FILM SCREENING OF SYRIAN MEZOUH FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FAMILIES
- ONGOING ACTIVITIES**
 - FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD ALL WEEK IN THE CANTEEN
 - LIBRARY ON REFUGEE RELATED ISSUES
 - HOUSING WORKSHOP WITH Y10



Duke of Edinburgh Awards



The Lambeth League Football Update

A huge congratulations to Mr Lemmie and the Year 9 boys football team for winning the final of the Lambeth League with a convincing 4-1 victory against Elms Academy. Despite being 1-0 down at the break, the boys rallied in the second half after some motivational words from Mr Lemmie. Goals from captain Louis B, Joshua K, Felix L and Mickael M took the team over the line to secure Norwood's first boys football trophy. A great reward for the commitment shown by Mr Lemmie and the team with all of those early morning and late afternoon training sessions paying off!



Onion Harvest

Mr Foster Garden Grows

Mr Foster sent photos of the garden looking busy and abundant this week with the onion harvest. He also advertised the refugee week planting on Wed. On Sat 22nd we had our community workday to develop the outdoor classroom space.



Amelie, Carolina and Lucy in Y12 walked the West Highland Way

Year 12 Expedition Highland Way!

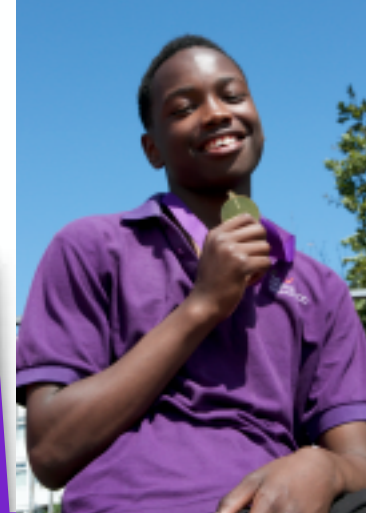
During half term, Amelie, Carolina and Lucy in Y12 walked the West Highland Way, wild camping for five days.

An achievement in itself, as part of the Mark Evison Foundation programme, where the girls won £350 funding - but only after they had planned every aspect of their trip, including detailed route maps, daily food rations, itemised costings and programme of fitness in preparation.

JULY



Sports Day 2024



It's a Celebration!

Our summer of celebration (if you can call this weather summer...) continues. Starting with Year 13 Prom held in Dulwich where the rain held off so students could fully enjoy the experience.

Another celebration goes to the success of our Girls under 15 football team - proving that anything the boys can do, the girls can do too. With some playing opposition 4 years older than them, this is a real achievement and an indication of just how good they are. Go Girls! We look forward to putting more silverware into the trophy cabinet!

Another prize winning moment was the opportunity for winners of Battle of the Bands - Careless - to take to the Crystal Palace Festival Republic stage - to a bunch of screaming fans. Proof that Punk is not dead!

With the news full of the election, it was great to hear of two of our own putting their time and effort into listening to local candidates and getting onto the campaign trail themselves. We recognise the importance of hearing young people's voices in politics and to see Lena and Inca actively involved for their generation made us very proud.

Performing Arts

The Wiz!

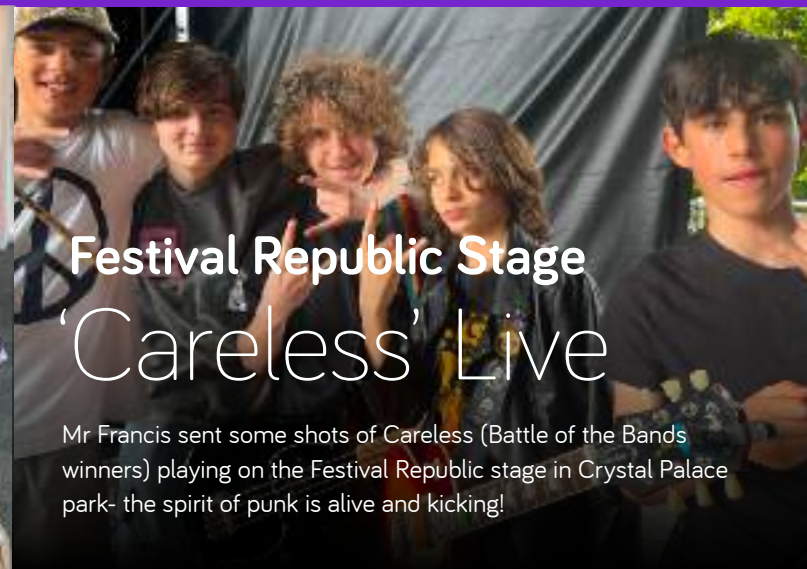


And we all went off to see the The Wiz last week, where dreams do really come true! With so many cast members, musical numbers and dance routines it really was a whole school production! Big thank yous go to all those involved - the staff releasing students from lessons through to costume and staging design, the music team, dance and choreography and the actors.

We know this takes a lot to achieve. This year we also had the invaluable help and support of a number of parents - thank you so much!

Young Designers Exhibition '24

We told you about alumni student Ibitsam's final show. This week we found out she was chosen by the Royal School of Needlework to exhibit at this year's Young Designers exhibition at Business Design Centre Islington, a showcase of the best art and design graduates from universities this year, look who loved her work - Textile and Fashion icon Zandra Rhodes!!



Festival Republic Stage 'Careless' Live

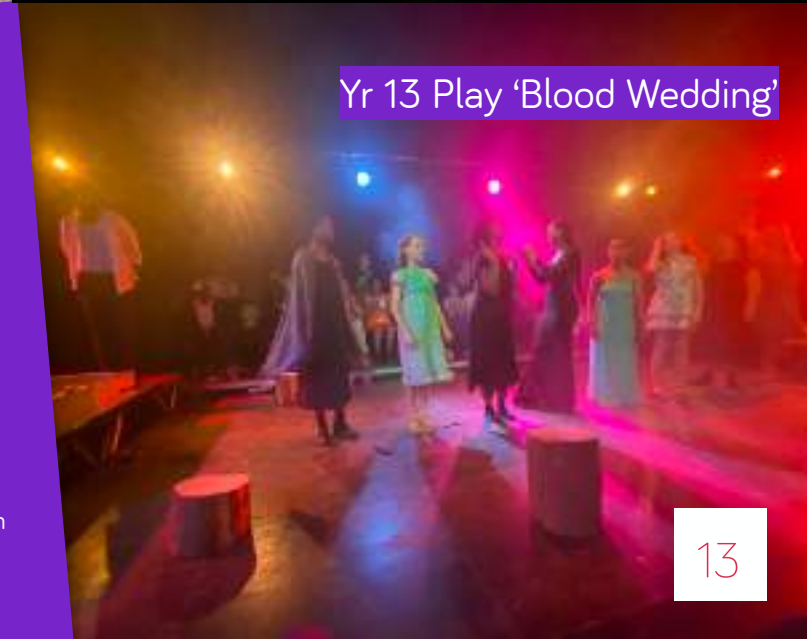
Mr Francis sent some shots of Careless (Battle of the Bands winners) playing on the Festival Republic stage in Crystal Palace park- the spirit of punk is alive and kicking!



Languages Event

Year 9s - Louis, Ivo, Felix, Viv, Imara, Lesley Ann and Natalia were all fantastic at the Pearson languages event at the Emirates Stadium.

They had talks from a BAFTA-winning film producer, linguistic university students, a professional writer, a police inspector and a former military special operator who all spoke about the importance of languages and their careers. They particularly enjoyed eating their lunch with a view of the pitch and Felix enjoyed dancing with musician Busi Mhlanga. Thanks to Ms Johnson for organising the trip.



Yr 13 Play 'Blood Wedding'

