



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

We would like to start by congratulating our students who have made an excellent start to the new school year. It is great to see them looking so smart and embody the three pillars of ready, respectful and safe. It would be helpful if you remind and reinforce to them that blazers are part of the school uniform and need to be worn at all times unless otherwise informed. Our year 7s are getting used to the layout of the building and the demands of secondary school and have risen to the extra responsibility placed upon them. They are doing great!

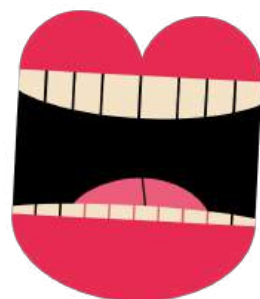
Our focus this term is on students being 'ready.' In order to be ready students need to be on time, in uniform, have all their equipment and display a positive commitment to their learning. We see this in abundance each day so thank you for supporting your child in being ready for the day ahead.

We have had four open mornings, each of which was full to capacity. Our year 9 ambassadors have been a real credit and have made an excellent impression on our visitors. We are extremely proud of our school and students and it has been lovely hearing all the positive comments from prospective parents.

Best wishes
Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Our Co Head's walkabout visited Year 11 English this week. Poetry was evident in every lesson. Mr Collington was doing group work on context; Mr Murphy was making links between poems with his class; Ms Ansell and Ms Kovacs were encouraging close analysis; Mr Galea was giving one to one support while students prepped for a timed essay, and Mr Allison had students independent working modelling analytical paragraphs. It really made us miss our time teaching those poems as English teachers.



ChooSE27
COMEDY
FESTIVAL SAT 5 - SAT 12 OCT 2024
IN ASSOCIATION WITH GOOD SHIP COMEDY

Station to Station BID have organised a comedy festival, with the support of Good Ship Comedy, in West Norwood & Tulse Hill in October. The closing show of the week (for adults!) is a gala fundraiser for Refugees at Home at St Luke's Church.

All the details are here:
<https://stationtostation.london/choose27-comedy-festival/>

Many shows have ticket discounts on offer which can be found on the ChooSE27 app - which is full of local events and listings, and is free to download.

Highlights of the Week

A big thank you goes to all students involved in making this year's House Day a success. And it was not just the students. Mr Parsons was loving benchball and confessed to getting rather competitive. Lots of staff were in their house colours and a number of staff had literally shouted in support till their voice ran out. Special thanks go to Mr Waro, Mr Condron and Mr Cox who orchestrated proceedings. We hope this year is an even more successful one for our House teams.

Last years' students, Theo and Grace, were in touch with us on Monday on their way to their first day at performers college. So proud of them both and all of last year's upper Sixth who will be starting jobs or University this week. Good luck everyone. We know they will stay in touch.

We had a delicious delivery from Aquila of some delicious chocolate cookies. Much appreciated, and cooked in the food tech room with its new air con, much better for everyone.

Mr Isitt let us know how the garden is progressing. They had a big runner bean harvest this week and also made some salsa verde with everything except the limes grown in the garden this year. A few new white shirts were ruined as students (and unnamed staff) spilt it gleefully down themselves.

Clubs lists will start to be set home from this week and will [appear here on the website](#).

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
- Sixth form Open Evening 17th October 5 - 7pm
- Yr 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor Evening October 10th
- Y 9 Information Evening Thursday 5th December 5 - 7pm
- Yr 11 Parents Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Marie Scriven 7JLT
- Ava-Emilia Millard 8ALE
- Rielly Murray 9JCU
- Marius Krikler 10ARO
- Marcos Torcuato 11MBL
- Edie Costello 12LKE
- Mofiyinfoluwa Abina Y13VBU



House Day fun!



Aquila and her delicious cookies



Off to Uni! Theo and Grace.



Salsa Verde in the garden



Welcome new Year 7



Year 7 are in and doing well - from their first day of induction through to House Day and their first week, they have made a great start.

Thank you to the Year 7 team and the Ambassadors for their efforts in making them feel at home. We have been receiving some lovely comments from parents relieved at the good start they have made.

A couple of helpful reminders for Yr 7 Families

Have you clearly names ALL your child's uniform? Named lost property will be returned to Student Services in the atrium. We do not have the space to keep everything that has been misplaced, if it isn't named or collected it will be donated to a Friends of Norwood Second Hand Uniform sale.

Have you been checking for emails? If you have a problem, let us know, FON kindly posted info on the Yr 7 whatsapp last week to help troubleshoot email systems. We communicate regularly through email, let us know in the office if you think you are having issues.

Don't rely on ill informed chat on the Whatsapp group, make sure you know your facts before you confuse or mislead others, follow the Friends of Norwood Whatsapp protocols. Most information that you might need will be here in the [Student Handbook on the website](#) or will be in the Transition to Norwood Guide that the Friends of Norwood kindly helped write, was in your transition packs, and is [also on the website here](#).



The Friends of Norwood will be running a bake sale on Thursday 19th Sept at Open Evening - any contributions welcomed, please drop off at reception on Thursday