

We are celebrating .....



Dear Parents,  
Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

It feels decidedly as though the season has finally changed to Autumn - with all this rain we are having please do make sure your child has a plain dark coloured waterproof coat with their name in it (as well as in their blazers, on their jumpers and their ties) it is so much easier to deal with lost property when clothing has a name on it.

We had a look around lessons. The weather was unable to dampen spirits with various outdoor activities going on - be it harvesting in the garden, taking part in football trials or trips out locally. There is always plenty for students to be involved in - do encourage them to participate in the many activities going on during lunch or after school. We also visited Year 9 and 10 last week and found a hive of concentrated activity. The majority of students have started the year well with thousands of house points being awarded for their Readiness to learn. It was good to see so many starting their academic year off so positively.

Remember also that this week finishes on Thursday afternoon for the children as all our staff are involved in an INSET day this Friday (4th October) therefore school is closed.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



This week's Heads' walkabout took a delicious turn as they were drawn into Ms. Acham's Food Tech class, where freshly baked cookies were on the menu.

Meanwhile, thoughtful discussions were brewing in both Music and Technology, making it a day full of creativity and learning.



**NAME YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM!**

## Thank You FONS!

Friends of The Norwood School were delighted to receive an email this week from Yasmin Murphy, one of the school governors, with news of a £1000 donation to the FONS to go towards supporting robotics in the school! The company she works for, AtkinsRéalis, is a global engineering and project management firm using advanced technology and innovative approaches in designing and building infrastructure like bridges, roads and energy systems. They focus on sustainable solutions and their work positively impacts communities worldwide, ensuring safe, efficient and environmentally friendly infrastructure. AtkinsRéalis are looking to work with the school in the future hopefully to provide career guidance, workshops and possibly internships! FONS were able to receive this donation due to our new charity status – if your company has a CSR programme (Corporate Social Responsibility) or is looking to work with schools please do put them in contact with us at [friendsofthenorwoodschoo@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschoo@gmail.com)

Thanks to the incredible efforts of Friends of Norwood and local artists, our SEN department now boasts a stunning new mural that's truly uplifting. After lots of hard work over the summer, the space has been transformed into something special just for our students! Want to support more projects like this? You can contribute at no cost! Every time you shop online, use [Easy Fundraising](#), and a portion will be donated directly to Norwood's fundraising cause—it's that simple!

## Highlights of the Week

The Heads' office had a prime view of all the excitement after school yesterday! Year 7 Football trials were in full swing, with students giving it their all on the pitch.

Meanwhile, the House Dodgeball competition brought even more energy to the scene. Congratulations to Barbican House and the unstoppable Year 8 team for taking the victory!

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Year 7 - Oliwia Bukowska
- Year 8 - Nicole Hatami
- Year 9 - Darcey Watson
- Year 10 - Sarai Powell
- Year 11 - Mia Washington
- Year 12 - Ying Xuan Looi
- Year 13 - Junior Mutesasira

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# Weekly News

October 2024

## Highlights of the Week

On Tuesday, Ms. Taiwo and Ms. Hussain had the pleasure of attending the prestigious Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony, and it was truly an inspiring evening. Our students were all smiles as they accepted well-deserved awards for their dedication and hard work, with special applause for Ish, who proudly claimed a £50 prize!

Over in the garden, our wellbeing gardeners were hard at work. From problem-solving to prepping beds and harvesting fresh produce, their green thumbs were certainly busy! And while they tackled tasks with focus, they couldn't resist a snack break with some crunchy, homegrown gherkins—a tasty reward for their efforts!

To top it all off, Mr. Foster led an unforgettable adventure to see The Count of Monte Cristo with Year 10, 11, and 13 MFL students. The epic story left a lasting impression, with many students calling it "the best film they've ever seen!"





**Library Volunteers - Needed!**

**Requirements:**  
Cheerful, smart, polite and reliable?  
Keen to learn and calm under pressure?  
Able to work independently and a good team player?  
Enthusiastic, energetic and full of creative ideas?  
Do you enjoy supporting other students and staff?



**Main Duties:**  
To assist in the library  
To participate in the carrying out of some library projects  
To provide a book recommendation service to other students  
To provide other support with Library based activities  
To help with book shelving & in the tidying up of the Library



**Application Process:**  
For further information and application forms contact the School Librarian  
Closing Date: **10 October 2024**  
All completed application forms should be submitted to Mrs Gallant (Librarian)

**VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY**



In preparation for Meet the Tutor evening on Thursday 10th October, all Year 7 parents have been sent an email with IMPORTANT information on how to set up SchoolCloud to book appointments. Please make sure you read the instructions carefully and book your slot when appointments open on Wednesday 2nd October at 12pm.

## Important Dates

- Staff INSET Day School Closed to all students October Friday 4th October
- Yr 7 and 12 Meet the Tutor Evening Thursday October 10th
- Sixth form Open Evening Thursday 17th October 5 - 7pm
- Y 9 Information Evening Thursday 5th December 5 - 7pm
- Yr 11 Parents Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm