

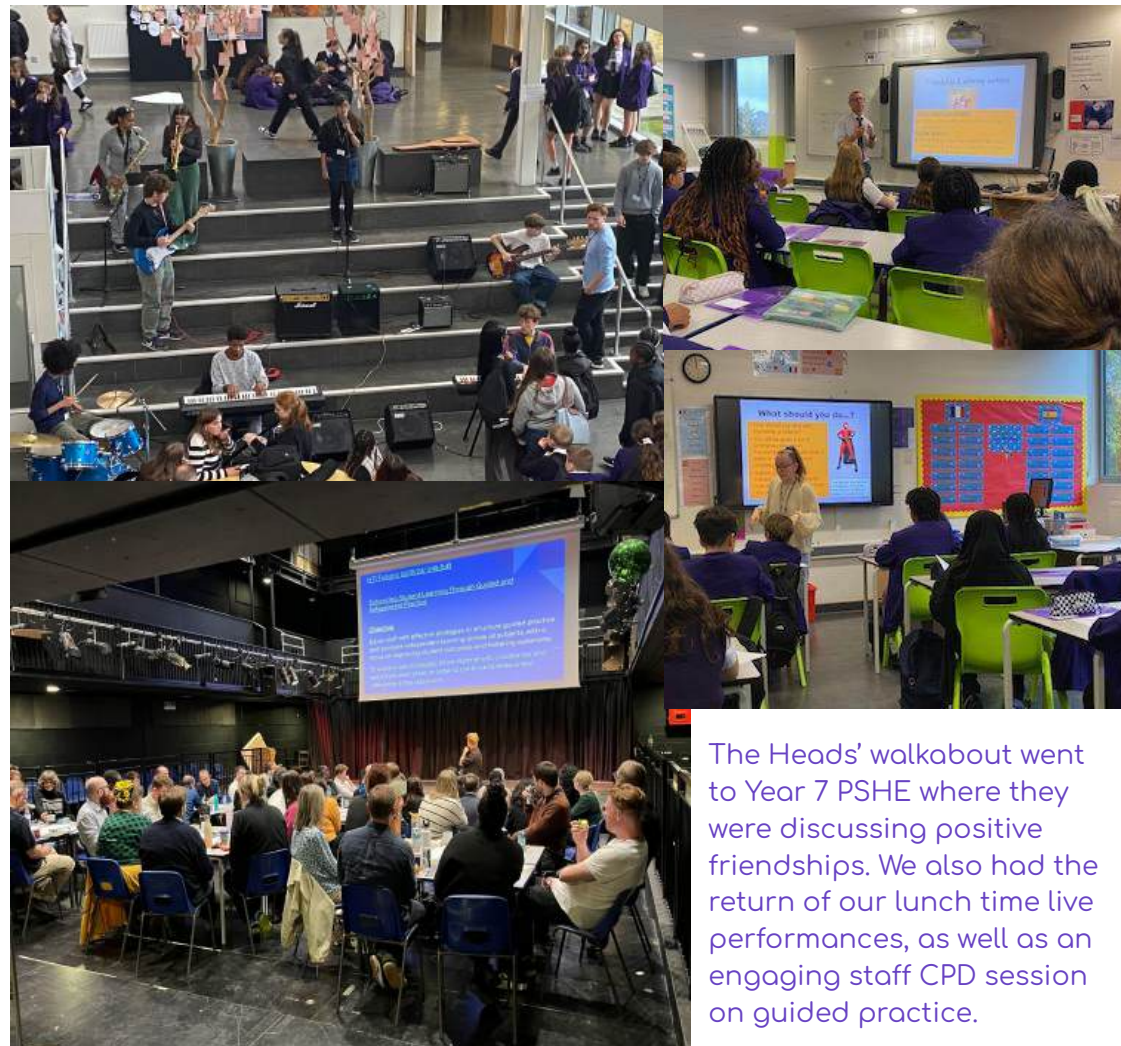
### Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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This week we welcomed many prospective parents to our last Open morning for autumn term. During open season we had many visitors and their feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, complimenting us on our welcoming school and in particular our excellent Year 9 ambassadors. It is great to hear their positivity about what they saw on their tours and the enthusiasm for what our staff achieve here. We told those visitors what a good start our current Year 7 have made to their time at Norwood. We saw them in registration and in their Learning for Life lessons this week - demonstrating how ready for their day they were and enthusiastically joining in with discussions about friendships - a key topic at this transition point. It is great to see and hear of them enjoying school and new friends. We were also treated to Lunchtime Live where a number of our older students - in the 6th form bands - took to the Atrium stage. We are always proud to see their confidence and talent on show. And we also appreciate their song choices, with a few 70s, 80s and 90s anthems making the set list!

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers



The Heads' walkabout went to Year 7 PSHE where they were discussing positive friendships. We also had the return of our lunch time live performances, as well as an engaging staff CPD session on guided practice.

## BHM: Reclaiming Narratives

We began Black History Month with a whole-school assembly focused on this year's theme: "Reclaiming Narratives." The theme represents a powerful shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. By highlighting the importance of reclaiming stories, we aim to shine a brighter light on the experiences, triumphs, and rich heritage of the Black community.

The "Reclaiming Narratives" theme emphasises the need to correct historical inaccuracies and uplift the untold success stories of Black individuals both in the UK and globally. It challenges the limited narratives that have overlooked the significant contributions of Black people, while honouring the heroes who have shaped history. As part of our assembly, we highlighted the achievements of Diane Abbott, a champion of courage, change, and endurance, whose legacy inspires future generations.

## Important Dates

- 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

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

- Due to our INSET day there was no Hot Chocolate with the Heads last week. We look forward to its return on Friday and celebrating with students nominated by their heads of year.



Parents/Carers of Year 7 students - please make sure you've booked appointments for Year 7 Meet the Tutor evening this Thursday on SchoolCloud.

### Lambeth's Winter Holiday Activities & Food

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The aim of the programme is to provide free holiday club places for those school-aged (4-16 years) children and young people who are residents in the borough or attend a Lambeth school and are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals (FSM).

Please note that this is different to the Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) offer which is available to all children in primary school as of September 2023 and is not means-tested.

The application form allows providers to apply for funding for the Winter 2024 holiday period (funded period is Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025).

Application period opens on Monday 30 September at 9am. Applications period closes on Monday 14 October at 5pm. Please read the [Guide for applicants](#): Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food programme 2024 for full details before applying.

Please click [here](#) to access the application form

### Events in the local area

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- Launching 7th October: EYC Academy Returns to Lambeth - This is a specific video games & esports programme designed for young people aged 11-18 to attend. Located in West Norwood Library and commencing every Monday night from 6-8pm.
- In November, St Vincent's Brixton Community Centre are running a free Saturday SEN/D group for young people aged 11-18 for 4 weeks. The young people will be provided the choice to engage in various activities, including crafts, board games, and table tennis.
- Trinity Laban is seeking creative young musicians aged 13-18 to join Animate Artists and devise a brand-new piece of music for dance, collaborating with our Youth Dance Company! Project sessions take place across November to February, on occasional Sundays and Tuesday evenings, ending with a live show at the Laban Theatre in February 2025. [Apply here](#).

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