

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

It has been a busy week with auditions in school, trips out of school and a bustling 6th form Open Evening which garnered a lot of interest with students both already at Norwood and from other schools.

Our Year 11 have their mock exams coming up very soon. In preparation we saw them undertaking a mini mock in Maths lessons so that the exams are less of a shock and to help them to identify revision areas for the half term holiday. We have spoken to Year 11 about the importance of using their time well and of making the most of the expertise on offer in lessons. We wish them luck for the upcoming mocks which start after the holiday. There will be some early starts in order to get through things so Year 11 parents - make sure they are revising and also getting to bed early!

We have also been taking a look around KS3 registration times recently, looking at how ready students are for their day in school. It has been lovely to see the positive relationships in action and the care given by our tutors to ensure everyone is in on time, in uniform, well equipped and well informed.

An extra highlight of the week came from Japanese food day - students and staff loved the food offer and had to develop some skill in chopsticks!

Best wishes

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Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Ms. Gallant took Year 8 and 9 students to meet the inspiring musician and author David Arlo Osuhon in celebration of Black History Month. David, who has signed with Sony and collaborated with artists like Beyoncé and Drake, has new music releasing at the end of October. He is also a TV producer, working on Netflix series such as Heartstopper, based on Alice Oseman's books. During his talk, David encouraged students to explore multiple art forms, emphasising that writing is an extension of one's creativity. His book, Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven, is being adapted for a TV series/film, and Norwood School students may even have a chance to audition! He is also working on his first graphic novel.

A group of Year 8 students attended the New Scientist Exhibition as a reward trip for last year's school science exhibition. It was a fantastic learning experience, with two students even saying it was the best school trip they've ever been on!

In football news, the Year 7 team had an exciting match yesterday against Elm Green, with a final score of Elm Green 6-5 Norwood. Despite the loss, there were many great moments for this new team, including a hat-trick in Rhomari's first game. Well done to all!

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Lily Sullivan 7JUG
- Roman Stefanovich 8LGO
- Israel Uwadiae 9ASP
- Louis Borger 10GFW
- Stas Krupodra 11BGA
- Faith Ukponmwan 12HAI
- Elsa Arn 13LKE



Highlights of the Week

Last week's Sixth Form Open Evening was a huge success, with a packed turnout of students and families. It was wonderful to see so many of our own students eager to continue their studies with us, alongside a notable increase in interest from external candidates. A big thank you goes out to all the staff for their efforts in having those crucial conversations, helping students make informed decisions and promoting our Sixth Form in such a positive light.

In more great news, ALPs has recognised and congratulated our school for being in the top 10% of schools and colleges for value-added progress. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our Sixth Form team and teachers. Well done to everyone involved!



Important Dates

- Year 11 Mocks Monday 4th-Friday 15th November
- Year 11 VA Mocks Monday 18th-22nd November
- A-Level Assessment Week 18th-22nd November
- Y 9 Information Evening Thursday 5th December 5 - 7pm
- Yr 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm
- Norwood Factor Thursday 19th December 7-9pm
- Last day of term Friday 20th December

