



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Being a headteacher brings a range of challenges but it also brings many opportunities for enjoyment. We meet with selected students every Friday for Hot Chocolate with the Heads where we get to spend some time with pupils who are displaying all that is positive about a Norwood student. It truly is a highlight of our week. Another such opportunity presented last week when we, along with Ms Taiwo, met with and interviewed yr13s who have applied to be head students.

All of those we spoke with joined us in yr7 and have spent almost seven years here. It was lovely to hear them speak so thoughtfully and articulately about their journey in becoming the wonderful young person they are now. The job of selecting those to lead the student council was an extremely tough one such was the quality of applicants. We look forward to sharing the names of those appointed in next week's newsletter.

Another highlight is going round the school looking into the varied lessons taking place and getting to see the engagement, focus on learning and positive outcomes taking place- some examples from Performing and Visual Arts lessons are shown here from this week.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole





Highlights of the Week

Mr Lemmie and a select group of Norwood students had an unforgettable experience as they spent an incredible day at Crystal Palace Academy! From an exclusive tour of the facilities to a lively Q&A in the boardroom, our students were treated like royalty. They enjoyed fine dining (yes, fine dining!) and even got to meet a few professional footballers who shared inspiring words about hard work and success. We are beyond proud of how well our students represented Norwood, impressing everyone so much that Crystal Palace Academy has warmly invited us back anytime.



A big congratulations to Kalina Kujawa from 7JRE, our winner of this year's Freaky Food Competition! Kalina wowed (and slightly grossed out) the judges with her spook-tacular creation: a cinnamon bun tray with jam that looked wonderfully revolting but tasted deliciously convincing! Her creativity and dedication shone through as she combined elements from several recipes to craft this hauntingly clever Halloween treat.



Ms. Taiwo is thrilled to share some fantastic news from Wednesday's Debate Mate Launch. Our students had an incredible time, showcasing exceptional politeness and respect throughout the event. Their enthusiasm for starting the club is truly inspiring! A huge congratulations to Eamon in Year 7 who earned a well-deserved prize for asking the best question of the day. We're so proud of all our budding debaters and can't wait to see what they'll achieve in the weeks to come.





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Our Year 13 students led dance sessions at Sunnyhill Primary School on Wednesday as part of their assessment—and they were outstanding! Ms. Goodman was incredibly proud, and the Year 4 class teacher even commented, “Your students are natural teachers.”

Two of our aspiring Year 12 historians Augustine McGlue and Lucie Glenn recently had the profound opportunity to participate in a trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau, organized by the Holocaust Education Trust. This one-day journey to Poland took them to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, where they explored the historical significance of the Holocaust. The experience provided our students with a powerful and moving insight into one of history's darkest chapters, deepening their understanding of the importance of remembrance and the need to challenge prejudice and hatred in all forms.

A big welcome back to the team of staff and students who ventured to Barcelona for the MFL trip. Navigating delays both ways was no small task, but we're told the unforgettable experiences far outweighed the challenges.

Important Dates

- VA Mocks 18th-22nd November
- A-Level Assessment Week 18th-22nd November
- Y 9 Information Evening Thursday 5th December 5 - 7pm
- FONS Quiz Night 4th December 7pm
- Christmas Afternoon 10th December 3pm
- Yr 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm
- Norwood Factor Thursday 19th December 7-9pm
- Last day of term Friday 20th December
- Return to School Monday 6th January
- Assessment week (7-10) 6th-17th January

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Year 7 - Aerial Jarret Vaz
- Year 8 - Najam Virginia Donaldson
- Year 9 - Modesola Jegede
- Year 10 - Imara Kamminga Msamati
- Year 11 - Kornelia Kolczynska
- Year 12 - Juma Elvin Fatty
- Year 13 - Navjit Singh



Highlights of the Week

This week, students and staff will have their say in selecting the winner of the prestigious Norwood Portrait Award! Just before half term, our talented finalists showcased their incredible artistry during the competition's final stage in the atrium. Their stunning portraits are featured in this week's newsletter—take a look and decide who deserves your vote.

And finally... a message from FONS!

NEW PTA FUNDRAISER

The Norwood School newsletter goes out weekly to around 1200 parents locally plus staff approx. 39 weeks of the year. The PTA have been given permission to add advertising to the newsletter to raise funds for the school. We are working out the finer points of this but will be looking at 1/2 A4 page for £30/week and smaller ads for £10/week. You can advertise your business or service eg nails, hair, cafe, flower shop, garden services, yoga classes, PT, roofer, plumber, electrician, builder, graphic designer, pet walking, photographer and so on. If you want to offer Norwood parents a discount then that is great too! If you would be interested in this, please can you email friendsofthenorwoodschooll@gmail.com giving your full name and contact details, what you/your business offers. Looking to start as soon as possible.



🌲 Spread Festive Cheer and Support Our PTA! 🌲

If Norwood parents buy Christmas greenery from Rambling Rose, they donate a percentage to the PTA. The form is attached [here](#). If the forms are filled in they can be emailed to the shop. Rambling Rose will also be coming to the PTA Christmas Afternoon.

