

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

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We started this week with the very unexpected closure of the school. We apologise for the events, beyond our control, that led to a cut in our power supply. Normal service has resumed and we hope that by Christmas we will have new energy efficient boilers to show for it. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation. Last week saw the end of the Year 11 exams in the exam hall. They still have more Visual Arts practical exams to go - the food one (already done) was a good opportunity to see how far they have developed. Year 13 also start their mocks this week. Happily the students get why we have these mock assessments and benefit from the feedback they provide. We also had lots of events going on inside and outside school and some lovely feedback from visitors about how engaged and well behaved our students were in the experiences offered to them. We always speak of our students being walking adverts for us so it is lovely to hear from the impressed people they meet!

Lastly, a shout out to our 6th form Leadership team - we met with a number of them to nominate Head Students. The fact they find time to better the school alongside their studies is really commendable. We look forward to working with Elsa, Alfie, Inca and Macy this year.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

Congratulations to Mr Spring and the Performing Arts team for an incredible Monologue Slam! Students from Year 7 to Year 13 wowed with performances of modern and Shakespearean texts. Well done to winners Marie (Year 7) and Brooke (Year 11), and all participants who made the evening unforgettable.

The Hair and Beauty show this week was a lovely event. Showcasing the importance of hair, sharing experiences and expertise and collaborative work between Norwood and primary schools. Thank you to those who helped out making films, making punch and being hair volunteers! See more pictures on the next page!

KS3 and KS4 Visual Arts Bursary students shone in a comic strip workshop with Steve Marchant from The Cartoon Museum. He praised their talent and said they were a "great bunch." The students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and they have been inspired to continue developing their ideas in their sketchbooks independently at home.

Our Library Ambassadors excelled at their training day at Elmgreen School, coming second in the Book Kahoot Quiz and earning praise for their Favourite Book Talk. A proud moment for Norwood!

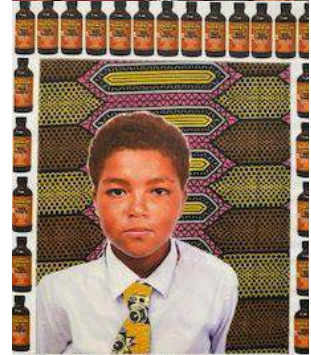
## Important Dates

- VA Mocks/A Level Assessments 18th-22nd November
- Music Showcase 21st November 7-9pm
- 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 - Emmanuel Nogueira 7JUG
- Year 8 - Rafael De-Oliveira 8DRO
- Year 9 - Jamie Constance 9JCU
- Year 10 - Yusra Muhudin 10ARO
- Year 11 - Isabelle Prescott 11MBL
- Year 12 - Miles Bunting 12AF
- Year 13 - Esme Bailey 13LKE



## Host an Estate Agents board to support the PTA

We are delighted that Northwood Estate Agents are supporting the Norwood School PTA throughout this school year. Northwood are happy to sponsor parents and friends of the school to host an estate agents' board, with a cheery festive message 🎄🎁, outside their home over the Christmas period. Boards will be erected approximately 20th December and will be displayed until 10th January.

The great news is it is easy to do! We are looking for 100 homes to sign up to host a board for us this December. Northwood will donate £15 for every address used (N.B. They may select a little if there is more than one house in a street).

If you'd be happy to have a board outside your house just complete this easy online form by Monday 2nd December

<https://forms.office.com/r/icNu4rbGUJ>

Northwood have been really positive about supporting our school and so we would like to extend our thanks to Stuart and the team for helping us to raise these much-needed funds.

[www.northwooduk.com/west-norwood](http://www.northwooduk.com/west-norwood)

## FONS Quiz Night

Keep your eyes peeled as tickets will be released soon for FONS annual Quiz Night. The event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 4th December.

## 🎄 The Christmas Afternoon 🎄

Any parents who would like to sell Christmas decorations/stocking fillers/ornaments etc. you can buy a table (£10 to the PTA).

If any parents have any donations of excellent quality books, toys and games which will then be sold for stocking fillers/presents, please can you donate close to the event, or the day of, due to limited storage space. Please only donate what you would be happy to receive!

If you are baking cakes or buying treats for the Christmas Afternoon, please make sure there's no nuts. Please deliver to the reception on the day of the event.

If you would like to help out on the evening your support would be greatly received. For any further information regarding the above, please contact:

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