

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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We had a week of Film and fun last week. You will see over these pages just a snippet from the films students created towards the annual Film Festival - but it did not stop there. Lots of visitors and activities were organised to celebrate film as the art form it is and involve students. We had a lovely sports report from Edie in Year 12 based on a recent Norwood Basketball match - she has ambitions to be a sports reporter and we can certainly see her potential - it was detailed and analytical and included an interview with our own Coach Lucio!

This week we saw Science at work with students in Year 7 and Year 9 looking at the topic of speed - whether introducing the topic, doing experiments, or undertaking progress checks, all were making good efforts with their teachers and keeping up the pace!

There were also some interesting things going on in Humanities - from understanding the justice system, to challenging Misogyny, our students were developing their understanding of the world around them, growing their own views and expressing them..

We also had lunchtime live - where we got to listen to a selection of songs from our KS3 bands - a taste of more to come in the Norwood Factor soon perhaps?

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers



ANTON WILD Y11 - W.I.L.D.

LENA VATES Y8 - FEEL GOOD INC



JAKOB LEISTER-WRIGHT Y9 - FROM AN OPEN BOOK



Highlights of the Week

Ms Taiwo wanted to share how amazing the students were on the Anti Misogyny conference trip! They were so well-behaved and fully engaged with the topic. They came up with some great ideas on how we can tackle misogyny as a school, and by the end, they all said they'd feel confident challenging misogynistic behaviour among their peers.

Year 9 Citizenship pupils have been learning about the Criminal Justice System. This week they had their mock trials...They were all in character the second the wigs were on (thanks also to PA for the lend of their gavel). Ms Hussain was really impressed with the class as they hardly needed any direction from her and knew what their role was in the courtroom.

A big thank you to Ms Tatam for this week's Film Festival. From posters to careers inspiration, from screenings to expert talks there was variety and fun to boot. The quality was great. And Mr Condron's quizzes were in there too to keep us guessing.

Important Dates

- Yr 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 12th December 4:30 - 7pm
- Norwood Factor Thursday 19th December 7-9pm
- Last day of term Friday 20th December
- Assessment week (7-10) 6th-17th January
- Year 12/13 Parents Evening 9th January 430-7
- Year 10 Parents Evening 13th February 430-7

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Erin Kelly (7JRE)
- Soraiya Terry (8LGO)
- Leah-Berry Blessed (9ASP)
- Ami Hayford Nutsugah (10KAU)
- Lola Evans(11GA)
- Ivy Salter-Chiles (12LKE)
- Treyveon Hylton (13HA1)



Assessment Cycle 1 Information

Last week you would have received the Assessment Cycle 1 Information booklet in preparation for the assessments in the New Year. The document contains information on:

- The type of assessment and coverage in each subject;
- How students will be assessed;
- Information on whether the exam is tiered.

All subjects teachers for Year 7-10 will update Class Charts/Google Classroom with revision materials for students to complete in preparation for their upcoming end of cycle assessments. Please see the FAQ section from the document published below.

FAQs

Should you have any concerns about Assessment Cycle 1, here are some frequently asked questions and answers to clarify things.

WHEN WILL EXAMS TAKE PLACE?

Assessments for Years 7-10 will take place from Monday, 6th January, to Friday, 17th January 2025. Students will complete their assessments during their timetabled lessons.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD REVISE?

Google Classroom/Class Charts will be updated with materials and topics to revise. This will also be modelled to students in class, with ILBs (for KS3) used to support revision at home.

WILL MY CHILD RECEIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT?

Students identified for SEN support will receive 25% extra time during their assessments, facilitated by the classroom teacher or SEN staff as needed.

WHEN WILL WE FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THE EXAMS?

All assessment data will be shared with Parents/Carers by Friday 14th February.



Wellbeing and Support



Dear parent/carer,

Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students and families during the holiday period.

With the winter break fast approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides. Seasonal illness and the closure of many services at this time of year can also lead to extended wait times for support across both adult and young people's NHS and community services.

WE ARE STILL HERE.

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in South East London aged between 10-25. Funded and endorsed by the NHS, our services remain available over the winter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website- www.kooth.com

Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self-help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer: peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people in Lambeth can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include; body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at www.kooth.com using non-identifiable information.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device.

If you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email parents@kooth.com. A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Kooth. Parent & Carer resources](#)

Kind Regards

The Norwood School



Lambeth Holiday Activities and Food

Lambeth's Winter of Food and Fun runs from Monday 23 December 2024 to Friday 3 January, 2025 The programme is aimed at helping local families with children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Click on the [link](#) to find out more.

Friends of Norwood Notices

Easyfundraising message:

- Easyfundraising - If you're shopping online for Christmas, make sure you use #easyfundraising. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Friends of The Norwood School. Sign up here <[Friends of The Norwood School - Crown Dale Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)>

Advertising in the newsletter

- If you would like to advertise your business or service in the school newsletter please let us know. It goes out weekly throughout the school terms (39 weeks/year) to over 1200 parents and staff in the local area. Small ad £10 per week. Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.

Buy your Christmas Tree from Rambling Rose

- 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. This is the link to the form: [Christmas School Fund Raiser The Norwood School.docx - Google Docs](#)

Lost Property QR CODE

- We are looking at ways we can help the school reunite items with students. Please log your lost property here in our form. PLEASE CHECK ALL YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND ITEMS. If they are not named clearly with your child's name and class code eg WMA we cannot guarantee it will be returned to you. Link https://bit.ly/PTA_LOSTUNIFORM

Estate Agent Boards

- Those who signed up should see them go up soon!



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Dear Parents and Carers,

The PTA would love to thank everyone for their ongoing support. We have completed the Christmas Afternoon today and just have the PTA bar to run next week at The Norwood Factor, always a fantastic end to this winter term. And of course, who could forget it is the PTA highlight in January – THE COMEDY NIGHT! Fingers at the ready to score tickets – they go fast! It takes a huge amount of effort behind the scenes, which may not always be apparent, to run any of our PTA events at the school and it wouldn't happen without our amazing team of PTA helpers. So BIG thanks to the following people without whose repeat help, bar skills, washing duties, shed tidying, finance, cake and cocktail making, Costco tripping, form creation, charity proposal writing, estate agent chasing, wine pouring and box carrying, it wouldn't happen! So thank you ladies (in alphabetical order)... Alex, Andrea, Debra, Emanuela, Emma, Jemma, Johanna, Julie, Juno, Kat, Laura, Liz, Meri, Miranda, Naomi, Nicki, Rachel, Sarah and Xochitl. Hopefully I haven't forgotten anyone, we are really hoping to have our lovely Chet back on fine form in the New Year too, we miss you! All the facilities staff are great at dealing with our requests for assembling, carrying and table arranging so a big shout out to them. Today we were greeted by Paul with trolleys the moment we arrived so he could help to ferry all the drinks, snacks and uniform up to the hall – what a service! It is very much appreciated. Also thanks to reception and Prisca for her help with the uniform.

We love to showcase the talent in the school where we can and so thanks to Mr Francis and Mr Wolstenholme who organised the talented musicians this afternoon and played a bit themselves as well. Finally, to the lovely Jessie Nicholas who is a PTA legend, where would we be without her help? Always in attendance, helping us source things at short notice, smoothing the path, making it all happen from the school side, thank you.

We are currently raising more funds so we can support lots of departments in the school. We have a long list of requests from staff and some really big, longer-term projects that we are looking into, for example improvements to the theatre. If you would like to offer your skills and experience to help us with these, we can be reached at friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com as always.

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday season and a healthy, prosperous new year.

Ailsa & Andrea
Co-Chairs, Friends of The Norwood School.

