



Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Welcome to the last week of term - and the last school week of 2024! *** Our week has been varied - it included trips, events and performances - more of which can be seen on the next page. The variety of opportunities offered to our young people both in and out of the classroom to enhance their knowledge and skills is always heartening.

The week also included a focus on Year 11 achievement - when parents came into school to get updates on their child's recent mock results and advice on next steps - it was good to so many in attendance.

There is plentiful fundraising going on - 6th form are raising money for their Prom, FONS are doing great work raising money for school projects and equipment and of course, at this time of year we think of all those in more challenging circumstances. Our own clothes day collection monies will go to support our four house charities - so make sure your child has their donation to make - it can also be done via parent pay.

Our most poignant moment of the week was the privilege of awarding the inaugural Jefferson Art Award to Nieve Grossett in Year 9. The award is named in honour of Jeff Jefford a student in our school who was sadly lost to a sudden illness 18 months ago. We were fortunate to spend some time with his parents on Friday remembering and celebrating Jeff. We will continue to do so.

Best wishes for the holidays and Happy New Year!

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Friends of Norwood

The Jefferson Art Award

Awarded to a Y10 Student who has shown great creative potential, enthusiasm and dedication to their work in Visual Arts.
In memory of Jefford Jefferson a talented young artist



Congratulations

You are awarded art materials to the value of £150

Senior Deputy Head

Date



Highlights of the Week

FONS held their Christmas fair last Tuesday. There was an excellent turnout and sweet treats and small gifts were snapped up. Thank you to all members of staff involved in the organisation and those who attended and showed their support.

Mr Cox reported that the yr13 historians were impeccable at the Tower of London. Learning about the marriage of Anne Boleyn and her grand arrival with 1000 barges on the Thames to her quiet demise only yards from the white tower. The Tower was used as a source of evidence bringing the past alive. None lost their heads thankfully.

On 2 December Ms Fooks and the Sociology & Politics students headed to Westminster Methodist Hall to listen and ask questions to MPs of all political hues (and journalist, Michael Gove). They were all very generous with their time. The most popular speaker amongst students was the Speaker of the House, Lindsay Hoyle. Other speakers included Stephen Kinnock, Michael Gove, Sian Berry, David Linden, Stella Creasy, and Nigel Farage.

Important Dates

- Norwood Factor Thursday 19th December 7-9pm
- Last day of term Friday 20th December
- Back to School Monday 6th January
- Assessment week (7-10) 6th-17th January
- Year 12/13 Parents Evening 9th January 430-7
- Year 11 Mocks begin 10th February
- Year 10 Parents Evening 13th February 430-7
- Break up for Half term Friday 14th February

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Kitty Stankus (7JUG)
- Michelle David- Akanbi (8DRO)
- Daisy Bartle (9MON)
- Leticya Reis Vieira (10EAN)
- Olivia De Almeida Whitehouse (11JAL)
- Lucie Glen (12HAI)
- Charlie Jackson Jukes (13BPA)



Norwood Industries Needs Your Support!

Who are we?

We are Norwood Industries, the No. 1 UK First Tech Challenge® robotics team. Every year, our team of 12 students (aged 11-16) compete against 500 other teams across the UK and over 5000 teams globally to design, manufacture and build a functioning robot to complete a series of tasks set out by the games committee. Our team Adam, Rupert, Otto, Otoné, Thomas and Robert make up Norwood Industries: a group of passionate and forward thinking students from The Norwood School in South London.

How did we perform last season?

Last year we had great success, we went undefeated in our qualifier and won the control award (having the best code and use of sensors on your robot) allowing us to advance to the UK Championship. At that event we were 5-1 in our qualification matches setting numerous national records, won finals and *The Design Award* for our excellent robot design not only on paper, but also a superior performance during games.

Inspire award and FGC

We have been striving to win the Inspire Award, the most prestigious award in FTC. In order to win this award, you not only have to have a high-performance robot, but also have a strong outreach initiative. Outreach can take many forms, for example we have had meetings with other teams from across the world to teach advanced robot design, visited multiple Primary Schools to spread STEM across the UK and reached out to a number of industry leaders in engineering for help designing our robot. Winning the Inspire award would be a dream come true and allow us to join *Team Great Britain* at the First Global Challenge®, an annual event where every country in the world nominates a team of 5 students to compete their robot in a series of challenges themed around global challenges. Last year a team from Bournemouth School for Girls participated in the event in Athens, Greece.

How can you help?

Competing in FTC is a great learning experience for everyone and teaches not only engineering skills, but also soft skills such as outreach and team management; all essential for a successful career. However, this can be a very expensive endeavour and as a state-school we have struggled to raise the funds required to build our robot and pay for travel and accommodation at events. Any donations, however big or small, fuel our success and allow us to keep growing as a team.

Please click the link [here](#), or scan the QR code to donate.



gofundme



Scan to donate to Norwood's fundraiser
help FTC21196 Norwood Industries compete nationally!"

Thank you! We appreciate your support!

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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