

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

Happy New Year to all of our families, students and staff! We hope you had a joyful break, whatever you got up to. It has been lovely seeing the children back, full of talk of how they spent their time.

We start 2025 with most of the school undertaking assessments - good luck to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. We hope you have revised and prepared well and that your assessments are a success as a result.

It is at this time of year that we all reflect on the year gone by. Schools are mid year, but we recognise all of the hard work which has already taken place last term - the preparation of exam groups, the accomplished performances on stage, on sports fields and in classrooms. We regularly see our staff at work with our students and are always proud of the school we are. Our staff really care about our students so we thank them and we are sure you do too.

This term, though shorter, is just as busy. For our Year 11 and 13 it is a crucial time, leading into final exams at the start of next term. It may be the cause of some anxiety, but we encourage our students to think positively - preparing early and doing their very best can make all the difference. It is also a real opportunity for them to demonstrate the culmination of years of work and effort. We wish them well this term.

Remember: anything worth having is worth working hard for.

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

It was a busy end of term... here are some of the brilliant highlights. Ms Quay has been trialling a virtual reality stress buster for her Year 11s. Seven minutes of mindfulness and confidence building to take the exam anxiety away. Mr Cole and Ms Clemenger had a go and loved every second - see first page for some photos!

The U14 girls football team reached the semi finals of the South London cup with a win over BTG in the quarter finals. Ruby scored all five goals in a 5-1 win. The team is really going from strength to strength - well done!

In more sporting triumphs, Norwood won our group in the first stage of the 7/8 Surrey Indoor Cricket Cup by comprehensively beating BTG, Harris Crystal Palace and Harris South Norwood.

Ms Gallant thought she would spread some festive cheer from the KS3 Library before the break. These are her wonderful Library Ambassadors who have been renamed Library Elves. Library **Elves** that can be found amongst the library shelves.

And finally... the roaring success of the Norwood Factor. Wow. Motorbikes, water, snow and sheer talent. We know it is a lot. And the time, effort and expertise of our PA team shows. What a terrific show and a massive well done to all of our talented students, and especially our winner, Camilla!

## Important Dates

- 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

