

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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When we went round lessons this week we focused on PE and Performing Arts. Classes were bursting with energy - being it a furious game of handball or sprinting trials for the upcoming school athletics meet - we have our fingers crossed that we will experience some of the same success we did last year!

In dance students were learning Fossi Jazz dance routines in the 6th form and the sheer energy of the Year 8 dance warm up was enough to take our breath away! It is always great to see our students channelling their energy into physical activity. And of course it is so good for them! We also had staff channelling their energies in a different way with a training session after school. All of the teaching strategies we want to promote in the classroom are also used to teach staff, so that we have the opportunity to be the learners too!

We are happy to say we are currently fully staffed - a big achievement given school shortages nationally. We have also managed to get round to see some of the staff who joined us in January teaching. Welcome to all our new staff in English, PE, Visual Arts, Science, and the office; we are glad they are settling in to Norwood - make sure you make them feel welcome too!

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Staff training in action

Taking a breath in Dance with Ms Goodman



Highlights of the Week

Last week saw the return of the highly anticipated House Chess Tournament. A number of students from different year groups entered with high hopes of reaching the final. A massive well done to Thomas Law White and Sokal Bhomic for reaching the final!

Ms Kenrick and Ms Jackson had a lovely day out to the Saatchi Gallery with the Y10 Photography students! Two different exhibitions, very inspiring work, and a bonus workshop making sculptures with wire and flowers which will be used in their next exhibition. It will also be going on to tour the world in years to come! Great way to get the kids engaged and a reminder that the Arts matter!

A message from the PTA: We managed to raise £1140 with the estate agent boards this time round which is fantastic. Thanks to everyone who hosted a board and to Miranda who is now managing this ongoing fundraiser with Northwood Estate Agents for the PTA. We will be back in contact again in the early summer for a second round of boards.

Important Dates

- Comedy Night! Thursday 30th January
- Year 11 Mocks begin 10th February
- Year 10 Parents Evening 13th February 430-7
- Break up for Half term Friday 14th February
- Year 11 Mocks Week 2 24th February

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Francis Mulvey (7AKI)
- Elizabeth Henao Cortes (8ALE)
- Louisa Jones (9ASP)
- Kit Mackenzie (10GFW)
- Fawaz Lassissi Abdouramane (11GA)
- Igor Kolodziej (12AF)
- Judea Edwards (13NZH)



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Comedy Night

- The biggest night of the PTA calendar is almost here and what a line up we have for 2025! Tickets will go on sale in the Events section of the school website on Thursday 23 January at midday priced at £20 and £25 each. As we know, they tend to sell out in about 5 minutes so good luck! The PTA bar will open from 6.15pm with a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks plus snacks. There will also be a raffle for a magnum of champagne. Once tickets are sold out, we will circulate details via WhatsApp/School Email for pre-ordering drinks/snacks for collection to help reduce crowding at the bar. Champagne raffle tickets can be purchased through the WhatsApp groups or on the evening. Cash and card/phone payments accepted on the night, please do bring some cash with you in case the WIFI crashes! Bank transfer will be required for pre-orders.

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. **New Year offer - £15 for 2 weeks!** Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.

Easyfundraising

- If you're shopping online, 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](#)>

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



A FUNDRAISER FOR THE NORWOOD SCHOOL
THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 7.30PM

BAR OPENS FROM 6.15 - PRE-ORDERS AVAILABLE

★ COMEDY NIGHT ★

KERRY GODLIMAN | DANE BUCKLEY | MICHELLE DE SWARTE |
JEN BRISTER | IAN STONE | FERN BRADY

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