

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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It's the time of year - end of January when days can feel long, dark and pretty miserable. But we always like to think that a day in school counters this. Getting into classes where there is lots of engagement and seeing all the different things going on that students can get involved in is always lovely to see. The weather may not be great but it cannot dampen our spirits.

We are always proud of the way in which our staff demonstrate care for our students at Norwood, whether it is planning engaging lessons, remembering their birthday, awarding them class charts points or a positive postcard; we know students enjoy school more when they have positive relationships with the staff here.

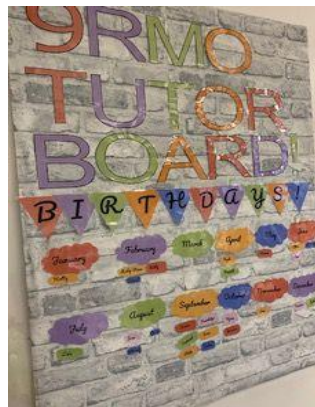
We saw this in action as we went round school this week. Year 7 were concentrating hard on a unit on Greek Myths, whilst Year 8 were reciting Shakespeare with gusto. We also had one of our staff, Mr Donohue, who works in our premises team, speak to students about his previous career as a police officer. This insight and opportunity to ask questions of someone who had done the job offered made for an interesting Citizenship lesson - some staff even went along to be part of the audience.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers

Tutor Birthday Board



A talk from a former Police officer



Taming of the Shrew with Year 9



Greek Myths with Year 7



Highlights of the Week

Well done to the yr 12s who had their first public assessment last week. They performed scenes from from Dogs Barking giving some great performances.

Mr Tomlinson invited a team of senior leadership SIMS staff from North Macedonia to visit this week. They are making some serious changes to their systems and want us to help them know what it is schools need and want. They were so grateful for the time given to them. They were also very complimentary about the school, staff and children. We think we may have shifted some stereotypes about London schools!

Another fun House event at lunchtime last Wednesday with Globe's Vertical Sergeant Jump challenge. A great turn out from all year groups and Houses.. Mr Murphy managed to snap a few "High School Musical" jump photos! If you see anyone who took part, please congratulate them - they were cheerful, energetic, and joyful all round!

The Barbican Charity Committee met for the first time, and represented the school superbly when working with the Fundraising Manager at the South London Refugee Association. The Committee had lots of great fundraising ideas and are looking forward to working together to realise their plans and to collaborating further with SLRA.

Important Dates

- Comedy Night! Thursday 30th January
- Year 11 Mocks begin 10th February
- Year 10 Parents Evening 13th February 430-7
- Steel Pan Valentine's Ball 14th February
- Break up for Half term Friday 14th February
- Year 11 Mocks Week 2 24th February
- Year 9 Parents Evening 6th March 430-7

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Jahnya Fuller (7JLT)
- Boy Simpson (8LO)
- Florian Mukherjee-Cameron (9MCL)
- Neilah Maguga Ebuka (10EHU)
- Jessica Griffin (11BGA)
- Noor Sabra 12 (SPE)
- Vanessa Balint (13 AF)



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Comedy Night 2025 – Thursday 30 January

The biggest night of the PTA calendar is almost here and there's a great line-up! There are just a few tickets left so please extend the invitation to family and friends – **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** – and you get a good view of the stage from all seats! We really want a sell-out event as every pound raised goes back into the school, funding projects that all our students benefit from

PLEASE NOTE

- The PTA BAR will open from 6.15pm with a selection of alcoholic and soft drinks plus snacks. Please bear in mind the evening will be very busy so expect to queue. Cash and card/phone payments accepted on the night, please do bring some cash with you in case the WIFI crashes!
- **PRE-ORDERS** To ease the queues, we are offering pre-order packages of sealed drinks/snacks that can be paid for in advance and collected from the 6th Form Centre (the doors on the right-hand side when you enter the Atrium). Please see the price list with items that can be pre-ordered. There is a **10% discount on Wine and Prosecco pre-ordered this way. All pre-orders must be received by EOD WEDNESDAY 29th JAN**

PRE-ORDER PROCESS

- friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com with the subject of the email: **COMEDY NIGHT DRINKS/SNACKS ORDER**
- Detail what you would like to order from the list of items on the [pricelist here](#)
- Confirm the total amount of your order in £ in your email and transfer to the PTA bank account – Friends of The Norwood School – Account number: 41188934 Sort Code: 604005 with your name and **COMEDY** as a reference eg **J SMITH COMEDY**
- You will then receive an email confirming your order/payment and a reference number which you will use when you pick up your items in the 6th Form Centre. Glasses will be available to pick up with your order for Wine/Prosecco.
- **Please do not bin wine/champagne glasses.** We can run them through the dishwasher and reuse them so please hand to the PTA bar staff at the end of the evening. Apart from it not being eco, it costs the PTA approx £100 per event in binned glasses!

MAGNUM OF CHAMPAGNE RAFFLE

- Champagne raffle tickets can be purchased through the WhatsApp Year groups or on the evening in the 6th Form Centre or by the bar.
- Tickets are £1 each/£5 a strip.
- To pre-purchase raffle tickets, email friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com with the subject of the email: **COMEDY NIGHT RAFFLE**
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- You will then receive an email confirming your order/payment and your raffle ticket numbers. This will be drawn on the night and presented by Kerry Godliman. If you are not attending the evening, the bottle can be collected from Reception.
- Please keep raffle order money transfers separate to drink/snack orders if you are pre-ordering



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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PTA Spending

- This week the PTA transferred **£2000+** in funds to the school to support various subject areas - **£1500** to support the Science department buying specialist experiment measuring kit that helps our GCSE and A Level students perform at a high level.
- We also sent money to the Geography and Film departments to subscribe to key subject and industry specific magazines and streaming services (£90 and £115).
- Finally we transferred £400 to the school to support Art Classes that are being run by lower Sixth Artists to devise and lead a series of art and craft workshops for Key Stage 3 students running once a week. These will support less advantaged students to build cultural capital which is a whole school drive for Norwood this year.
- Coming up we are paying for the replacement to the backboards for the basketball hoops in the sports hall – long overdue and supporting an expertise in the school. It'll look good when opposing teams visit! We are also going to be supporting the English department by purchasing up to 30 Google Chrome laptops which will benefit creative writing, SEN & EAL needs, students who work on the Norwood Voice Newsletter and encourage familiarity with editing software.
- In the spring, we will be looking at the Greenhouse area of the school to provide a more calming space for students who need time out and a refurbished terrace area to get fresh air and eat lunch outside. We will also be aiming to tackle the wild space by the back gate to create a peaceful outdoor learning area/relaxing garden.
- We will need some parent power for this one so if you are interested in helping out, have gardening/painting skills or just want to get involved, as always, please just let us know via friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com

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

ISA Cleaning

- Specific availability on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's at 8am. In the area of Streatham, Crystal Palace, and Thornton Heath



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