

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

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In the last week we appear to have been surrounded by Shakespeare! Rehearsals for performances of Romeo and Juliet were happening on the balcony outside our office, Year 8 were practicing Macbeth assessments in drama not far away from that and in the study hub we had the opportunity to listen to a lecture on Othello from a visiting Uni lecturer. We were struck by how engaged our students were in the language and lessons of text written in a different age and how our staff are able to make it relevant and engaging in the here and now. We also had the biggest event in our FONs calendar in the last week - the comedy night. It is always an eagerly anticipated event and raises a huge sum to help the school. More on that later. We reached out to one of the acts - Ian Stone - following his set. In his response to us he said he had received many messages of support from our parents in attendance. What he wanted tell us as Headteachers is how obvious it was that our parents loved the school and its ethos and that he was glad he could be part of supporting us. It reminded us that when things get tough it is good to remember our community - all those coming together and cheerleading the school. A big thank you to all those parents that understand things are not easy for schools and who are doing their bit to work positively with us and let others know of the work we do. We are glad to have you on board!

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers

Romeo and Juliet Balcony Scene



Teaching in Humanities



Field Trip Work in Geography



## Highlights of the Week

Our Year 7 Boys and Girls Athletics teams represented the school fantastically well over the last two weeks, taking part in some closely contested races, relays and field events. Our girls team finished an impressive 4th out of 12 schools and the boys finished 5th after being in first place after the running events.

A trip to the Barbican Theatre with Coach Lucio was an unforgettable experience for our students last week. They had an exclusive dress rehearsal, a behind-the-scenes Q&A session, and exciting competitions with giveaways. Students also had the unique opportunity to watch Katsiaryna Snytsina (Belarusian basketball player) in a powerful performance, which blended basketball and acting to tell a story of resilience, identity, and overcoming adversity.

To end their two year programme working with the Construction Youth Trust, the students were treated to a Site Visit - at the Southbank. They went onsite at 77 Upper Ground - the 5 story Brutalist Grade 2 listed landmark. Meeting site managers, electricians, project managers and apprentices, the students toured the site - originally the IBM office building, learned how and why 80% of the original structure had to be maintained and spoke to many of the professionals who are involved in the construction and planning for the mixed-use riverfront development.

## Important Dates

- 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:

- Gray Newmark Hudson (7JLT)
- Celia Arn (8RPI)
- Ada Rock (9DCL)
- Jayden Lindie- Richards (10KAU)
- Rupert Cumberlege (11GA)
- Amelie Law White (13SPE)
- Gwenver Griffin Smith (13LKE)



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On Wednesday, Ms Goodman took the sixth form dancers on a trip to Sadlers Wells to watch 'An Untitled Love' by Kyle Abraham (a choreographer that the girls have been studying). There was absolutely beautiful choreography, a great soundtrack and stunning dancers that they are now fangirling over. The students behaved very maturely and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience - as did Ms Goodman!

This week our school was invited to be a part of the Race Equity Education Project this included an assembly that was delivered to a whole year group and looked at the themes of race and racism. It was then followed up by a workshop that was delivered by Poetic Unity where our pupils looked at different topics but specifically what it means to be black in the education system. At the end of the session pupils were asked to write a poem, to express their feelings. Ms Douglas wanted to thank all who helped get students involved in this important opportunity.

Mr Allison also organised a visiting lecturer to talk on Othello and The Handmaid's Tale for our 6th from Literature students. The lecturer afterwards spoke to us of how great the students were. The students were highly engaged and didn't stop making notes for two hours!

Last week saw the fourth annual Norwood School comedy night. With a packed theatre and a brilliant line up. We all had a good laugh whilst raising a staggering amount (over £13k we are told). Our thanks go to Mr Francis, Mr Spring and Ms Goodman for helping to run the show; to FONS for their excellent organisation and mammoth efforts; to Kerry Godliman for pulling in favours and arranging yet another fantastic bunch of acts and to the comics themselves for being so giving of their time and talent.

Finally... want to see what makes Norwood School special every day? Follow us on Instagram @TheNorwoodSchoolLondon for regular highlights from the school day, showcasing student achievements, exciting events, and behind-the-scenes moments. Whether it's sports victories, creative projects, or inspiring lessons, our Instagram gives you a real-time glimpse into the vibrant life of our school community. Don't miss out—follow us today and be part of the journey!



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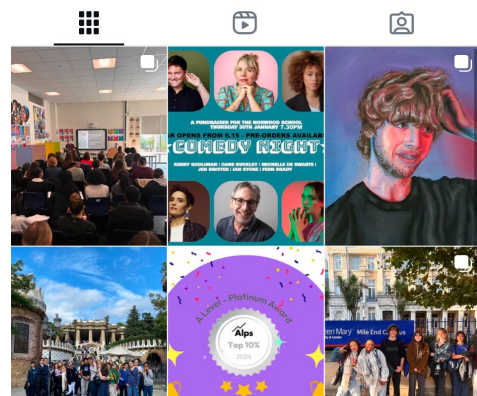
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## Comedy Night 2025

- The biggest night of the PTA calendar certainly didn't disappoint! We are still checking totals but have hopefully cleared £13k which is incredible! Some of this money will be purchasing a large number of laptops for the school to help with the English Department, EAL and SEND. Ms Kovacs put in the request back in October when we were putting together our funding plans for the year and we received a lovely message from her; 'This is the best email I've ever had - I honestly can't express my gratitude enough! Thank you all! Please pass on my thanks to all FONS for the amazing work you do and this amazing funding; it's going to make such a difference!' The PTA will keep you posted with the details of the spending that is happening with the funds as we move through the year. As always, the PTA events wouldn't happen without the huge amount of work and help behind the scenes. A big thank you to Kerry, the school Heads, SLT and staff, students (ticket and set-up helpers and the 6th Form Band who were fantastic!) and the PTA bar staff; Meri, Alex, Johanna, Karolina, Laura and Vicky (honorary PTA parent for the evening!).

## Music Showcase – Steel Pans Valentine's Ball on Friday 14th February

- The PTA will be providing the bar with some special Valentine's magic! Tickets for the event can be booked here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thenorwoodschoo> where you can also purchase food for the evening supplied by Jerky Fridays <https://jerkyfridays.co.uk> Patsy used to be a parent at the school and her Jerk Chicken is delicious!

## 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](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com) to find out more.

## ISA Cleaning

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

## Lost Property QR CODE

- 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 we cannot guarantee it will be returned to you. Link [https://bit.ly/PTA\\_LOSTUNIFORM](https://bit.ly/PTA_LOSTUNIFORM)

## Easyfundraising - Free £2 Appeal

- Register as a new supporter of Friends of the Norwood School on [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) here: [Friends of The Norwood School - Crown Dale Fundraising | Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org/charities/friends-of-the-norwood-school-crown-dale-fundraising)
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Friday 14th February  
Doors open 6pm, music from 6:15pm

THE NORWOOD SCHOOL PRESENTS:

## Steel Pan Valentines Ball



TICKETS:  
ADULT (NO FOOD) MINIMUM £5 CHILD (NO FOOD)- MINIMUM £3  
ADULT (WITH FOOD) MINIMUM £12 CHILD (WITH FOOD) MINIMUM £10

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