

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

As Headteachers we have the privilege to be guests at some of the celebratory moments in the school week. This week we were invited to meet some primary school students who visited to learn about storytelling. The wonder and excitement at being in a secondary school was lovely! We also got invited to the final tasting of Year 9s food tech assessment - brownies, spring rolls, noodle salads, sweet potato fries. Yum - so good we didn't want to leave!

We also get to look around some of the excellent work going on round the school. Our Bursary students were treated to a workshop using mixed media ink and collage by our very own Mr Gappy. The tropical sunshine colours and themes lifted our spirits in this grey weather week! We visited science lessons where Year 11 were hard at work preparing for their second round of mock exams. We were impressed by their focus and efforts and hope it is a sign of some good outcomes for them.

And so it is the last week of this half term - time has flown since Christmas. Year 11 are in their mock exams all this week and on our return- best of luck to them. Staff and students are braving the colder weather on the Outward Bound trip and we have lots more trips and a Valentine's ball going on this week - so plenty to report back on after half term. In the meantime we wish you and your family a happy half term break.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Lunchtimes last week saw 6th form performances of scenes from Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth and Othello. There was confessions of love; murderous manipulation and a dire warning of the tragic implications of blinding jealousy. Thank you to PA and all the brilliant students for their efforts.

A big thank you to Mr Pierson, Mr Grant, Mr Lemmie, Mr Campbell and Mr Bada for organising the two House football events last week! A great turn out from the students with Barbican winning the Year 9 & 10 competition and Phoenix triumphing in the final minute to secure victory in the Year 7 & 8 tournament.

Year 13 Historians had a lovely sunny day out learning about the mid Tudor crisis. Factional rivalry, economic and social problems, rebellious behaviour, succession crisis, inflation rises leading to high cost of living... all in a day's work! The students shared their own knowledge with the resident expert.

Storytelling has always been a way to pass the time but now we understand what a powerful tool it can be when used to engage others by teaching new ideas. In celebration of Storytelling Week, 1-9th February we invited Crown Lane and Rockmount Primary Schools to celebrate by participating in a Storytelling Workshop. Students created their own stories in groups using narration, character descriptions, props whilst imparting the all important morals and lessons of stories. Everyone had a lot of fun but also learnt a lot about the powerful nature of telling stories and the sharing of ideas.

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
- A Level Assessment W/C 10th March
- Y12/13 VA Mocks W/C 17 March
- Y11 Information Evening 11 March 4:30-7

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Samuel Glancy (7AKL)
- Jack Davis (8DRO)
- Charley Outred-Marascalchi (9DCL)
- Oscar Moorey (10EHU)
- Henry Hunt (11GA)
- Akari Iuchi-Taylor (12NZH)
- Tianna Siabo (13NZH)



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- Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Steel Pans Valentine's Ball this Friday Night! Bar will be open from 6pm and music starts at 6.45pm, event ends around 9pm. The PTA will be providing the bar with some special Valentine's cocktails (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and treats. We have some lovely bottles of champagne to raffle too. Tickets for the event can be booked here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thenorwoodschool> 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. £30 per month! Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.
- **Easyfundraising**
More than £1.5m was raised for PTAs & schools in 2024 using easyfundraising. To celebrate, until 28th February, they are giving PTAs £2 for every new person who signs up to easyfundraising in support of our PTA. How to join in with the Free £2 App-eal:
 1. 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](#)
 2. Our PTA is guaranteed to get £2 every time someone downloads and registers via the easyfundraising app. Available for iPhone and Android users.
 3. If you're shopping online, over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Friends of The Norwood School each time you shop online.
- **ISA Cleaning:** Specific availability on Monday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's at 8am. In the area of Streatham, Crystal Palace, and Thornton Heath

- 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
- If you would like to help the PTA with any of our projects, charity fundraising or bars, please get in contact at friendofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com. We would love to hear from you!

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

Tickets available on [ticketsource](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)
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