

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

We start with a shout out to Thandiwe in Year 7 who has been involved in a production of Pig Heart Boy at the Unicorn Theatre. It all started with a referral from Mr Spring and culminated in meeting the Queen, the Theatre's patron! Congratulations to Thandiwe - we are glad to see her recognised so publicly!

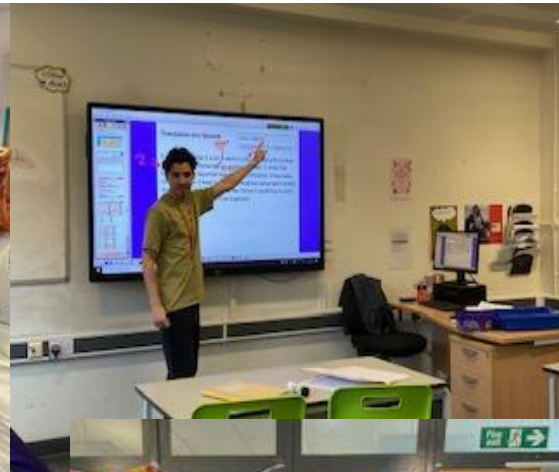
More recognition goes to our Year 11 cohort. They have just completed a two week mock exam period and approached their assessments with great maturity and focus. We know such exams can be nerve wracking but all the Year 11s we have spoken to recognise the value of having a practice run and the importance of revision. We wish them luck - with only a few months left to go it is time to set your goal and be relentless in your pursuit of it.

We had a look around some of the Modern Foreign Languages lessons taking place last week. We saw independent work and focused group activities going on. The confidence of our students in responding to their teachers and how they are progressing in their languages skills was very evident. Bravo!

Finally, we had some of our fantastic teachers turn the tables on staff. We were trained further in questioning techniques and Adaptive Teaching - even having to learn a year 7 dance routine. Outcomes were varied but we all tried our best and had a lot of fun trying!

Best wishes

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**



## Highlights of the Week

Mr Wolstenholme let us know that the rowing machine/bike event he ran in the atrium seems to have raised about £300. Total distance of 58km. Norwood school to Southend. Or if we started at Dover, we would have crossed the channel, got a little past Calais to a town called Ardres.

Ms Goodman and Ms Quay took their year 10 cohort to Brit school on Thursday to watch the Khronos company performance. It was an amazing experience for the students with a sneaky visit from some ex Norwood students.

Those of us that got to see Mr Spring's Yr 12 Brain Club performance were treated to an onslaught for the senses, depicting mental health issues in a humorous and creative way. There were bubbles, sound loops, running machines and dancing brains... It is this year's National Theatre entry - well done and good luck for the competition.

## Important Dates

- 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
- Spring Music Showcase 3rd April 7-9
- Spring Term Ends Friday 4th April

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Angelina Maya Romero (7JRE)
- Archie Vernon Smith (8ALE)
- Eloise Osunbade (9JCU)
- Harry Nash (10KAU)
- Olivia De Almeida Whitehouse (11JAL)
- Mattea Bell (12VBU)
- Munira Salad (13AF)

