

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Welcome back to what is now the summer term! We hope families had the opportunity for a good break.

Prior to the holidays we had a visit from Councillor Ben Kind and the Lambeth Director of Education, Sophie Garner. They wanted to meet our fantastic EAL staff and the students in our International class - set up to help refugee and asylum seeking students find school places. It was joyful to hear from the students how well cared for and welcomed they have felt as part of our Norwood Community. Our visitors also got to see some of the lessons happening at the time in music with steel pans performances on show. We assured them this was all part of a normal Norwood day! In lessons Year 8 have been studying Buddhism with Ms Hussain so had a mindfulness session in our wellbeing garden which included guided meditation to find their inner peace. In English Year 9 and Year 7 were responding to poetry and in Year 11 Citizenship students had the opportunity to voice views on policing with the opportunity to quiz our school's officer, PC Wash.

We have also been bowled over by the robotics team who have progressed to Nationals by dominating the heats of the First Tech Challenge - the world's largest robotics competition. The talent and dedication of this team took our breath away - read more about it later - but a huge well done and good luck for the future rounds team Norwood! Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole



Highlights of the Week

All of year 8 were treated to a balcony view of Macbeth at the Globe Theatre. Everything went as smoothly as it could go. An absolutely massive thank you to everyone who made it a roaring success.

Our brilliant Robotics team stormed to the Nationals as they took the first prize at the regional competition. The judges were blown away. Ms Acham noted: "We should be so proud of these amazing students, particularly Adam Rodrigues. They were the leading part of the winning alliance and won the Inspire award. They have spent over 1000 hours and made 70 iterations to get this far. The judges feedback was that they have never seen anything like our team."

Ms Roper took the Y12 VA students to the Hayward Gallery for their final Take Over day. The gallery was closed to the public but they had invited about 80 students from other schools to the exhibition. Our students did a fantastic job of taking charge for the day; running tours, workshops and a careers event.

A massive well done to our U14 Girls football team reached the final of the South London Cup by beating St Michael's Catholic College in the semi finals.

Finally, the Music Showcase was a fantastic way to end the Spring term with a celebration of the range of talents and styles on stage, it was really beautiful to see!

Important Dates

- Year 8 Parents Evening Thurs 1 May 4:30-7pm
- Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
- Year 7 Parents Evening Thurs 15 May 4:30-7pm
- Battle of the Bands Wednesday 21st May 7-9pm
- End of Half Term Friday 23rd May
- Back to school Monday 2nd June
- KS3 Assessments Begin Monday 2nd June

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

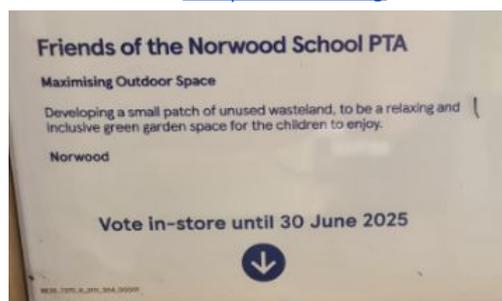
- Year 7 - Maria Sabogal Villarreal (7JRE)
- Year 8 - Hannah Pearson (8PWR)
- Year 11 - Adam Rodrigues (11DTA)
- Year 12 - Hamilton Sakwe (12JFR)
- Year 13 - Kasharie Farrell (13AF)



- Thanks to Miranda's charity efforts, we have been shortlisted for Tesco Stronger Starts Green tokens programme for fundraising for the 'Mindfulness Garden' aka The Wedge. Voting will commence in store from the first week of April 2025 to June 2025 with the green tokens
Participating stores are:
 - 2723 Croxted Road, Dulwich Express SE21 8SZ
 - 3317 Tulse Hill Express SW2 2QB
 - 4342 Streatham Extra SW16 6HP
 - 5122 Clapham Superstore SW4 9DF
 - 5358 Streatham Place Express SW2 4QY
 - 5470 West Norwood Express SE27 9DL
 - 5494 Streatham High Street Express SW16 1DA
 - 5678 Clapham Wandsworth Express SW8 3JL
 - 6239 Streatham Crown Express SW16 3JG
 - 6791 Brixton Hill Road Express Express SW2 1SD

It could be worth up to £1500!

- **Easyfundraising**
 - 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) 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. <links to [Friends of The Norwood School - Crown Dale Fundraising | Easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org)>



- **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. Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.
- 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
- Estate Agent Boards FONS will be organising another run of Estate Agent boards for May with Northwood Estate Agents to raise funds for the school. Information about how you can take part by having a sign outside your home has been sent out to parents who have taken part previously. If you would be able to have an estate agent board outside your home in May but are not on our list please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com
- Sheryl Makin from The Luxury Travel Boutique is a local mum (and school parent!) with over 30 years travel expertise. Fully bonded with independent advice, The Luxury Travel Boutique offers a stress-free booking experience, taking care of all your holiday needs. Give Sheryl a call to help plan your next family holiday! [Link here](https://www.theluxurytravelboutique.com)

