

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

Summer term means exams for many of our students. Visual Arts exams have been underway for both GCSE and A Level students for some weeks now. This week final languages speaking and listening exams are taking place. For both out Year 11 and Year 13 students (plus the Year 10s taking their Community language exams) we wish you good luck. For these final weeks before the exam season gets going in full, revise, spend time with your teachers in class and intervention focusing on the areas you find toughest and be prepared. Exams are more palatable if you have done your prep. And in times of stress, take a moment to breathe and remember that anything worth having is worth working hard for. Also remember that you are going to have the best summer with all of this behind you! This week we returned to business in science with Year 10 looking at diseases in biology, revising the periodic table and introducing electrolysis in chemistry and understanding mass as well as types of radiation in physics. Year 13 we also revising the difference between communicable and noncommunicable diseases.

Staff were also revising their own learning this week through whole staff safeguarding training - proof it is not just the children thinking hard!

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

Our annual Solutions to Pollutions Fair is back on Wednesday 18th June at 15:30 in the canteen. Year 8 students have been studying pollution and climate change in their geography lessons, looking at various methods we can reduce our waste and impact on this world. The fair will allow students to showcase their projects to the wider community of The Norwood School.

A big well done to Lily in Year 9 who took part in TCS Mini London Marathon. Doing Norwood proud!

A message from Lambeth: Fostering Recruitment

We have an urgent need of more carers, and we'd like to explain a little bit more about what it means to become a Lambeth Foster Carer.

**What is fostering?**

Being a foster parent means caring for someone else's child as part of your family. Foster carers look after children who are unable to live with their parents, through no fault of their own. You'll be given lots of training and support, as well as allowances to cover living costs, the costs of food, travel and for the time you'll need to invest in supporting any child in your care.

**Who can foster?**

Lambeth Fostering welcome applications from everyone with a passion for caring. You just need to be over 21, have a spare room, good written and spoken English, and permanent UK residency.

We have a lovely **NEW** video of one of our wonderful, long-term foster carers, Joan, which provides great insight into our campaign for more carers! [Click to watch video - Meet Joan | Lambeth Council](#)

## Important Dates

- 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)



Hot Weather ☀️☀️☀️☀️☀️☀️

The following adjustments will be in place up until Friday only, as temperatures are expected to drop over the weekend:

**Uniform Adjustments:**

- Students will not be required to wear blazers, jumpers, and ties (optional)
- Students may wear tailored shorts in accordance with the school handbook
- All other uniform expectations remain in place

Please ensure your child has a water bottle. It is important that they stay hydrated throughout the school day.

# Be the difference.

## Could you foster?

Children in our community are in need of stable, loving homes to achieve their best future and fulfil their potential.



“Our foster mum makes sure we do our homework”

[www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster)

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Every day in Lambeth a new child comes into our care, and we urgently need more foster carers to give them the love and support they deserve.

Fostering means looking after someone else's child because their birth family are unable to. That can vary from short-term foster care to having a child or young people with you for a long time. As a foster carer, you'll look after children as if they were your own – in a loving home environment. You'll need to be sensitive to the challenges they'll face after separation from their families and any additional trauma they may have been through, such as abuse or neglect.

There are many different types of foster care, and we're sure there's one that works for you. For example, you could provide short-term respite care to children with disabilities to allow their parents a break. Or, if you have the space, you could help us keep a family together by caring for siblings. If you work 9 to 5, you may find it easier to foster older children who are more independent.

### When you foster for Lambeth, you get:

- a **rebate of your council tax** if you are actively fostering for us
- **24-7 out-of-hours support** from a dedicated social worker and our team, 365 days of the year
- two weeks' (14 days) paid respite each year
- a **£500 referral bonus** if you refer a friend who becomes an approved, active foster carer for Lambeth
- among the **most competitive fees and allowances** in London
- Fostering Network membership and the opportunity to join our active fostering support group
- **priority** (before a private fostering agency) when a child is looking for a placement
- a thorough induction programme
- your own dedicated supervising social worker (SSW)
- ongoing training and development opportunities throughout the year
- peer mentorship to newly approved carers run by our most experienced foster carers.

## Why do we need foster carers like you?

Lambeth is a diverse borough. Our children come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures and ethnic groups. And so we need carers who are diverse too. Your sexuality, marital status, age, religion, disability and whether or not you own your home will not determine your ability to become a foster carer. However, there are a few criteria you must meet.

You need to:

- be over 21 years old
- have a spare bedroom
- be a full-time resident in the UK or have indefinite leave to remain
- have good spoken and written English

We consider applications from people who are working, but you will need to have some flexibility to meet all the needs of any child in your care.

### We would love to hear from you!

If you have any questions about fostering, please contact us today for an informal chat and more information:

Call: **020 7926 8710**

Email: [fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringduty@lambeth.gov.uk)

Find out more: [www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/foster)



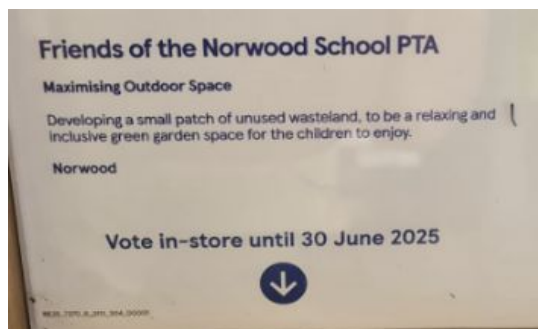
If you would prefer to speak to someone in person, come along to one of our events. See when the next one is at [www.lambeth.gov.uk/fosteringevent](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/fosteringevent)

## The fostering process



- 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!



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

- Host an Estate Agents board to support the PTA..
  - ✓ Boards will be erected approximately 22nd May and will be displayed until 12th June. ✓
  - ✓ Emails have gone out to those who said 'yes' to a board earlier this year just to check that all is OK to host one again and we have over 90 parents signed up (yay!). If you are not able to host one this time please contact [mirandabradley74@gmail.com](mailto:mirandabradley74@gmail.com) by Monday 5th May (latest) ✓
  - ✓ Northwood will donate £15 for every address used THE ASK: We just need another 20 parents to sign up. If you are able to host a board and haven't already told us earlier this year then just complete the attached form <https://forms.office.com/r/icNu4rbGUJ> Northwood have been really positive about supporting our school again this/next year so we would like to extend our thanks to Stuart and the team for helping us to raise these much-needed funds
  - ✓ [www.northwooduk.com/west-norwood](http://www.northwooduk.com/west-norwood)
- 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](#)

