

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

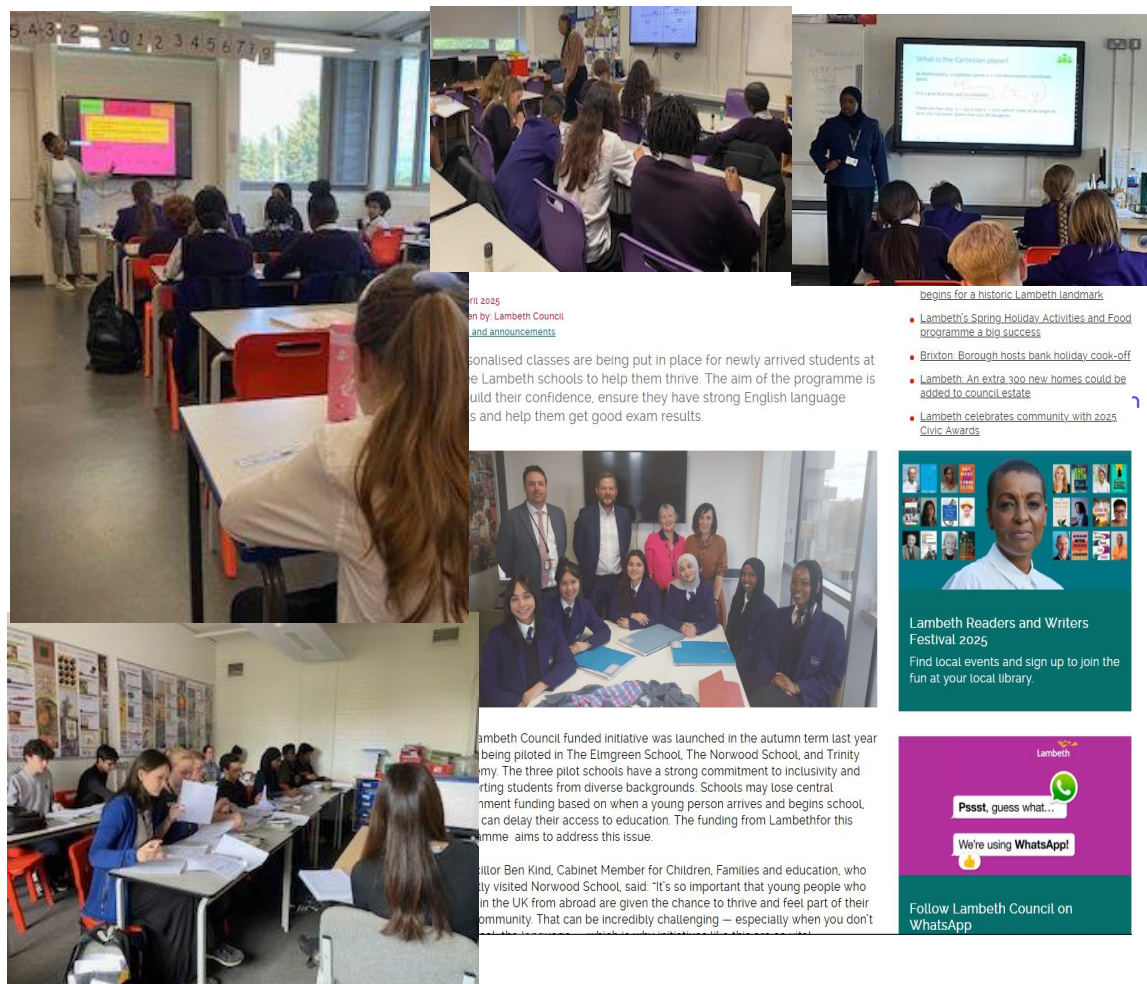
GCSEs and A levels are upon us and yr 11 and 13 students have acquitted themselves really well for the first few exams. A number of them have spoken of their relief that exams are finally here and there has been a sense of nervous anticipation around the school. The good weather always helps, too, and we wish all those involved the very best of luck. Meanwhile other year groups continue as normal - we visited Maths lessons this week where we saw lots of focused concentration. And there is the usual diet of exciting extra curricular opportunities as highlighted in this newsletter. Special mention to our athletes who performed brilliantly at the Lambeth Athletics Championships..

As we approach the end of the academic year our thoughts turn to thinking about our experiences this year and how to continue to make sure our school is one that is as safe an environment as it can be for all pupils and staff. Of particular focus is our mobile phone policy which we continue to review - we may be making some amendments to this and will keep you informed of any shifts in policy for September.

Lastly, with thanks to Ms Olano, Norwood's good practice was highlighted in the Lambeth Newsletter this month. The recognition for work undertaken in welcoming refugee and asylum seeking students into UK school is well deserved and a source of great pride for us. Bravo!

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



April 2025
by Lambeth Council
and announcements

Personalised classes are being put in place for newly arrived students at the Lambeth schools to help them thrive. The aim of the programme is to build their confidence, ensure they have strong English language skills and help them get good exam results.

begins for a historic Lambeth landmark

- Lambeth's Spring Holiday Activities and Food programme a big success
- Brixton Borough hosts bank holiday cook-off
- Lambeth: An extra 300 new homes could be added to council estate
- Lambeth celebrates community with 2025 Civic Awards

Lambeth Readers and Writers Festival 2025
Find local events and sign up to join the fun at your local library.

Lambeth Council funded initiative was launched in the autumn term last year being piloted in The Elmgreen School, The Norwood School, and Trinity Primary. The three pilot schools have a strong commitment to inclusivity and supporting students from diverse backgrounds. Schools may lose central government funding based on when a young person arrives and begins school, which can delay their access to education. The funding from Lambeth for this scheme aims to address this issue.

Minister Ben Kind, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and education, who recently visited Norwood School, said: "It's so important that young people who come to the UK from abroad are given the chance to thrive and feel part of their community. That can be incredibly challenging – especially when you don't

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Highlights of the Week

Congratulations to Kayson Hamilton in Y10 who has been accepted to the the Young Artist' Summer Show at the RA with his work Anne Boleyn Re-imagined. His work was selected from over 23'000 entries and will now be included in the online exhibition and be on display at the Royal Academy.

Our Debate Mate team had a great time at the event and really threw themselves into it. Everyone took part and did a fantastic job representing the school. Two of our students even received certificates for stepping into impromptu swing groups, helping make sure all the debates could go ahead. We were also proud to receive a certificate for most consistent attendance. Out of 61 schools, our team placed 22nd - a great result!

There were some brilliant results to report from the Lambeth Athletics Championships, especially for our Year 7 girls. The Year 7 Girls relay team absolutely dominated the girls relay clocking in a time of 57.77 - the quickest time of the day across all year groups for the girls!

The first Norwood Bake Off has been taking place over the last few weeks. Students submitted 3 photos of a batch bake, a pastry and a showstopper as evidence of their skills. So far there have been 2 live elimination rounds to reach the final. Four talented contestants will bake their showstopper on Monday 19th May from 1.40pm. Join them as we live stream the first ever Norwood Bake Off. Link [here](#)

There was also a trip out to watch Dear England at The National Theatre last week. A trip that inspired all in attendance.

Finally, a special well done to Jamila in Year 9 who was invited to a national talent event at St George's Park. The invitation comes as she has been identified as one of the top football talents from London and South East of England - Wow!

Important Dates

- 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
- Year 10 Assessments Begin Monday 9th June

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Silas Gebbie (7AKI)
- Esme Daly (8DRO)
- Falis Adow (9MON)
- Ranbir Singh (10ARO)
- Scarlett Spooner (11BGA)
- Raffaele Fernandes-Silvestro (12SPE)
- Sabrin Adow (13AF)

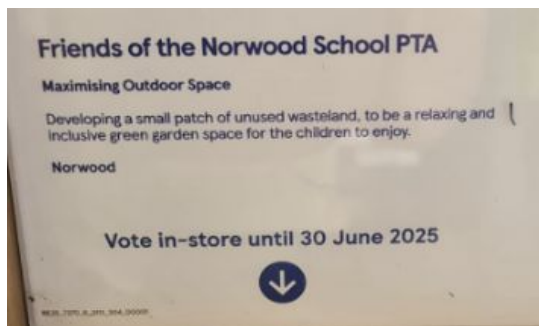


BATTLE OF THE BANDS – 21st MAY – BAR STAFF HELPERS REQUIRED!

- Please join the [PTA BAR WhatsApp group](#) if you can help with the bar at events; it's fun, easy and a great way to meet other parents and help the PTA raise funds for the school! The bar only happens if we have volunteers to help with it. **PLEASE NOTE:** We are going to do a bit of a clear out of drinks and snacks for this event – it may mean that we run out of certain items so make sure you buy your favourites early on! There will be soft drinks and snacks for the students as well. Any questions please contact us at friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com

TESCO FUNDRAISER

- Make sure you are putting the blue tokens into the Tesco Sure Starts bins at checkout. All the local TESCO's are taking part. It could be worth up to **£1500** if we get the most votes so help Friends of the Norwood School PTA secure the top fund!



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.

ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

- Northwood Estate Agents are again supporting the Norwood School PTA by sponsoring parents and friends of the school to host estate agents' boards outside their home in May wishing students the very best of luck with their summer exams. Boards will be erected approximately 22nd May and will be displayed until 12th June. If you said yes to a board, it should appear outside your home next week. Any problems please contact mirandabradley74@gmail.com

THE LUXURY TRAVEL BOUTIQUE

- 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](#)

