

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

What with two bank holidays, this short half term has gone by in a flash and we are about to embark on the last seven weeks of the school year. - We often talk about the breadth of opportunity afforded to our students beyond the regular curriculum. In this edition it is wonderful to see how they support each others pursuits even when they have left the school. Creating Success Together is our motto and it is heartwarming to see this continue into adulthood.

Plenty has been happening this week. We had a very busy Year 7 parents evening - it was lovely to catch up with some parents at the almost end of their first year with us and talk about their child's growth! Ms Acham was out in London to see an alumni student's dance piece - and bumped into a whole load of ex students there for moral support. Ms Goodman got her competitive edge on with her dance group. Mr Lever has made links with Lambeth RAFT project which held workshops with some our keen environmentalists. They hope to make wider community links in the future to raise awareness of energy saving. Our gardeners were in their own environmental space tending crops and enjoying the sunshine - Mr Issit is particularly enjoying the fruits of his labour as a proud rhubarb dad! And with the summer comes a lot more outdoor pursuits - the first of the Duke of Edinburgh expeditions head out to adventure this week. Good luck to them. And also continued good luck to our exam cohorts who are still busy studying and working hard. Your time in the sun will come! Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole  
Co-Headteachers



### The Norwood School Workshop Summary

#### Workshop Attendees

The workshop was attended by Year 7, 9 and 10 pupils.

#### We walked around the school buildings with a RAFT architect. Findings/discussion points:

- The air source heat pump system appears oversized and required substantial steelwork to install on the roof.
- There are two 5000L buffer tanks in place to store water, which might also be oversized.
- The school has a large array of solar and pv panels installed on its roof, however, the electricity generated here is exported to the grid.
- Jim is a trained electrician and is in the process of upgrading all lighting to LED.
- RAFT encouraged The Norwood to sign up to [Energy Sparks](#) to monitor and reduce their energy usage.

#### Climate Action:

- Many of the pupils are interested in creating a school eco club. See list of relevant resources attached.
- RAFT also suggested that The Norwood sign up to the DE Climate Ambassadors Programme to help your school to produce a Climate Action Plan. [Click here](#) for more information.

#### Workshop Aims

- Develop a greater understanding of the climate emergency and school emissions by the school community.
- Investigate the school's recent building upgrades, discussing the importance of decarbonising heating methods.
- Encourage collective action to reduce, manage and generate energy.

#### Community Engagement: Social Media

Details of the pupils' brilliant engagement is scheduled to be posted on RAFT's social media, connecting the school to other organisations committed to retrofitting and decarbonising their buildings. The Norwood School will have the opportunity to share their work during a borough wide conference in the Autumn term.

#### Deliverables and Activities

We introduced the children to RAFT's work, the role of an architect and building retrofit. Led by facilities manager, Jim, we visited the plant room to discuss the school's new decarbonised heating systems. The pupils asked thoughtful questions to better understand the importance of switching to renewable heating systems. We then explained how air source heat pumps and solar pv generation works. We experimented with a thermal imaging camera to track temperature changes across the classroom. In the second half of the session, the children created their own architectural drawings of the school, designing and locating their own air source heat pumps and solar pv panels. The children presented their impressive work back to the class.



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## Highlights of the Week

Ms Goodman spent her Sunday with a fantastic group of our dancers at their first UDO competition. They performed brilliantly and represented the school with energy and real team spirit. Seven of the girls also took part in the under 18s trios and quads – a big step up for them! The girls didn't place at the top but they were absolutely thrilled to bring home a 6th place trophy and medals. It was a long day in Ilford but a great one, full of encouragement, effort, and inspiration. Ms Goodman couldn't have asked for a better group to spend the day with. They did us proud.

We welcomed visitors from the DfE, Lambeth and education ministers from the British Virgin Islands on Tuesday to see the barbershop project in action. Hopefully we have helped them to secure further funding for what is a lovely project through facilitating the visit

The back playground looked more like a festival site as the Duke of Edinburgh expedition preparations began - Year 9 were busy working as a team and figuring things out. Let's hope the practice pays off!

## Important Dates

- Battle of the Bands Wednesday 21st May 7-9pm
- End of Half Term Friday 23rd May
- Back to school Monday 2nd June
- Solutions to Pollution Fair 18th June 3:30-17:00
- Year 11 Prom 24th June 6-11pm
- Sixth Form Prom 26th June 6-11pm

### WHEN WILL EXAMS TAKE PLACE?

W/C 02/06 Year(s) 7-9 (Over 2 weeks)

W/C 02/06 Year 10 VA (1 week)

W/C 09/06 Year 10 Non-Core Subjects (1 week)

W/C 16/06 Year 10 Core Subjects (1 week)

All exams will take place in regular timetabled lessons.

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Emily Augusto (7JLT)
- Lewis Winter (8RPI)
- Lily Campbell (9ASP)
- Jack Beighton (10EHU)
- Lola Evans (11GA)
- Mia Wisniewska (12SPE)
- Jasper Pattison (13NZH)



## Solutions to Pollution Fair

When: Wednesday 18th June 2025

Where: Canteen

Time: 15:30 - 17:00

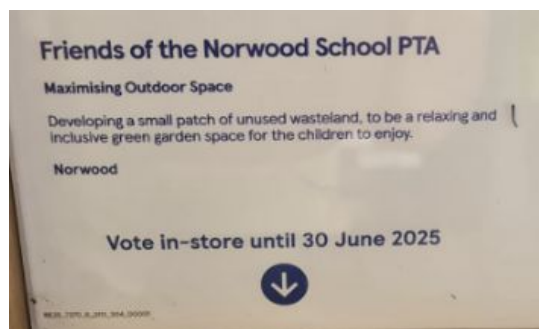
Who: Year 8 will present their solution to pollution

### BATTLE OF THE BANDS – 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

- Looking forward to seeing everyone tonight at the PTA bar. **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 so they will need cash or a card/card on a phone, we don't accept their school lunch cards, sorry. Please consider joining 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. Any questions please contact us at [friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com)

### TESCO FUNDRAISER

- Make sure you are putting lots of 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](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com) to find out more.

### ESTATE AGENT BOARDS

- Estate agent boards will be going up this week from Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The boards need to stay up for the full 3-4 weeks or else we don't get the money so if they fall down, get damaged or any other issues, please contact [mirandabradley74@gmail.com](mailto:mirandabradley74@gmail.com) If they all stay up we should raise approx £1500 for the school.

### 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](#)

