

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Welcome back to our last half term of the academic year. We ended last half term in a blast of rock and roll (and many other music genres) with the annual Battle of the Bands competition. It was a very close run thing with only 0.3% between first and second place. Victors were Boss Baby, though we felt there was a lot more achieved than the title crown; teamwork, increased confidence, tenacity and musical talent were all on show, so well done to all involved. We are still in the midst of final examinations for Years 11 and 13 - who are now on study leave and hopefully deep into revision. One last push before a long summer break for them - good luck! We also have internal assessments for all of our other year groups. Though we know the term 'assessments' will cause nerves, do remind students that assessments are important for teachers to be able to identify what they have learnt and where gaps lie and inform our future planning for them. They are also an opportunity to practise. We usually get better at something with practise so though we do not expect perfection, we do expect students to bring their best efforts.

Best wishes

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

A big well done and congratulations to the science faculty for their Yr 7 Science fair this week. The variety of ideas on show was amazing and the efforts students (and their families!) had gone to was huge - we cannot hope to capture it all here. Listening to students explain their projects to all the visitors was a really proud moment for all involved - especially Dr Wright who took the role of organiser this year.

Ms Ockwell and Ms Jackson had a lovely trip with the year 9 Textiles specialism group. They ventured to The Cartoon Museum where there was art from a range of artists from all over the world.

Please congratulate Norwood Bake Off finalists: Lea Even, Kalina Kujawa, Leah-Berry Blessed and Ana Constandis for their passion and skill. They baked whilst being live streamed without batting an eyelid. The standard was very high and the live audience applauded and celebrated the outcomes. Extra well done to Kalina who won the first ever title 'Norwood Baker 2025'. Massive thanks to everyone who helped especially the brilliant Ms Acham and Ms Rogers. All of the finalists will be going to the cake and bake show in November at Olympia.

Important Dates

- Solutions to Pollution Fair 18th June 3:30-17:00
- So you think you can dance? 19th June 4/7pm
- Year 11 Prom 24th June 6-11pm
- Sixth Form Prom 26th June 6-11pm
- Y13 Acting Show 2-3rd July
- Sports Day 17th July

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)

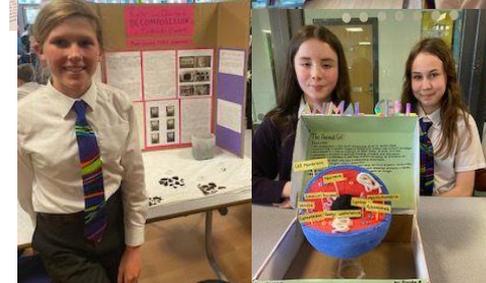
W/C 16/06 Year 10 Core Subjects (1 week)

All exams will take place in regular timetabled lessons.

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

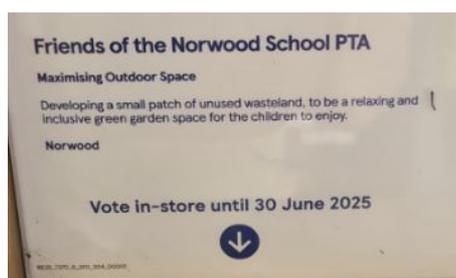
- Estella Freeman (7AKI)
- Millie Gilbert (8IKA)
- Zachary Sawczuk (9RMO)
- Rosabella Morgan (10JHB)
- Temitope Abina (12AF)



1. **FRIENDS OF THE NORWOOD SCHOOL** – FONS is a registered charity so recently Alex, our Treasurer, had to submit our full PTA charity accounts for the year 2023-2024 which, after costs, amounted to **£22,872!** A fantastic effort from everyone, well done!
2. **BATTLE OF THE BANDS** – The PTA bar raised **£619.10** at the BOTB which was approx. £550 profit after a mini restock the week before.
3. **So You Think You Can Dance? 19th June** This is the next event looming in the calendar. We will run a PTA bar as usual for this event with plenty of options for the students as well. We would also like to plan to do a big giveaway/low-cost uniform sale as well as the PTA shed is bursting with washed and checked clothing – including a LOT of blazers! Reception also has a lot of clothing (unchecked/not washed by the PTA/possibly named and reclaimable). If you think you can commit to helping on the day with either/or/both a uniform sale from 2.30pm set up/PTA bar from 5pm set up please join/let us know in the [PTA Bar WhatsApp group](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Bar and uniform events only happen if we have enough PTA volunteers to staff them. Any time you can give is much appreciated. Any questions please contact us at friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com

4. **Tesco Fundraiser** - THIS ENDS IN JUNE SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR TOKENS IN!! All the local TESCOs 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!



5. **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.
6. **Estate Agent Boards**
If you signed up to have an Estate Agent board, it should have gone up from Thursday 22nd May. The boards have 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 If they all stay up we should raise approx **£1500** for the school.
7. Sheryl Makin from [The Luxury Travel Boutique](#) is a local mum (and school parent!) with over 30 years travel expertise. Give her a call to help you plan your next trip!

