

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Phew! Firstly because it is warm, also because there is a lot happening in school currently!

A number of trips and visits have taken place - including THREE successful Duke of Edinburgh expeditions. The weather was ideal and there were plenty of happy campers across the various trips. Behind all that was also a team of staff giving up their days, evening and in some cases weekends to make it happy - we thank them for time and efforts. We spent a lovely evening looking at the amazing work produced by our GCSE and A level Art students. The annual exhibition had variety and skill on show and the amount of work was dizzying. We are always tasked with picking out our favourite pieces. It is one of the hardest tasks of our year! We were also very happy to see so many parents and visitors come to see the work at the private view. Well done to all involved - the students and the Visual Arts team deserve our congratulations. On the same evening we were treated to a spectacular final Year 13 play performance : The Book of Dust. The staging was breathtaking - with a river (yes, with real water) running the length of the theatre. We also enjoyed the clever use of puppetry. The actors put on a superb piece with moments that flitted from heat warming to tense to funny. Bravo to our Performing Arts team - it was a fitting end to our Year 13s time with us - both they and we loved every minute of it.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Norwood Industries, our awesome robotics team won 3 trophies last Friday at the National Championship of First Tech Challenge at the Copperbox. It was 2 days of rigorous inspection, presentation, outreach and battles having beaten 500 teams to become the top ranking team alliance in the UK. But, we need your support. Our brilliant team has raised funds through sponsorship, appeals and school donations so far, but with budget cuts we will not be able to compete next season unless we find other sources of funding. So we are asking for your pledges to take us to the next level. Our goals for next season:

- To build our robot for the next competition with a kit of spares parts
- To train a new team as our Founder Members are moving on
- To build an army of Outreach members to raise funds and share our love of robotics

Please click this [link](#), or scan the QR code to donate.

In other news, on one of the hottest days of the year Mr Foster took the gardeners to Kew Gardens. They had a lovely time and managed to find some breeze under the shade of the trees.

Our Y10 3D Design students went on a trip to Japan House to see the 'Craft of Carpentry' exhibition last week with Ms Underwood and Mr Gappy. Students were given a tour of the gallery, and learned how complex Japanese joints and traditional buildings are constructed. They also visited the Design Museum to see the 'Artificial' exhibition, about human centred design and the climate crisis so got lots done!

Important Dates

- Music Showcase Wednesday 9th July
- Activity Day Thursday 10th July
- Sports Day Thursday 17th July
- PAPAs Thursday 17th July 7-9pm
- End of term Friday 18th July 12:40 finish

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Casper Birchall (7SV)
- Sokal Bhomic (8PWR)
- Alexander Jagger (9MCL)
- Merolyn Suero Sanchez (10GFW)



FONS Notices

1. **Summer Music Event and Uniform Sale and Year 6 Induction Day** – Wednesday July 9th/Thursday July 10th
Three PTA events in 2 days!

School Uniform Sale - The PTA washing team have been hard at work getting unclaimed/unnamed property ready for sale. Come and browse in the 6th form centre just off the Atrium – from 6pm on Wednesday and from 3pm on Thursday. We will be trying to get rid of as much as possible. Anything non-school branded items left will be donated to the foodbank. Suggested donations and payment by QR code. All donations will go towards the House Celebration Day in September.

Summer Music event – supported by the PTA 'Drink the Shed Dry' and our lovely bar staffers – we don't want to be carrying anything back to the shed so help us out!! The usual selection of wines, beers, cocktails, soft drinks and non-alcoholic drinks will be available plus snacks – until they run out!

Year 6 Induction day – tea and cake in the Atrium plus uniform sale for our new starter parents.

2. **FRIENDS OF THE NORWOOD SCHOOL AGM** – Annual General Meeting Notification – Tuesday 15th July at 7pm online where we will run through everything we have done this year, plans for 2025-2026 etc. The meeting is held on online and details will be emailed this week.

3. Sheryl Makin from [The Luxury Travel Boutique](https://www.theluxurytravelboutique.com) is a local mum (and school parent!) with over 30 years travel expertise. Give her a call to help you plan your summer adventures!



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