

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

A big Welcome to our new Year 7 parents and a welcome back to those with children in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 or 6th form.

September is often a time to mark new beginnings. We are starting the Autumn season and we are starting a new school year. We take this time to repeat our established expectations and teach students of any new additions. We have the Norwood School Handbook which we have provided these to every student to refer to. We hope they are being kept safely at home as they are packed with helpful information from uniform and mobile phone expectations to important dates..

As always we also expect our parents to support us in reinforcing these school expectations with their child. Thank you in advance. It is better for all when the school and parents can work cohesively.

We have also spent some time launching our new school values with students this week. The values are qualities we see as important and underpin our ethos as a school. This was decided in liaison with the whole staff over the course of last year and students will be rewarded for demonstrating them both in and out of the classroom. The values are: Resilience, Integrity, Creativity, Curiosity, Kindness, and Inclusivity. We hope you agree that these are attributes which we would want all of our children to demonstrate in order to achieve success and become rounded people.

Finally, we hope that you and your child have a positive school year with us.

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Introduction

Ready, Respectful and Safe

At Norwood, our approach is shaped around the 95% of learners who arrive every day keen to learn and eager to please.

This handbook has been written to make things clearer for you. In it you will find information about our expectations of you; how we want you to conduct yourself and how we expect you to present yourself.

We believe that every one of you has the ability and maturity to understand the rules of the school. Rules are in place everywhere in society and we all have to get used to following them, even if we do not necessarily agree with them.

If you do choose to ignore the expectations we have of you or wish to be seen as someone who tries to flout the rules, then you are choosing to be noticed for the wrong reasons. You will be challenged by adults in the school should you do this.

So, get the basics right. Follow instructions, be Ready, Respectful and Safe. Work with us to ensure that our school, The Norwood School, continues to go from strength to strength.

This handbook works in conjunction with the school's Behaviour Policy.

We follow three basic rules in our approach to behaviour:

Resilience • Inclusivity
Creativity • Curiosity
Kindness • Integrity

Highlights of the Week

First of all, a massive well done to all of our brilliant Year 11 and Upper Sixth students who received their brilliant grades over the summer. We had a lot of happy families with us celebrating in school as students opened their results. A big well done to all the students and staff who supported them throughout their time in school.

We had some more good news over the summer. Paige Mason in 10JCU had her artwork selected for inclusion in an exhibition at a new local gallery following an open call. This was a competitive opportunity, and having her work chosen is a real recognition of her creativity and talent. Well done Paige!

As it's the start of the new academic year, we thought it would be the perfect opportunity to share some really key and important dates with you all.



Don't forget to name your child's uniform! Write their name and tutor group in their blazer so it can be returned if lost!

Important Dates

Date	Event	Duration
Wednesday 17th September	Year 7 Bursary Meeting	4-5pm
Thursday 18th September	Lambeth Autism Advisory Workshop	09:30-11:00 am
Tuesday 23rd September	Lambeth emotion coaching workshop	09:00-10:00 am
Thursday 25th September	School early closure to prepare for Open Evening	12:40 onwards
Tuesday 30th September	Lambeth emotion coaching workshop	09:00-10:00 am
Tuesday 7th October	Y7 and Y12 Meet the tutor evening	5-7pm
Friday 10th October	INSET Day	All day
Tuesday 14th October	Sixth Form Open Evening	5-7pm
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025	October Half-Term Holiday	1 week
Monday 3rd -14th November	Year 11 Mocks	2 weeks

Important note regarding Year 11 Mocks

Year 11 will be off timetable for their two week mock exam window. This means that they will not be in lessons and will only come in for their exams. Please help us by supporting students during this exam window. Students must be on time and in school uniform for all exams.

FONS Notices

The PTA would like to welcome everyone back after the summer, especially our new Year 7 families! Norwood is unusual in having such an active PTA at secondary level. We started after Covid to bring parents together, and five years on we've become a real fundraising force.

Last year was our most successful yet: we supported all the main school events with our bar, ran our popular Comedy Night, second-hand uniform sales, estate agent board scheme and more – raising over **£25,000** for the school. On top of that, we secured a **£2,000** grant from the WPA Foundation (plus a PTA top-up of £700) for new sports equipment, and **£500** from Tesco Sure Starts for green space improvements. Huge thanks to Miranda, Lana and Kostas for making those wins possible!

With many new parents joining the school community, we'd love more of you to get involved. No special skills required – just a willingness to lend a hand! The best way is to join our Bar Team WhatsApp group, where we coordinate event helpers.

- 1. Easyfundraising**
 - Register as a new supporter of Friends of the Norwood School on [easyfundraising.org](https://www.easyfundraising.org) here: [Friends of The Norwood School - Crown Dale Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#) If you're shopping online, over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a **FREE** donation for us each time you shop online, at no cost to yourself.
- 2. 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. **£30 per month!** Please contact friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com to find out more.
- 3. Estate Agent Boards**
 - FONS will be organising another run of Estate Agent boards for December/January with Northwood Estate Agents. Information about how you can take part by having a sign outside your home will be coming soon.

We will be hosting our AGM soon and looking for some new people to take on roles running the PTA as some of us will be moving on at the end of Year 11 sadly. We will keep you posted on the details for this and the roles we are looking for but do email us at friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com if you would like to get involved. Also, we won't be holding second-hand uniform sales ongoing either as we are implementing a new system which should mean it is easier for everyone to access all the time – again, more details coming soon!

Thanks for all the support,
Ailsa, Alex & Miranda

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