

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

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Already time is flying - we are at mid September and our Open season for prospective parents is in full swing. The planned open mornings are already full so by popular demand we are putting on two extra dates next week. As we speak with new parents about our school and what it is that makes Norwood such a warm and welcoming place it reinforces how proud we are of our school and its community. We remind all parents that on a daily basis we are working hard for the over 1000 students that attend Norwood. It is a great job but not always an easy one and we ask for your cooperation with our expectations regarding uniform, behaviour, attendance and standards. If there are issues we ask that you are respectful and courteous to our staff. Resolution comes from calm and positive communication. When contacting staff, do so with courtesy. Do not expect immediate action or make demands; give us the time to get back to you at a point when we are free - most of the time we are doing the job of caring for your children. We also ask that parents conduct themselves well. Our staff should not be subject to abuse, or stressed by unrealistic expectations. There are already so many pressures on schools; please let kindness (one of our school values) be our starting point. Remember we are role models for our children.

This week we went into science lessons to see a variety of Year 7, 8 and 6th form students at work. All were focused and working hard. Many were excited for their new year and the new learning ahead. Already lots of staff having been dropping into lessons and seeing positive learning take place. We were happy to see students working so well with their teachers and starting the year well- let's keep that up.

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**  
Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

Last week we kicked off the year with our brilliant House Day. Competitive spirit was on full display from Barbican, Globe, Phoenix, and Apollo. It was a fantastic event, with the sunshine making an appearance for tug of war, bench ball, and a range of games that really pushed students to work together as a team.

Across the school, students also took part in escape rooms, rock-paper-scissors championships, and many more activities. The atmosphere was fantastic, and it was wonderful to see students in such high spirits throughout the day. A huge thank you and well done to our Heads of House and staff for their energy and enthusiasm in making the day such a success.

In other news, our new Year 7s have been showcasing their creativity through the Year 7 Reading Transition Project. We've had some fantastic entries—take a look at some of their creations below!

## Important Dates

- Lambeth Advisory Autism Workshop - 18/09 - 09:30-11:00am
- Lambeth Emotion Coaching Workshop - 23/09 - 09:00-10:00am
- School Early Closure (Open Evening preparation) - 25/09 - from 12:40pm
- Y7 & Y12 Meet the Tutor Evening - 07/10 - 5:00-7:00pm
- [Norwood Sustainable Showcase](#) - 08/10 - 16:30-18:30 (see next slide)
- INSET Day (school closed) - 10/10
- Sixth Form Open Evening - 14/10 - 5:00-7:00pm
- October Half-Term Holiday - 27/10-31/10

## Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Year 7 Nilou Valantin (7MBL)
- Year 8 Raul Dorcu (8JUG)
- Year 9 Rita Lindsay-Tose (9ALE)
- Year 10 Paige Mason (10JCU)
- Year 11 Ami Hayford Nutsugah (11KAU)
- Year 12 Anton Wild (12SDO)
- Year 13 Dina Kolmanovskiy (13SDO)



# SUSTAINABLE NORWOOD SCHOOL



Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at the new sustainability measures at Norwood School.

Hear from the students learning about the new air source heat pumps, learn more about other sustainability initiatives at Norwood, and engage with local groups on home energy efficiency.

Norwood School, SE19 3NY

4:30 to 6:30 pm

Wednesday 8 October

Book your free ticket



This is a parent  
only event



# Are you a Lambeth parent of a child in secondary education?

Join us for Lambeth's Parents Open Evening on  
**Thursday 9 October**, 4pm – 8pm at Lambeth Assembly Hall.

- Explore themed areas at your own pace
- Get clear advice about qualifications and options after Year 11
- Learn about sixth forms, colleges, apprenticeships, supported internships and university routes
- Meet professionals and employers who can talk about future opportunities
- Ask questions and get practical support in a welcoming, friendly space

Sign up here by scanning the QR code or click in the link below:  
<https://buytickets.at/lambethcouncil6/1839845>



## FONS Notices

If you would like to get involved with the PTA helping with events please do join the Bar Team WhatsApp in the Norwood Community. We are looking to expand our roster of helpers this year for all sorts of activities like helping set up events, working on the bar, washing school uniform etc. You can join the WhatsApp here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCyJhjYOwAWFHAQdW8pMqB>

### 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](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com)

### 3. Estate Agent Boards

FONS will be organising another run of Estate Agent boards for December/January with Northwood Estate Agents. Information 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](mailto: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.

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