



The Norwood School,
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Head teacher: Denise Webster NPQH

10th November 2017

Dear Parents & Guardians,

In January 2017, after 4 years of service on the board of governors, I was elected Chair of Governors. In the past year governors and I have been supporting and challenging, where necessary, Denise Webster and her team to ensure the best outcomes for all pupils at The Norwood School.

We are extremely pleased with the recent GCSE, A level, and BTEC results, which puts us in the top 5% of schools nationally, and with the progress of students across a range of subjects. The increasing numbers of students who have gone on to their first choice university or apprenticeship is a great achievement. We are delighted with the popularity of our school with parents which is reflected in the increasing number of students choosing Norwood, in all year groups and in the 6th form.

It is important to us as governors that all students enjoy their experience at The Norwood School and are able to experience a wide and varied curriculum, as well as external activities, that prepare them to be independent and able to make sound choices in adult life.

This year we will be revisiting our long-term vision for the school to ensure there are continued high levels of teaching and learning across the school and to support Denise and her team in line with our statutory duties. We will continue to expect the very best outcomes and have the highest expectations for all pupils at The Norwood School.

I will be visiting the school with Darren Iliffe, one of the Vice-Chairs, on Monday 20th November from 1200-1300. We would be delighted to meet as many parents and pupils as possible during this time. Please feel free to pay us a visit to find out more about the governing body, discuss what you like about Norwood and provide any suggestions on how we can make Norwood a better school. If you plan to attend, please report to reception where you will be directed to where Darren and I will be.

In order to facilitate our meeting it would be helpful if you could email Sally Parsons, PA to the Headteacher on stanton.s@thenorwoodschool.org of your intention to visit.

Kind regards

Lila Thompson
Chair of Governors