

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Welcome to our Autumn 2025 newsletter.

Whilst we look forward to another successful, busy year ahead, we would like to warmly welcome prospective parents to our Open Season over the next few weeks. It would be impossible to share all the amazing opportunities, successes, challenges and achievements our happy school community have enjoyed over the last year, but we hope that this newsletter gives you a flavour of what we got up to here at The Norwood School. We hope you enjoy it.

Mr Cole and Ms Clemenger
Co-Headteachers

We encourage creativity

We celebrate diversity

We open minds

We achieve success together
in a harmonious and inclusive
environment

Our Values are

- Resilience
- Inclusivity
- Creativity
- Curiosity
- Kindness
- Integrity

2025/26 Calendar

Open Evening & Days

Open Evening - (5.00pm – 8.00pm)

Thursday 25th September 2025

Booking encouraged please

Open days (9.15am-10.30am)

Booking essential see website for details

Monday 15th September 2025

Tuesday 16th September 2025

Wednesday 24th September 2025

Thursday 2nd October 2025

Friday 3rd October 2025

Friday 6th March 2026

Closing date for Bursary Application Forms

Friday 10th October 2025

Bursary auditions and workshops

Saturday 18th October 2025

Closing date for SIF applications

to take the banding test

Friday 31st October 2025

Admission Test Day

Monday 17th November 2025

Bursaries Available:

The Norwood School are proud to offer bursaries to students who show a natural aptitude and passion for the Arts.

Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 14th October 2025.

5.00 - 7.00pm

Russell Group Meeting

Study Hub @ 4:15pm

Talk to Parents & Pupils Theatre

@ 6.00pm

Parents Evenings

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 7th October 2025. 5 - 7pm

Year 7 Parents Evening

Thursday 5th May 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 8 Parents Evening

Tuesday 21st April 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 9 Information Evening

Tuesday 2nd December 2025. 5 - 7pm

Year 9 Parents Evening

Tuesday 3rd March 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 10 Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 11 Parents Evening

Tuesday 9th December 2025. 4:30 - 7pm

Year 11 Information Evening

Thursday 19th March 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

Sixth Form Meet the Tutor Evening

Tuesday 7th October 2025. 5 - 7pm

Sixth Form Parents Evening

Tuesday 20th January 2026. 4:30 - 7pm

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0208 6709382 selecting Option 1

Exam Results

Successes GCSE & A Levels

A Level Results

Norwood's successes are demonstrated in our students' outstanding achievements. We are incredibly proud of all of our GCSE and A Level students this year.

Gwenver Griffin Smith secured her place at Cambridge studying Human, Social, and Political Sciences with A*AA, Sylvia Hagiú scored three A* secured her place at Kings College studying Medicine, and Amilie Law White secured hers, also studying Medicine at Kent Medway with AAA. Off to top universities:

Aodan Brown will be studying Chemistry at UCL and Christian Barber will be studying Chemistry, with a year in Industry, at Leeds University. Our Performing and Visual Arts students also did well as usual, securing places at the country's top art colleges and conservatoires. Over 80% of our students got their first choice university with some others choosing to go onto an apprenticeship route into the world or work - we wish them all well.

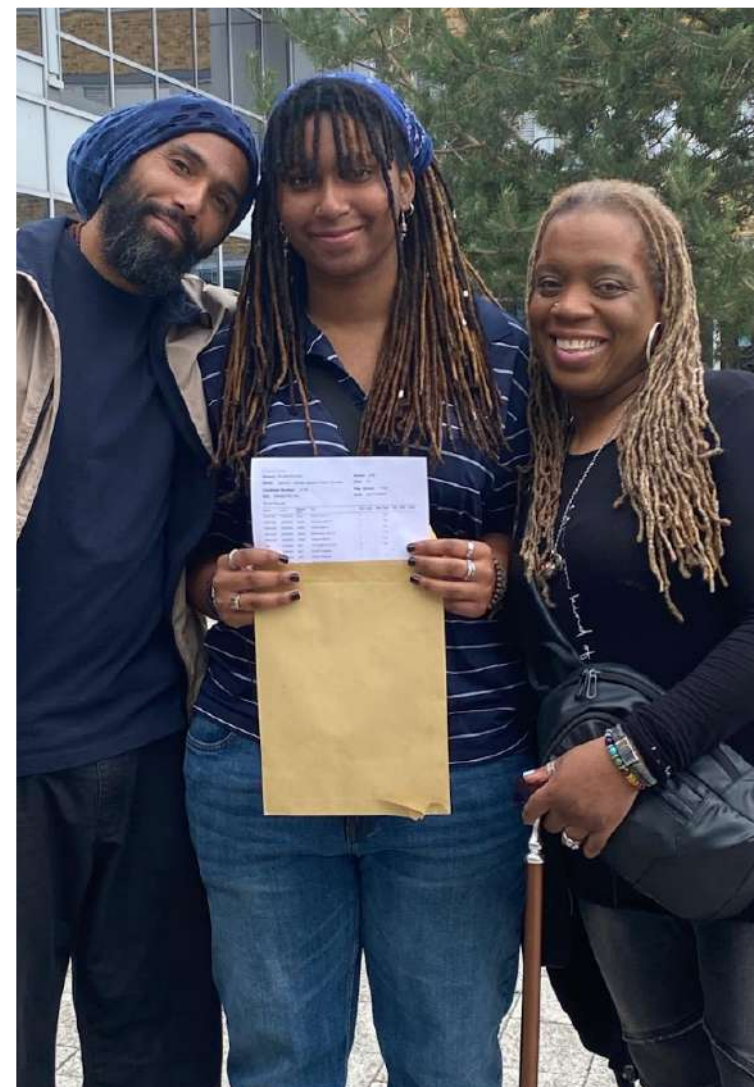
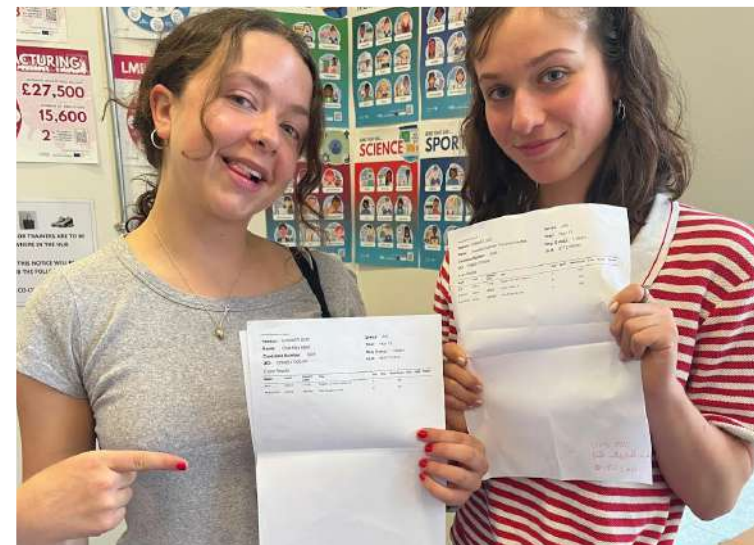
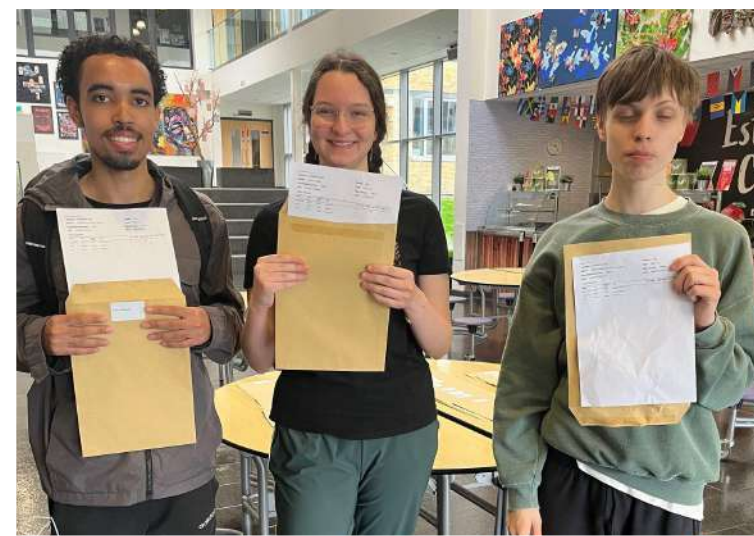
Over 50% of GCSE students achieved an Attainment 8 of 50+ and over **with 20%** achieving an Attainment 8 at 70+!

GCSE Results

We were so impressed with this summer's GCSE Results. Well done to all the students for their efforts and determination and to the families and staff too for their incredible support and relentless encouragement. We are hoping to see many of them return to our Sixth Form this term, but to those of them who have chosen a new pathway, good luck!

Some great individual performances including Oliver, Otone, Amy, Adam, Mia, Neriya, Rupert, Diana and Daisy, who achieved all 9's and 8's!

The majority will be returning to us as Sixth formers this term, but we send our very best wishes to everyone who has decided to move onto pastures new.



Sixth Form Results

A* - A - 37% A* - C - 85%
A* - E - 99%

Our Sixth Form Vocational Subjects also excelled

Dist* - Dist. - 61%
Dist* - P - 100%

Resilience

At Norwood we see failure as part of learning, we embrace our mistakes, learn from criticism and use setbacks as opportunities. We encourage students to stay calm under pressure, manage their frustration, practise, try something new and never give up!

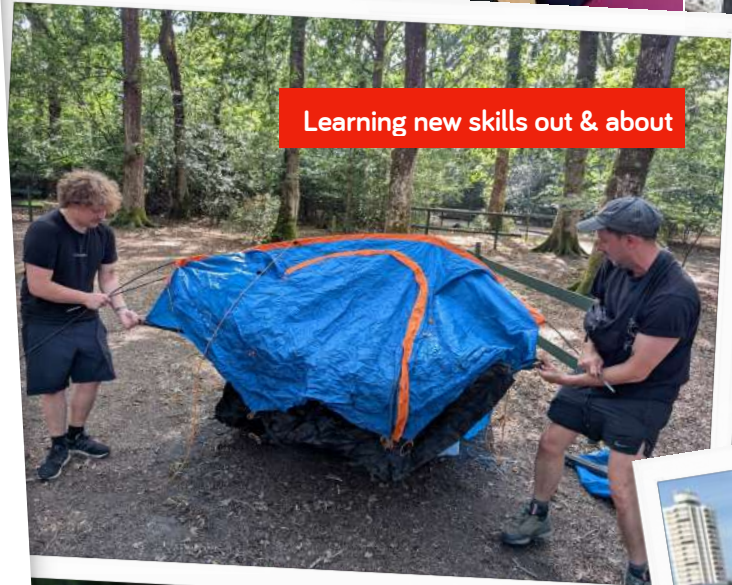
Duke of Edinburgh

The uptake for Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver awards was bigger than ever this year. Special thanks to Mr Wolstenholme who orchestrates it all in his usual understated way. He is already signed up for next year!

Ski Bongiorno!

Mr Foster sent a message from Italy, Bongiorno from the Italian alps!

"Everyone is well and we've had a fantastic week of skiing. The group have graduated from the beginner slopes to skiing across three different mountains across Italy and France."



Learning new skills out & about



Lake District Adventures



Experiencing Gaudi in Parc Guel.



Students take to the slopes



Getting fired up in nature.



Athletic wins



On their way to success



Under 14's girls football

Barcelona & Lake District Trips

Staff and students who ventured to sunny Barcelona for this year's MFL or Music trip, or who braved the chilly Lake District in February had unforgettable experiences.

Sports Events

We are very proud of our sporting excellence at Norwood. Our Cricket Club is going from strength to strength and came second in the The Surrey Cricket Tournament this summer.

Other highlights include the Greenhouse Basketball team's performance, our new cheerleading squad, the Chess Tournament and those who shone at the Lambeth and London Athletics meetings, not forgetting the boys and girls football teams.



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Inclusivity

We value all voices, show respect for different opinions, create safe spaces for expression, embrace diverse cultures, celebrate differences and stand up as allies. We help those who struggle, encourage participation, create diverse leadership, make decisions with everyone in mind and we oppose all forms of discrimination.

Historians

Year 12 historians had the profound opportunity to participate in a trip organized by the Holocaust Education Trust. This journey to Poland took them to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, where they explored the historical significance of the Holocaust.

The experience provided our students with a powerful and moving insight into one of history's darkest chapters, deepening their understanding of the importance of remembrance and the need to challenge prejudice and hatred in all forms.



Yr 12's visit to Poland

Yr 9 Podcasting

Podcasters, To My Sisters, came into school and delivered a wonderful talk to the girls in Year 9. They touched on friendships, anti misogyny and social media. Thank you to Ms Taiwo, and a big shout out to Tamzin, Kyra, Tyanne, Ana and Keiarna, who came up with amazing questions to ask the speakers and were incredibly professional hosts.

Makeovers & More

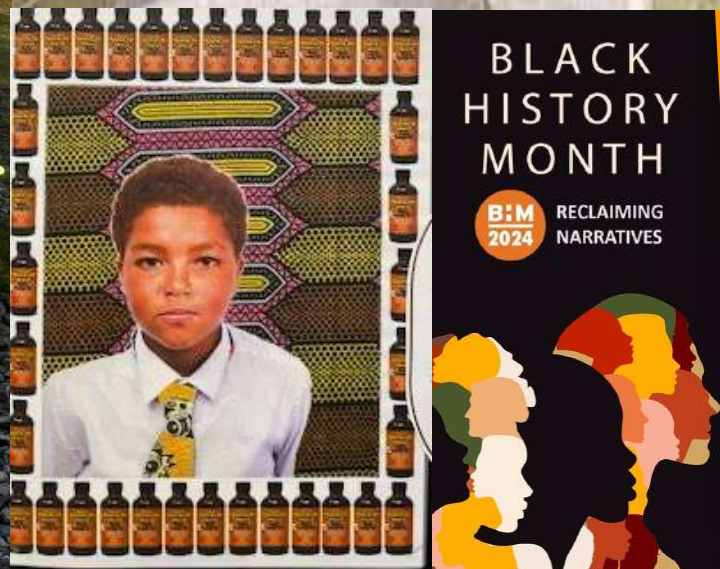
Our Hair and Beauty Show in the Autumn, showcased Afro Hair & Beauty for Black and mixed heritage men and women. The atrium was buzzing with makeovers, amazing hair and fashion. We couldn't wait to be pampered head to toe and look forward to an even bigger and better show this year.



Podcasting Sisterhood visit



The Barber Shop Project



Reclaiming Narratives

Over the course of this last year, we have focused on the theme: "Reclaiming Narratives." The theme represents a powerful shift towards recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture. The theme, during lessons, talks, films, assemblies and workshops challenged the limited narratives that have overlooked the significant contributions of Black people, while honouring the heroes who have shaped history. As part of one of our assemblies, we highlighted the achievements of people like Diane Abbott, a champion of courage, change, and endurance, whose legacy inspires future generations.

Black Cinema

Students were thrilled to attend our Black Cinema screenings and tutors have delivered a wide variety of Let's Talk about Diversity sessions in tutor time throughout the year including; Use of Language, Adultification, Alianne Andam, Chris Kaba, LGBTQ+ contributions to Black History, Benjamin Zephaniah, International Day of Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Black Dandyism at the Met Gala 2025 and Race and Sport. Our Barber Shop Project gave young black boys the safe space to talk and our annual Refugee Week activities included parent cultural cooking sessions, film sharings, assemblies and arts workshops.

David Arlo Osuhon visit

Ms. Gallant took Year 8 and 9 students to meet the inspiring musician and author David Arlo Osuhon. During his talk, David encouraged students to explore multiple art forms, emphasising that writing is an extension of one's creativity. His book, Damien Ike and the Fallen House of Draven, is being adapted for a TV series/film, and Norwood students may even have a chance to audition!



David Arlo Osuhon



Creativity

We enjoy being receptive to different perspectives, cultures, and ideas. We encourage willingness to try new things and work effectively with others, breaking free from traditional constraints. Working together, we find new ways to solve problems, bringing solutions rather than just problems, overcoming challenges creatively and taking inspiration from various cultures.

Our specialism in performing and visual arts enhances our teaching and curriculum. It enables students to develop their unique talents and harness their creativity in whatever field this may be. We develop the whole child, ensuring that when they move on to the next stage of their education they will do so as inquisitive, thoughtful, well-rounded individuals ready for all the world has to offer.

The Norwood year is always crammed full of shows, exhibitions, competitions, workshops, showcases, festivals as well as trips and visits to museums, galleries and theatres.



CURIOSITY

Norwood staff and students are open to new ideas, they engage in healthy debate, explore topics independently, often step outside our comfort zones, enjoy meeting new people and are willing to learn from others. Staff strive to maintain enthusiasm for learning. We dedicate ourselves to making learning exciting, inspiring and engaging. Our curriculum is broad and bespoke with a commitment to diversity and personalisation. We have high academic expectations and ambitions for our young people and also recognise the importance of an extracurricular offer that gives opportunities to experiment, try new things and develop themselves beyond the classroom.

Faraday Challenge

Students demonstrated their creativity and engineering ingenuity through the annual Faraday Challenge which pitted teams of Year 8s building prototype machines against each other. Strategic thinking and savvy budgeting had to be on show, as well as the final products.



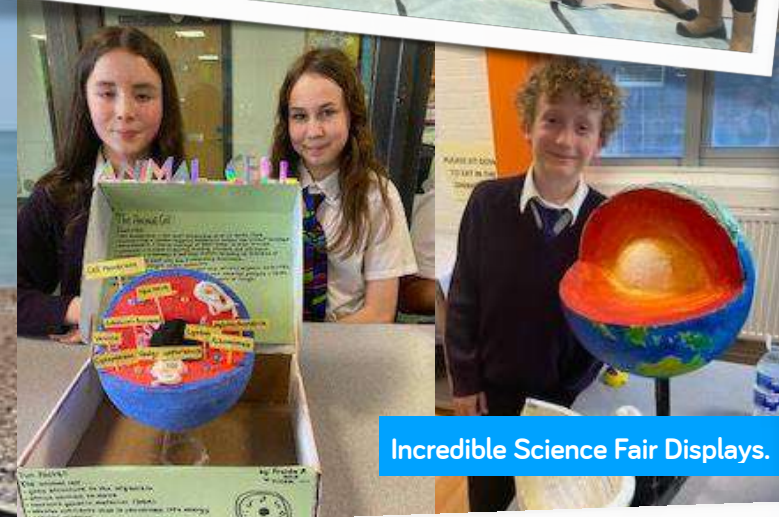
Diamond Light Source



Yr 8 New Scientist exhibition



Construction Youth Trust



Incredible Science Fair Displays.



Geographical Studies in Eastbourne



Faraday Challenge



Young Green Briton Challenge

Two Norwood teams, Meecycle and the Last Generation, were nominated for awards at the finals of the Young Green Briton Challenge, a national platform that nurtures, supports and celebrates youth-led, school-based climate action. The teams shook hands with Chris Packham CBE and Mete Coban MBE, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Energy. Rita's Last Generation Documentary won a special media and creative award, with funding and interest from four mentors including a former BBC executive producer to support.

Geography Trips

The geography department also led fantastic GCSE and A Level trips to the Eastbourne coast, to gather data on coastal erosion and management.

Diamond Light Source

A-level Physics students visited the Diamond Light Source, the UK's national synchrotron in Didcot, Oxfordshire. Diamond is a particle accelerator that accelerates electrons close to the speed of light, producing extremely powerful X-rays. The applications are vast, from understanding the protein structure of viruses like Covid to allowing scientists to see microscopic details in ancient remains. Students really enjoyed speaking to the researchers and seeing the super expensive equipment.

Science Fair

A big well done and congratulations to the science faculty for their Yr 7 Science Fair. The variety of ideas on show was amazing and the efforts students had gone to was huge. 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.

UK First Tech Challenge®

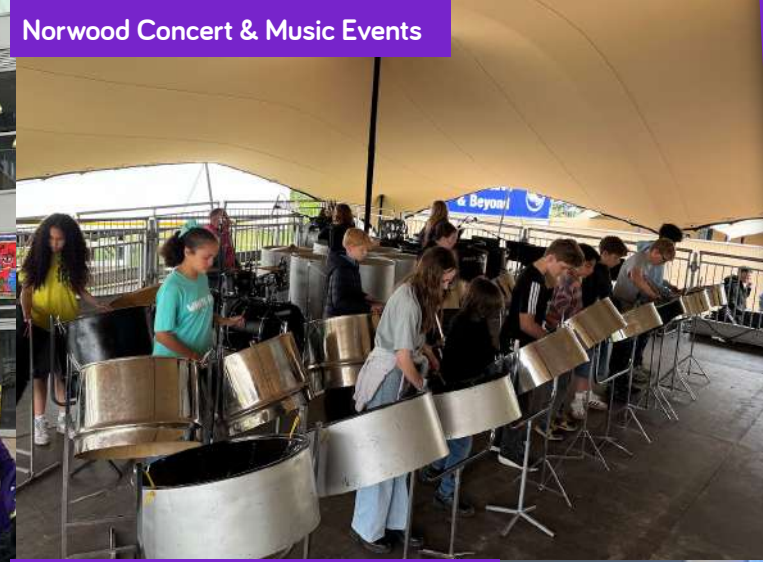
Norwood Industries are our winning UK First Tech Challenge® robotics team. They have outshone teams from across the country for two years running. Key Stage 3 scientists thoroughly enjoyed a day out at the New Scientist exhibition and the Construction Youth Trust team managed to stay safe but enjoy the views from the rooftops on their site visit

Kindness

At Norwood, we show compassion, help without being asked, volunteer for events and go the extra mile. We welcome all, let others join in, standing up against unkindness, give people second chances, smile and are approachable. We use kind words, practise self-care and take care of our physical and mental health. Visitors to our school frequently comment on its warmth, vibrancy and sense of community. We are proud to be a school of choice in our local community and value the diverse experiences of those within it. We strive to be a place where all feel safe and happy, supported and challenged, motivated and inspired and therefore able to thrive in their journey through the school and beyond.

Refugee Week

During Refugee Week, the VA department ran a competition to celebrate 'Community as a Superpower'. All students in Year 8 worked on their own designs and interpretations to create banners and placards that were paraded around the atrium.



Norwood Concert & Music Events

Helping Hands - Library Ambassadors

Hey Mr Francis,

The sheer joy and skill and happiness all around at these concerts you create and curate, from the musicians to the kids in the crowd, well...it's just such a beautiful thing in this crazy world we live in. For that I thank you, am sure many do... I just think your passion and spirit and kindness is immense and what you're inspiring in the kids at Norwood is amazing.

Just thanks, Andrea
Walter D's Mum

Helping Hands

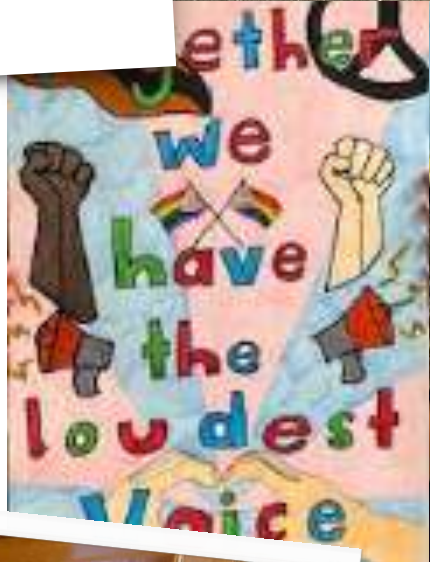
Whether our young people are trained as Library Assistants, Yr 9 Ambassadors or Sixth Form Mentors, students at Norwood are always keen to offer a helping hand. We are a child centred community and place at its heart positive relationships, we know that a happy child will be ready and able to learn.

Incredible Edible

Following the lockdown, supported by Incredible Edible Lambeth, Mr Foster decided to create a garden that would enable students to get outside, grow food together and enjoy the benefits of socialising and working together. Thanks to his hard work and commitment, we are providing targeted mental health support for young people at the point of greatest need. We know that time spent outside in nature has the potential to improve educational outcomes and certainly improve mental health for those involved.



INCREDIBLE
EDIBLE
LAMBETH



School of Sanctuary Recognition for Ms Olano



The PE Dept are so grateful to have received such fantastic support with additional kit and equipment from FON's this year



Friends of Norwood

Our wonderful Friends of Norwood Parents Association have raised in excess of £25,000 this year. Incredible! Fundraising has refurbished the SEN zone, helped provide laptops in English, funds to help end of year celebrations, proms and whole school activity days, science equipment, business and computing resources, musical instruments, magazine subscriptions, performance costumes and props and Duke of Edinburgh kit. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the fundraising, came along to the fabulous Comedy Night or enjoyed a tippie at one of the many bars the team provides on event nights.

Integrity

We teach students to take responsibility for their actions, to be honest, follow through on commitments, maintain high standards, encourage reliability and give everyone opportunities. We have fantastic staff and student role models and always show consideration for others. Our curriculum is designed to be challenging and ambitious, whilst providing each and every student with equal access to the broad range of educational experiences on offer, both in and out of the classroom. We also ensure that all of our students thrive, irrespective of starting points, through a strong commitment to personal development alongside the taught curriculum. Our school strongly reflects our local community, and we value each student as a unique individual.

Yr9 Citizenship

Yr9 Citizenship pupils competed in the Magistrates Mock Trial Competition. Pupils played the role of lawyers, witnesses, magistrates, legal advisers and ushers. They competed in 2 rounds and won the defence round. Well done!



UDO Dance competition
They performed brilliantly and represented the school with energy and real team spirit.



Congratulations to Thandiwe
- we were glad to see her recognised so publicly!



Anti Misogyny Conference

▲ Anti Misogyny Conference

Ms Taiwo wanted to share how amazing the students were on the Anti Misogyny conference trip. They came up with some great ideas on how we can tackle misogyny as a school, and by the end, they all said they'd feel confident challenging misogynistic behaviour among their peers.

Pig Heart Boy

Shout out to Thandiwe in Year 7 who has been involved in a production of Pig Heart Boy at the Unicorn Theatre. It all started with a referral from Mr Spring and culminated in meeting the Queen, the Theatre's patron! Congratulations to Thandiwe - we were glad to see her recognised so publicly!



Lambeth Mayor Awards
Ms Imafidon and Mrs Remaud.

◀ Lambeth Mayor Awards

Lambeth Mayor Awards at the Town Hall recognised fantastic new talent as well as the great experience of Norwood Staff. A huge congratulations went to Ms Remaud, shortlisted in the Promising New Teacher category and Ms Imafidon, who won the best Support Staff Member of the year.

◀ Mrs Rose Retires

Mrs Rose retired this year after over 35 years of loyal service to the school. Janene started teaching here in the 90's, a long time ago, when we were a small girls school and has been a valued and loyal member of staff ever since. Janene's roles in school have changed over the years but the majority of her career has been spent working in Inclusion, Pastoral and Special Educational Needs - particularly working tirelessly to support some of our most vulnerable students. Many of you who have known the school for a long time will know her and may even have been taught by her. Her endless kindness, gentle, sweet personality and generous spirit with both staff and students, over all those years, will be very much missed, seen here with her daughter Nadine.



Yr 9 Mock trial



The Norwood Bake Off



Mrs Rose Retires