

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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They say time flies when you're having fun. Given it is already October we must be having a lot of fun!

This week we got to revisit our past experiences as English teachers by looking into Year 11 English lessons. Year 11 were able to engage in our conversations about their set poems and they are being clearly well prepared for their assessments by our expert staff - mock exams start in November so we were glad they were taking their studies seriously! We were also glad to see a number of our parents coming into school for a workshop on Emotional Coaching, given by Lambeth experts. Feedback was positive and we know some strategies were put into immediate use by parents.

This week sees the last of our open mornings for a while at least. We reflect on what a great response we have had from local families about the school. Overwhelmingly positive, we are very proud of the building, the staff, the students and the families that make Norwood the special place that it is. Even our newest Year 7s have not taken long to get the Norwood ethos - as shown by Amber, Isla and Micah who presented with such enthusiasm and passion on the Open evening. All their own words and no scripting from us, they spoke from the heart about how much they have enjoyed their first month here.

Lastly we include some photos of the new Year 7 football team being put through their paces in the early morning training sessions led by our Year 11 and Mr Lemmie. Already they are looking the part!

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

A huge thank you to all our staff for their incredible contributions to what was a very successful Open Evening this week! The feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive. Visitors commented again and again on our friendly, welcoming staff and how fantastic our students were.

The evening was packed with excitement and creativity. From trampolining and haiku challenges to science experiments, badge making, and the creation of a beautiful Patchwork of Kindness, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Our Food Technology department also got busy with some impressive pasta-making last week!! The students threw themselves into the task with enthusiasm and skill – a real testament to their dedication and curiosity.

Important Dates

- Y7 & Y12 Meet the Tutor Evening – 07/10 – 5:00–7:00pm
- INSET Day (school closed) – 10/10
- Sixth Form Open Evening – 14/10 – 5:00–7:00pm
- October Half-Term Holiday – 27/10–31/10
- Year 11 Mocks Start – 03/11
- Monologue Slam – 12/11 – 19:00–21:00
- Music Showcase – 20/11 – 19:00–22:00
- Dance Show – 27/11 – 16:00–18:00/19:00–21:00

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Jacob Root (7NZH)
- Ella Goodchild (8JRE)
- Lemar Haynes 9(IKA)
- Juel Brown (10DCL)
- Ivy Gold (11KAU)
- Zara Byfield (12DWO)
- Isaac Parry(13BVU)



FONS Notices

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and supported the MacMillan bake sale. We raised and donated £300 to this worthy cause! This week, the PTA donated spare uniform and winter coats to the school to support those in need. We have also now received the requests from school staff for items they would like us to raise funds for this year and we will be reviewing those shortly.

PTA AGM – will be held online on **Wednesday 22nd October, 7.00-8.00pm**. Please make a note of the date and try to join if you would like to hear how we spent funds last year and how we will be looking to spend them in this current school year. We will also be voting on committee roles and talking through our succession planning for the end of next year when several members will be moving on. Roles and job descriptions will be circulated. 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 volunteer team WhatsApp here:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCyJhYOwAWFHAQdW8pMqB>

Other ways to fundraise:

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](https://www.easyfundraising.org/charity/Friends-of-The-Norwood-School-Crown-Dale-Fundraising-1-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

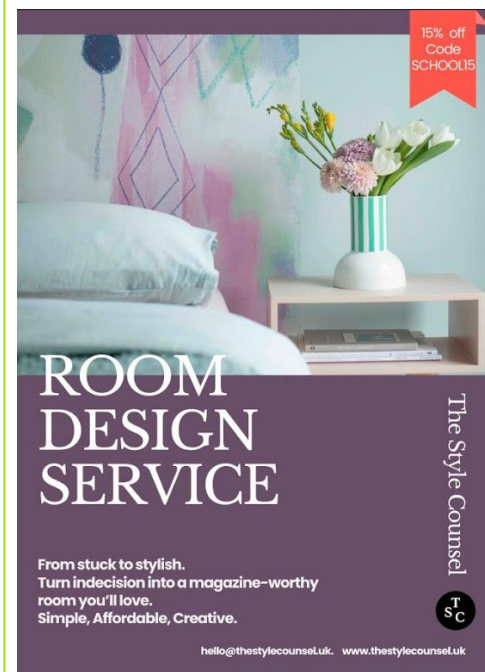
3. Estate Agent Boards

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.

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