

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

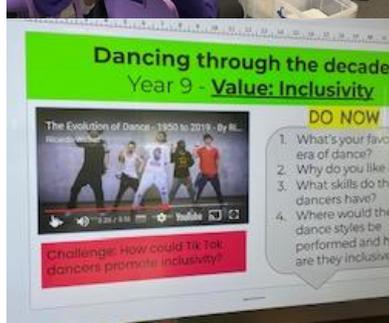
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Our days have been dominated by our very busy open season with many local families coming to see the work of the school and hear us speak about it. Our Year 9 Ambassadors deserve a special mention for representing themselves and the school so well. Parents comment on their confidence and the obvious pride they have in the school. They will be busy again for our Open Evening this week - do remember that we finish school at 12.40 on Thursday 25th September in order that staff can prepare faculty areas for the families visiting.

We took a look around Performing Arts lessons this week during specialism day. There was a variety of subjects on offer - dance, drama, film and music and plenty of different activities for students to get absorbed in - including exploring perspectives of the London bombings, dance through the ages, the creation of suspense in classic films and analysis of their own music. Everyone was working hard and focused which is what we like to see.

We also had a different set of people touring the school and seeing what we get up to. A group of alumni students asked if they could have a school tour as part of their reunion. These ladies were pupils at Norwood back in the late 1970s when it was a girls' school. One had travelled from the USA to make the visit. They were bowled over by the differences to the school, loved the purple uniform, and were wowed at the opportunities students had. It really reminded us of how far our school has come and how fortunate we, the students and the staff are to work here.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

KS4 Food students had an incredible day out at Borough Market this week, exploring a wide range of produce, dishes, and drinks. From adventurous tastings like black coconut ice cream with mango and sticky rice to indulgent fried chicken burgers, the trip gave students the chance to experience food beyond the classroom.

A highlight included Linus preparing to try his very first oyster, captured below. A huge thank you goes to Ms Acham, Mr Gappy and Ms Rogers for accompanying the group and helping make the trip such a success.

We are also very proud to celebrate one of Odysseas who summited Mount Kilimanjaro over the summer holidays. Alongside this amazing achievement, he also took on and conquered challenging peaks in the Lake District for Mark Everson, as well as Mount Olympus. This remarkable accomplishment shows outstanding resilience and determination, and we are delighted to share photos of his journey with our school community.



Important Dates

- School Early Closure (Open Evening preparation) – 25/09 – from 12:40 pm
- 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
- Year 11 Mocks Start – 03/11

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Lois Ball (7BGA)
- Naomi Hughes (8AKI)
- Walter Donovan (9DRO)
- Tyanne Smith (10DCL)
- Felix Lyons (11JHB)
- Lyla-Rose Starkey (12SPE)
- Shamelia Brown (13AF)



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



FONS Notices

The PTA are supporting the school to raise funds for the MacMillan Cake Sale this Thursday 25th September as part of the Year 6 Open Evening 5.30-8.00pm. Thanks to all those who are volunteering! If you would like to donate purchased cakes/biscuits or bake, please drop off items to Reception on Thursday Morning. If you are baking – **no nuts**, plus please supply a list of ingredients and the name of your baked items. Cake tins to be labelled with your surname and child's class. Cake tins will be left on reception for collection.

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. You can join the volunteer team WhatsApp here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCyJhYOWAFHAQdW8pMqB>

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

3. Estate Agent Boards

FONS will be organising another run of Estate Agent boards for December/January with Northwood Estate Agents. Information coming soon

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