

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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We have enjoyed, in recent weeks, a number of our sports clubs in action on the 3G pitch - whether early morning training or afterschool clubs they are making the most of the nicer weather - we hope it pays off when it comes to the upcoming fixtures.

Other clubs have included steel pans, choir, lunchtime library activities, cricket, dungeons and dragons and a lovely Visual Arts bursary workshop on mindful drawing. We can't hope to capture it all but we are happy that staff are offering these opportunities and that students are happily taking them up. It's good to join in.

We took a look around Visual Arts lessons this week with some of our newer staff working closely with Year 9 - already some really positive relationships are being formed and we really enjoyed speaking to students about the different projects they were involved in. The sheer variety on offer - from Art, food and graphics to textiles, photography and product design there truly was something to suit all tastes and expert teachers on hand to guide them. It was really interesting work. Just as a reminder....remember that we have an Inset day this Friday and that normal school resumes on Monday 13th October.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Ms Underwood sent photographs of the abstract drawing for mindfulness workshop that the VA bursary students took part in yesterday where they created some really beautiful work.

Governor, Ros Millam spotted the shout out for Norwood in Lambeth's free resident's magazine - fleeting but good publicity for the school and recognition for the teachers behind the results.

Mr Pierson let us know Year 7 and 8 girls football training has seen a great turnout so far, with 30 girls regularly attending sessions early on a Thursday morning. It's been great to see such commitment and enthusiasm from such a large group, as well as a lot of footballing talent. It makes the early start worth it!

Our Year 13 English Literature students were also treated to a lecture from an aspiring teacher on religion in *The Handmaid's Tale*. They found it really interesting!

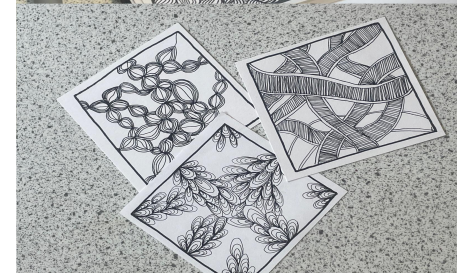
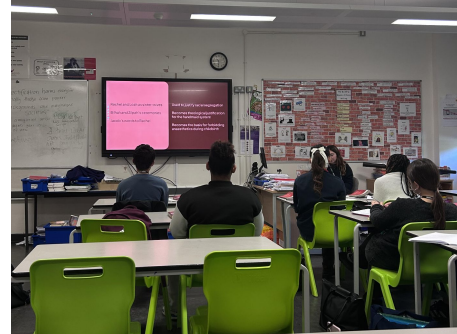
Important Dates

- 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:

- Seli Afriyiye (7MBL)
- Ella Goodchild (8JRE)
- Alex Spano (9IRO)
- Lan Nhi Tran (10MON)
- Yusra Muhudin (11JFR)
- Moses Job Ford (12SDO)
- Maika Jones (13GA)



FONS Notices

Thanks to everyone who donated cakes and supported the MacMillan bake sale. We donated £300 to this worthy cause! We also donated spare uniform and winter coats to the school to support those in need. We have received the requests from school staff for items they would like us to raise funds for this year and we are reviewing them currently. More detail will be given in the PTA AGM coming up!

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/BCyJhYOWAWFHAQdW8pMaB> and our next support event is the 6th Form Open Evening on 14th October.

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/charities/friends-of-the-norwood-school) 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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