

## Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

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Last night we held a very successful sixth form open evening which saw many yr 11s and their families in attendance as well as an extremely high number of students from other schools. It is fantastic to see our sixth form provision thriving and to have been informed that, for the second year running, we are in the top 10% of all providers nationally for value added progress at A level. This means that in the two years they spend with us, students achieve well beyond their expected grade. This is testament to the quality of leadership, teaching and pastoral care we provide for our young people.

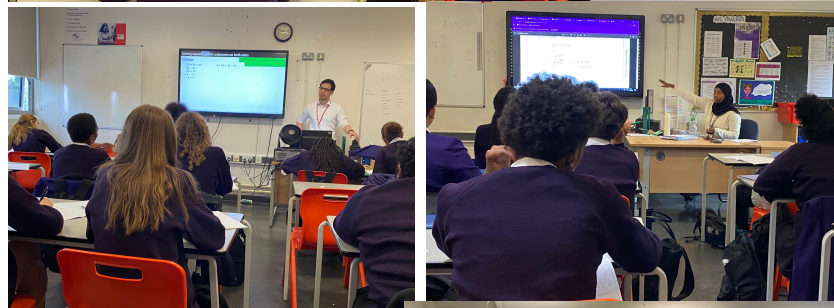
Year 11 will be sitting their first set of mock exams on their return after the half term holiday. We are doing things slightly differently this year where students will only be required to attend school when they have an exam. The rationale for this will be shared with families before we break up.

We spent some time in maths lessons this week with year 10. It was lovely to see students so engaged in their learning and the positive relationships that have been established. The lessons were certainly challenging and students were showing resilience and determination when faced with some tricky problems to solve.

This half term we have focused on our school value of Inclusivity. We pride ourselves on being a genuinely diverse and inclusive school and it is wonderful to see our students embrace this value. With the ongoing attempts by some factions of society to cause division and resentment, it is always a pleasure for us to spend our working week in a welcoming, integrated, multicultural community that reflects the community we serve.

**Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole**

Co-Headteachers



## Highlights of the Week

Alumni students Treyveon Hazel, Shiloh and Macy let their drama teachers know they had their first day at East 15 drama school last week

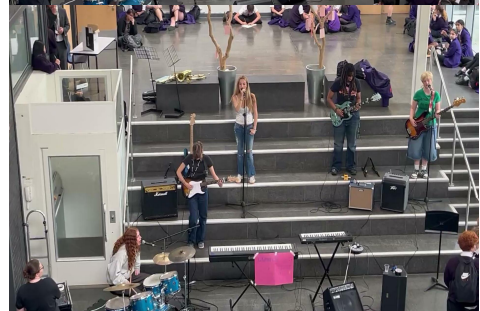
Lunchtime Live showcased the yr 12 band yesterday with some lovely performances as well as a couple of songs from the year 13 band. The yr 12 band is currently nameless so any ideas welcomed.

We will also be sharing the Secondary Update from our catering team at Olive Dining. You can find all the information on the next two slides.

## Important Dates

- October Half-Term Holiday - 27/10-31/10
- Year 11 Mocks Start - 03/11
- Monologue Slam - 12/11 - 19:00-21:00
- Year 12/13 assessment week 17/11
- Music Showcase - 20/11 - 19:00-22:00
- Dance Show - 27/11 - 16:00-18:00/19:00-21:00
- Year 9 Info Evening 02/12 - 16:30-19:00
- Year 11 Parents' evening 09/12 - 16:30-19:00
- Norwood Factor 18/12 - 19:00-21:00
- Last day of term 19/12

See more on next page!



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*The Olive Monthly*  
Welcome to the October edition of Olive Monthly!  
This month, we're celebrating Black History Month Festival of Light Theme day and launching exciting new drinks across our schools.  
Stay tuned for more!



**Festival of Light Theme Day is coming up!**  
Join us in celebrating light, hope and togetherness with a special menu inspired by global traditions. A colourful, joyful day for all your school!



**Black History Month kicks off this week!**  
We're celebrating with a special bespoke menu created just for the occasion. Interested in joining in? We've got ready-made menus.



**Exciting new drinks are coming to your school!**  
Get ready to enjoy refreshing new juice flavours arriving soon at your school!

**More info will follow**

**Join the Olive Family!**  
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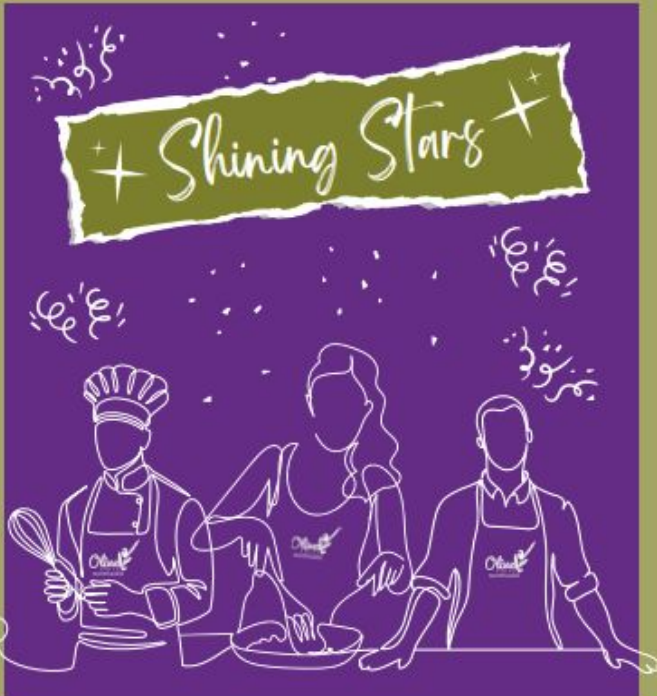


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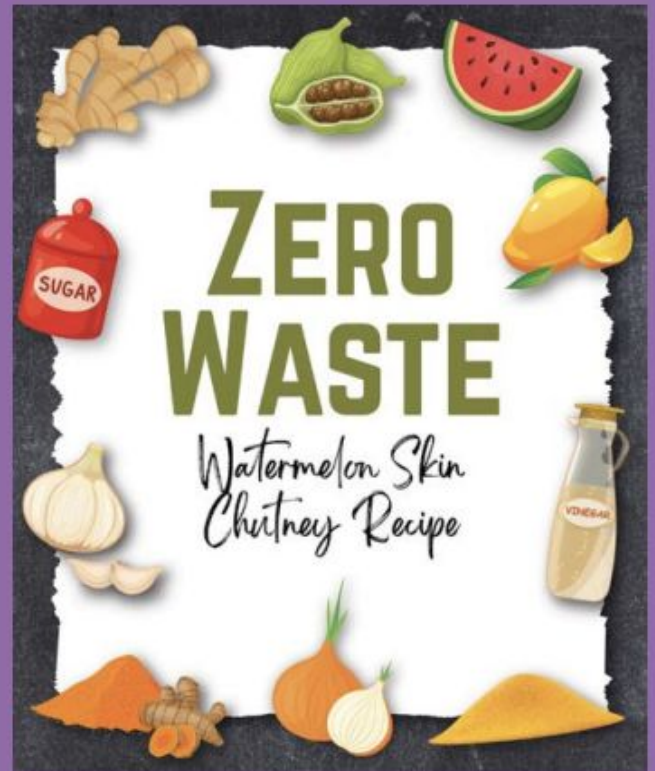
## Team Recognition - Shining Stars in Our Kitchens!

We're celebrating the hard work and dedication of our amazing Olive chefs and kitchen teams across secondary schools.

Has your team or a particular chef gone above and beyond? Nominate them as your Shining Stars and help us recognise their fantastic efforts!

## Surveys Are on Their Way!

Keep an eye out - feedback surveys will be landing in your school soon. We'd love to hear your thoughts to help us keep improving!



## Zero Waste Recipe of the Month: Watermelon Skin Chutney

This month's feature: a flavour-packed Watermelon Skin Chutney - a creative way to reduce food waste and make the most of every ingredient. Keep an eye out each month for more tasty, waste-saving ideas!

Click on the link below to see this month's recipe.

[Find out more](#)

## Join the Olive Family!

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For any queries please contact: [marketing@olivedining.co.uk](mailto:marketing@olivedining.co.uk)

## FONS Notices

We have started to make donations into the school this week! The PTA Committee have assessed the requests for funding received at the end of September and confirmed with staff what we can commit to. We need a few more events under our belt before we can activate larger sums but have been able to donate the following to the school so far: Geography Magazine subscriptions and membership to the Royal Geographic Society £144.50, a scanner for the Visual Arts Department to help with GCSE and A Level submissions £95.99 and £884.80 to support the Food Technology department replace hardworking kit like pots, plans, chopping boards and so on. Some of the requests this year are REALLY BIG – eg theatre seating replacement. We are considering how to help the school with that (if you have any ideas please email us!) but if anyone would like to donate to the PTA outside of specific events you can use our PTA QR code which goes directly to our bank account, 'every little helps' as they say!



PTA AGM – will be held online on Wednesday 22nd October, 7.00-8.00pm. Details are below: Topic: Friends of the Norwood School PTA AGM Time: Oct 22, 2025 07:00 PM London Join Zoom Meeting <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83332904592?pwd=vykv2Us6NDYwNtlbyZiLgiAoxHrFmj.1> Meeting ID: 833 3290 4592 Passcode: 351302 Please 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.

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](mailto:friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com) to find out more.
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. Thanks for all the support, Ailsa, Alex & Miranda
4. **Advertisers:** Sheryl Makin from The Luxury Travel Boutique is a local mum (and school parent!) with over 30 years travel expertise. Fully bonded with independent advice, The Luxury Travel Boutique offers a stress-free booking experience, taking care of all your holiday needs. SPECIAL OFFER! Free airport lounge access for every holiday 7 nights or more, booked through The Luxury Travel Boutique between now and 30 November 25. Quote 'Friends of the Norwood School'.

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