

Weekly News

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Tis the season....

We are now in the last week of the Autumn term and only a few sleeps away from Christmas. However, we still have had lots of school going on. Thank you to all those Year 11 parents who came to parents evening to get the results of the recent mock exams and the guidance of teachers as we push on to the final exams. There is more to do in the new year - do take on the advice of teachers and be prepared to work hard!

This last week is packed with festivities and celebration.

We have had the FONs Winter fair, which had a marvellous turn out of students and parents. It was lovely to see switch an array of stalls and so much interest in them. We also got to get some Christmas gifts without having to leave the building. We thank FONS for their organisation and support - as well as the band of merry parents who gave their time to build our new uniform facility outside the school entrance. This will be up and running in the new year - more to follow.

We have managed Christmas dinner for almost 1000 students. Imagine! A big thanks goes to the Olive dining staff who had been prepping for over a week. All went without a hitch and now they can relax...

The biggest preparation is for the big Norwood Factor show later this week. A lot of students are involved and tickets have sold out. We got to go round getting a sneak peak into rehearsals in Performing Arts lessons - we are all in for a treat.

We also got to see other Performing Arts lessons going on such as Film - where Ms Tatum was giving sage advice on tackling big tasks and telling students 'you can do hard things'. We also saw Mr Spring becoming a sculpture for students to follow using their pinky fingers and Mr Blakelock discussing interpretations of Shakespeare.

Finally we gear up for our final day - when students celebrate their end of term with the privilege of wearing their own clothes and a Christmas jumper - all in a good cause. We raise money for four house charities on the day so please make sure you make your child brings their £1 or pays via parent pay. Christmas is a season of appreciation and giving. We wish all of our families a joyful break and a very happy new year.

We look forward to seeing all of our students on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole



Highlights of the Week

Year 13 historians had a fantastic time at the Tower of London. They learnt how a new reformation party took advantage of state economic mismanagement to leave Europe and start their own institutions. All the students were really engaged and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Ms Buckman's class finished their Julian Opie self portraits using collage - here is some of their fantastic work.

Shakespeare came to Norwood last week in a series of showings during lunchtime. 6th form actors staged their show in the middle of a busy Atrium and treated the audience to various speeches from a variety of plays. Bravo!

Finally, the gardening club took on a festive feel last week with Christmas wreaths being made from foliage and berries.

Important Dates

- Norwood Factor 18/12 - 19:00-21:00
- Last day of term 19/12
- Students return to school 06/01
- Y7-10 Assessment Week 06/01
- Y12/13 Parents' Evening 20/01 - 16:30-19:00
- FONs Comedy Night 29/01 -19:00-21:00
- Steel Pans Ball 05/02 - 18:00-20:00
- Y11/13 Mocks Week 1 - 09/02
- Yr 10 Parents' Evening 10/02 16:30-19:00
- Feb Half Term 16/02-20/02

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Alex Holmes (7BGA)
- Camilla Warde-Bazan (8AKI)
- Maia Parmigiani Stephan (9RPI)
- Nuno Duarte Simoes (10ASP)
- Kit Mackenzie (11GFW)
- Zoe Albrecht (12GA)
- Matthew Coates (13AF)



HAF WINTER

Lambeth's Holiday Activities & Food

Dear Parent/Carer

I'm delighted to let you know that this winter Lambeth Council will be hosting our Holiday Activities and Food Programme.

We are partnering with local holiday club providers across the borough to provide an exciting programme of meals and activities for children and young people in our local communities. Free places are available for children between the ages of 4 and 16 years, who are eligible for benefits-related school meals.

The programme will run from **22 December to 2 January** and is designed to give local families on benefits-related free school meals access to free, healthy food and fun activities over the winter holidays. Each programme will provide:

- Free, healthy, and tasty food
- Fun physical activity sessions
- A wide range of other activities to suit different ages and personalities
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and families

You will be able to book up to 5 sessions per eligible child on our Eequ booking system from 17 November at 4pm.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit the web address below. I hope your family can take full advantage of the winter programme.

If you'd like to learn more about what Lambeth Council has on offer to support with the increased cost of living, such as food vouchers, free childcare and access to pre-loved school uniform, visit

www.lambeth.gov.uk/costofliving.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ben Kind – Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education



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Supporting our school

As you may be aware, schools across the country are experiencing significant budget pressures due to rising costs and reduced funding.

To help us continue providing the best possible learning experiences for our children, we are inviting voluntary donations from parents and carers.

All funds received will go directly towards curriculum resources and materials that enhance teaching and learning across the school.

If you would like to make a contribution, please log in to your ParentPay account where you will see an item labelled "Parent Donation."

There is no obligation to contribute, but every donation, large or small, makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

Please note that this fundraising stream is separate from our Friends of Norwood fundraising and is not attached to the QR code that is regularly shared on the FONS page of our weekly newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.



FONS Notices

Hi Everyone,

Last week was pretty full on for the PTA! The secondhand uniform team collected bags of lost uniform to sort, wash and dry and return for the sale on Friday – thanks Liz, Debra, Frances and Yashika! Assembling the uniform shed was the next mission (and it really was a mission!). Thank you so much to the parents who stepped up to get that done in the dark for several nights after school – Rob, D Martinez, Debra, Anna, Anthony and Will. You saved the day! Here are a few of the happy helpers in a selfie (!)



Finally, we made it to the Christmas Afternoon with lots of lovely stalls and crafting activities. With some school bands and piano from Mr Wolstenholme adding to the atmosphere, it felt really Christmassy. All the stalls did really well and we raised **£523** after costs for the PTA. In addition, by holding the fair, we also helped students raise funds for themselves selling items they had made; **£103** was raised to kick off a refill eco-project at the school and Ms Acham raised **£400** to help the STEM Robotics team. It has set rather a precedent for next year as seems to get bigger each time! One final part of that fundraiser is the Christmas Tree/Wreath order form for Rambling Rose so if you have yet to order your tree or wreath, please do consider using them as we get a donation from them.

The PTA Bar will be stocked and waiting for The Norwood Factor, Thursday 18th December, open from 6pm with our usual range of Prosecco, wines, *NEW* mulled wine, cocktail tins, beers, soft drinks, snacks and crisps. We'll also be running a raffle with prizes on the night including 5 sets of nametags, Croywall climbing wall experience, 2 x Iconix gymnastics experiences, 2 x White Beach candle sets, 2 x £25 vouchers for ice cream at Oddono's and two bottles of Veuve Cliquot each worth £65! Tickets are only available on the night and prizes will need to be collected the same evening. (If you would like raffle tickets but are not coming, please get a friend to pick some up for you). Come ready to have a fantastic time on the last night of term! Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year, Ailsa, Alex & Miranda

Still in need of a Christmas Tree? Buy your tree from Rambling Rose. Attached [here!](#)

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