

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Happy new year. We hope you and your family had a peaceful and restful Christmas.

The autumn term ended on a real high with the Norwood Factor taking place. It was a wonderful event, showcasing the musical talent we have on the school. It was lovely to see so many students involved in what was a fitting end to a busy term.

A new year always brings opportunity for reflection and for setting new aims and targets, Hopefully any resolutions you made are still going strong. We shared with staff on our inset day our continuing commitment to provide an educational experience for our students that challenges them to be the best they can be whilst providing plentiful opportunities to participate in lots of extra curricular activities.

The educational landscape in 2026 is one that will continue to challenge school leaders to do more with less. Managing issues around funding, falling rolls, decreasing external support for vulnerable young people continue to dominate our thoughts and future planning. This will lead to further tough decisions being made as we navigate our way through a potentially difficult period.

However, we remain relentlessly optimistic about our school and our students and what can be achieved. This term will see further assessments for each year group, mock exams for yr 11s and 13s and a number of parent events for you to be involved in.

We look forward to keeping you informed of all the wonderful things that our staff and students are involved in on a weekly basis.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

A big thank you to our Heads of Houses and the PE department, including Ms Akuma before Christmas for organising the Sports Hall Athletics and Basketball House competitions. There were 10 competitions in total across KS3&4 with so many amazing performances and an abundance of House spirit on show!

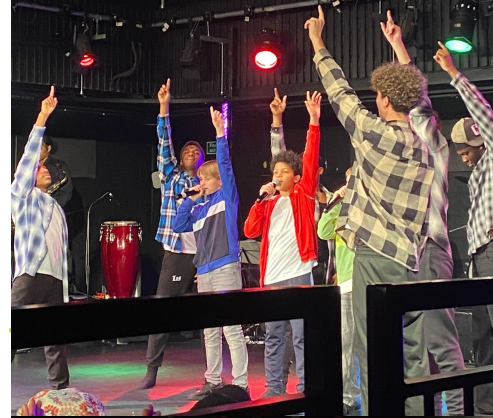
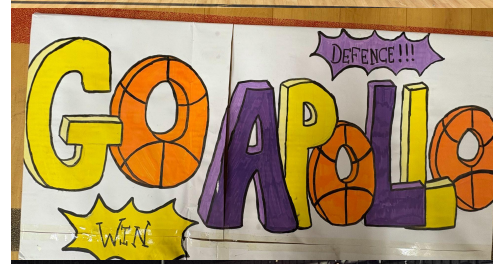
We also had our biggest event of the school year before the end of term. A massively successful Norwood Factor with so much talent on display. A massive thank you to all the staff involved in creating such a special show, and the students for all of their hard work. A real testament to the importance of the arts.

Important Dates

- Y7-10 Assessment Week 06/01-16/01
- 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

Assessment Cycle 1

It is assessment cycle 1 for Year(s) 7-10 students over the next two weeks. Class teachers have populated Class Charts/Google Classroom with relevant study materials and exam information. Please refer to the assessment document that was sent home which addresses any FAQs as well as providing relevant exam information.



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.

