

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

As we move towards the end of January, it has been a real pleasure to see the calm focus and positive energy around school. Our students have engaged extremely well with their recent assessments, approaching them with maturity, resilience and a determination to do their best. We would like to commend them for the way they prepared and conducted themselves throughout this period – a real credit to both themselves and the wider school community.

It was also lovely to welcome our Sixth Form parents into school for the recent parents' evening. The conversations were constructive, supportive and forward-looking, and we very much value the strong partnership we share with families as students plan their next steps.

Beyond the classroom, student participation in extra-curricular activities continues to thrive. Alongside our established clubs, it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for some newer opportunities, particularly the art clubs and the popular knitting and crochet club. These activities play an important role in building creativity, confidence and a sense of belonging, and we are delighted with the levels of engagement.

A reminder that our upcoming FONs comedy night is fast approaching – we hope many of you will be able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening and a great opportunity to come together as a community as well as raise funds for the school.

Finally, thank you for your continued support in upholding our mobile phone policy of *"no see, no hear, no use."*. You will have seen much about social media concerns for young people across the globe. Your backing is vital in helping us maintain a focused and positive learning environment for all students.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and we wish you a restful and positive week ahead.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Mr Cox's 6th form trip to Hampton Court on Friday proved to be a great day out! Students were praised for being a real delight by our lecturer. He spent extra time regaling us with extra Tudor anecdotes and nuggets of knowledge. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a great day stepping back into the Tudor times.

On the 16th January we took 7 enthusiastic and energetic Year 7 Girls to compete in the Lambeth Indoor Athletics at Streatham & Clapham High School where the girls placed 2nd overall. The day ended in a dance circle with the other schools.

The Geography Department ventured out with our Year 11 students to the exotic hotspot of West Norwood High Street. Armed with booklets and questionable weather, they surveyed crime, deprivation, and quality of life like true fieldwork pros. Despite the drizzle trying its best to ruin the vibe, the students were absolute stars — hardworking, polite, and repping the school brilliantly.

Important Dates

- 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
- Year 9 Parents' Evening 03/03 16:30-19:00
- Year 11 Information Evening 19/03 16:30-19:00
- Music Spring Showcase 26/03 18:00-21:00
- Last day of Spring Term 27/03

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Logan Zorn (7JAL)
- Sokal Bohmic (9BPA)
- Dusty Laidlaw (10MCL)
- Finley Wall (11JHB)
- Rupert Cumberledge 12 (VBU)
- Peggy Stack (13DWO)



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,

The Comedy Night is nearly upon us with just a few tickets left! We want a sell out so please do come and join us or share with friends and family – all are welcome! It's our biggest event of the year and our major fundraiser, paying for all sorts of amazing things for our kids. As always, huge thanks to Kerry Godliman for hosting and arranging the talent. Tickets can be purchased [here](#) on the school website. Don't forget to purchase a raffle ticket on the evening and also bring your loose change to donate towards new theatre seating for the school.

COMEDY NIGHT DRINK & SNACK PRE-ORDERS Avoid the queues for the bar! We have a new automated system for pre-ordering and paying for the Comedy Night drinks and snacks so all you need to do is collect your bag from the Study Hub on the night! [Pre-Order Here](#)

Keeping the winter blues away, we have the **Steel Pans Valentine's Ball** on the 5th Feb to look forward to, another excellent evening of entertainment from the music department with the full PTA bar. Tickets on sale soon on the school website.

Just a reminder that we will be reintroducing the online log of lost property again soon so we can help you try to find your items – this will be circulated in WhatsApp groups and in the newsletter. As always, please make sure all items are named with a surname and class code eg SMITH 7WMA to help us identify them. Clean, good quality school uniform can be donated to the school at Reception. Access to the **PTA UNIFORM SHED** is in school hours and Prisca on Reception has a key. Optional donations for secondhand clothing can be made to the PTA bank account Friends of The Norwood School, Acc: 41188934, Sort: 604005, or via our QR code which is in the shed.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Ailsa, Alex & Miranda

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DOORS OPEN 6.00PM, SHOW STARTS 7.30PM



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