

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and positive half term at The Norwood School, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our community at the Steel Pans Ball. The event was extremely well attended and showcased not only the incredible talent of our students, but also the strong sense of community that defines Norwood. Thank you to everyone who helped organise and support such an enjoyable evening. Special thanks goes again to FONS. This week they let us know the comedy fundraiser gathered over £13, 000 for the school - a fantastic amount and a testimony to the ongoing support of our parents!

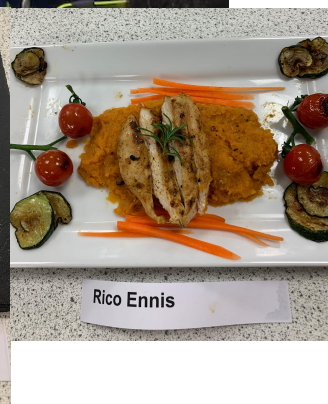
We would also like to take this opportunity to reiterate our appreciation for the continued support of the school's *'no see, no hear, no use'* mobile phone policy. This approach is helping us to encourage children to take time away from social media, screen time and to focus energy on their learning and face to face interactions.

This week marks the start of the second set of mock examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We wish them the very best of luck as they demonstrate the progress they have made. We are proud of their hard work and encourage them to approach the coming weeks with confidence and determination. As you can see from the photos below some of our Yr 11 food students have already done their assessments - literally a taste of more to come!

Year 11 were also out in force conducting a mock election with Humanities teachers - the results are yet to be announced but it was great to see the enthusiastic engagement in democratic processes and the importance of voting!

Finally, as we approach the half term break, we wish all our families a safe, restful, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the next half of the term.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole



Highlights of the Week

A lovely group of year 8 students, led by Joseph T. met on Wednesday at lunchtime to begin The Norwood Traitors game! Joseph created and planned the game in great detail and shared everything with us in a very kind and professional email, including spreadsheets and documents.

The Steel Pans ball was a great success. The theatre was packed and so was the mosh pit! Though the weather was rotten the sunny vibe was lovely. Chris tells us he is teaching around 250 students now. This was a great celebration of that. Thanks to FONs and PA for their organisation!

The Year 8 girls competed in the indoor athletics London Regionals and finished in fourth place. great performance from the team who were so close to qualifying for the next round missing out by one place. A special mention to Izzy - bronze in triple jump. Cymphonique - gold in the sprint, Marie - gold in the long distance, Megan - 2nd in the Speed bounce and Kalina - gold in the shot put.

Finally 'The Norwood School Eco-Club is interested in setting up an Eco-Refill Shop. To gauge whether there is a need and an audience in the Eco-Refill shop, please complete the google forms via the QR code below:

<https://forms.gle/7CHT3dTK2qy2orSp8>

Important Dates

- Y12 Exhibition Portico Gallery 12/02
- 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:

- Elisha Ojar (7NZH)
- Megan Bullen (8JRE)
- Sofia Sawyers (9LGO)
- Max Zhang (10ASP)
- Mia Washington (12SDO)
- Sofia Khoth De Oliveira (13SPE)



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 we had the Steel Pans Valentine's Ball on the 5th Feb, another excellent evening of entertainment from the music department and the steel pan groups. With the bar and raffle, the PTA

raised another **£1322.25** which, on top of the **£13,700** raised the week before at

comedy night, means our grand total before half term is **£15,022!** This is a phenomenal effort from the PTA, parents and staff and means we will shortly be funding the following projects in

the school to the value of approx **£12,870** as requested by the teachers in September and agreed with the school and PTA committee as part of our Request for Funding process:

- **Visual Arts:** 6 laptops for the Visual Arts Department to replace old, under-powered laptops. This will enable all VA students, including Product Design and 3D Design curriculum students, to access the Adobe Creative Suite and to run software to benefit from the 3D printer
- **School Garden:** to support learning relating to horticulture, environment, sustainability, biology and citizenship. The garden also provides support to students with low attendance due to school anxiety, reduced timetable students, students with disciplinary issues and SEND requirements. We also have a donation from Rambling Rose of compost that just needs to be collected and delivered to the school. If anyone has any plants, gardening equipment etc that may be useful to the school, please contact Mr Foster at foster.d@thenorwoodschool.org
- **Visual Arts:** More Digital SLR cameras to add to the ones we already funded a couple of years ago. This supports the Photography curriculum but also all VA students in graphics, art, 3D Design and textiles. Cameras are also used across the school to document events.
- **Science:** Kit to aid in the teaching of Electricity and Radioactivity topics to GCSE and A Level Biology and Physics students
- **SEND:** 15 more laptops to support SEN pupils who need access to laptops to support specific learning difficulties (like dyslexia), medical conditions, physical disabilities or sensory impairments.
- **Visual Arts:** Specialist materials and equipment to support the Textiles students allowing them to explore more diverse materials and techniques. Additional resources and equipment allow for wider experimentation for all students to achieve high quality outcomes as well as offer creative opportunities for the most able independent textile artists.

This is in addition to funds already donated this year for Geography, Food Tech, the new scanner for the VA dept, and our ongoing annual commitments to funding for the Jeff Jefferson Memorial Art Prize, the Year 11 and Year 13 Proms and end of summer celebrations. It also includes supporting the PTA organisation of the second-hand uniform process in the school for parents and the new shed for this, plus new storage boxes.

The PTA will also be supporting the school ongoing to raise **£15,000** for new theatre seating. Other things to remind you:

- Please sign up to [Easyfundraising for the Norwood School](#) if you haven't already – every £1 you spend online can get us free cash!
- Estate agent boards will be back soon – look out for our reminders to sign up for that activity
- School Uniform – Recently Debra and Anthony from the PTA sorted the secondhand uniform and found a lot of named items. These are all on Reception for collection. If you have lost blazers/jumpers etc please either ask your child to check with Reception or call and ask to speak to Prisca! 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 to go in our shed. Access to the PTA UNIFORM SHED is in school hours and Prisca on Reception has a key. Optional payment 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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