

Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing half term break. It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school for the second half of the Spring term, and to see corridors and classrooms once again filled with energy, focus and positivity.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students continue with their mock examinations this week. We have been extremely impressed by the mature, studious and positive attitude they have shown throughout this assessment period. Their commitment and determination have been clear to see. This half term will build directly on these assessments, with teachers working closely with students to identify key areas for revision as they prepare for their final examinations. We are proud of the way our students are approaching this important stage and wish them continued focus and success in the weeks ahead.

Before the half term break we dropped in on many exciting and engaging Visual and Performing Arts lessons. We also, got to attend the Year 12 Art Exhibition, which was a wonderful celebration of creativity, skill and hard work. The standard of work on display was terrific and reflected the dedication of our students and staff. The evening was further enhanced by music from the Year 12 band, whose performance added to the vibrant and celebratory atmosphere. Our congratulations and thanks go to the Visual Arts team for their excellent organisation and for creating such a memorable event.

Our whole-school focus for this half term is the Norwood School value of *Integrity*. Assemblies this week will explore what integrity means, why it matters, and how students can demonstrate it in their daily actions—through honesty, responsibility, respect and doing the right thing even when no one is watching. We know that many students demonstrate this everyday and want to recognise them for it. It is also of incredible moral value - doing the right thing is something we all do for each other and it makes our school community stronger as a result. We celebrate that this half term.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole
Co-Headteachers



Highlights of the Week

Year 12 visited Canary Wharf, the London Docklands Museum, and Stratford to investigate urban regeneration. They had a fantastic day (with a particular highlight being the ride on the DLR!) The students were a real credit to the school, carrying out a range of fieldwork activities, including conducting questionnaires with members of the public. The work they completed will be used to support their exams next year.

Norwood Cricket Club started the year undefeated and reached the Surrey Indoor Cup semi-finals. Year 7/8 were narrowly beaten, while Year 9/10 progressed to the Surrey Cup Finals in Guildford after a dramatic final-over draw, going through on wickets taken. Standout performances came from Abas Sahak, Sokal Bohemic (four wickets), and Abdul Arabi for his leadership. Thanks to staff supporting the club, and a reminder that Surrey CC are running teacher training at Norwood on 5th March, 5-8pm.

The VA Yr 12 private view was a huge success. The students had curated their work and it was a great opportunity to bring people together for an evening of Art and music. Well done to the whole VA team - who we put in force! - and to PA for their contributions to the entertainment

Important Dates

- 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:

- Evelyn Chapman (7JCU)
- Marie Scriven (8JLT)
- Lily Evans Trevisick (9RPI)
- Florian Mukherjee-Cameron (10MCL)
- Diana Garcia Ledesna (12SDO)



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,

Hope everyone had a good Half Term. The FONS committee had the pleasure of paying over nearly **£13,000** in funding yesterday to the school to cover off all sorts of requests made back in September by staff 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 and events from now on this year will put funds towards this cause. If you would like to donate the 'Cost of a Coffee' at any point to this fundraiser, you can pay over to our PTA bank account – details below.

PTA Treasurer: We are still on the hunt for someone who knows Xero and possibly has a bit of book-keeping experience to take on our PTA Treasurer role. Please get in touch at friendsofthenorwoodschool@gmail.com if you could help out!!

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.
- PTA Bank Account: Friends of The Norwood School, Acc: 41188934, Sort: 604005, or via our QR code which is in the uniform shed.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Ailsa, Alex & Miranda