Weekly News

Issue No.3

THE NORWOOD SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

As we hit the one-month mark of the new academic year, we are proud of how settled, focused, and positive the school atmosphere remains.

Following our recent Open Mornings and Open Evening, we have been overwhelmed by the glowing feedback from prospective families. Many parents took the time to comment specifically on the warm, friendly, and authentic atmosphere of our school. Visitors particularly appreciated the personal, "human" touches in the Head's talks, as well as the freedom they were given during the events - guided by our outstanding student ambassadors on Open Mornings, and given free rein to explore our vibrant departments on Open Evening. The pride our staff and students take in their school truly shone through.

Our strong focus on being **READY** has ensured a great start to the term. Almost every student is arriving in correct uniform and fully equipped for their lessons. However, as we settle into the routine of the term, our challenge now is consistency throughout the whole school day - not just at the front gate in the morning! We are keeping a close eye on the details as the day progresses. Please remind your child that ties and blazers must be worn throughout the day and hooped or multiple earrings are never permitted - no matter the time of day! We want our high standards maintained from the moment students arrive until they head home.

In line with government legislation, schools are required to be **smartphone-free environments**. We have already shared our policy with you, but we kindly ask for your ongoing partnership in reinforcing this at home. A Reminder on Phones: Mobile **phones must not be seen, heard, or used anywhere on the school site** at any point during the school day. If a student brings a phone to school for safety on their travel to and from Norwood, it must remain switched off and out of sight in their bag for the duration of the day. We count on your full support in ensuring your child complies with this rule so that learning remains entirely distraction-free.

Thank you for working with us to keep our standards high and our community strong.

Niki Clemenger & Richard Cole

Co-Headteachers



Student helpers at Open Evening



Highlights of the Week

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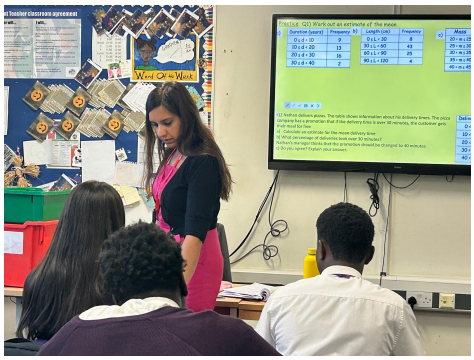












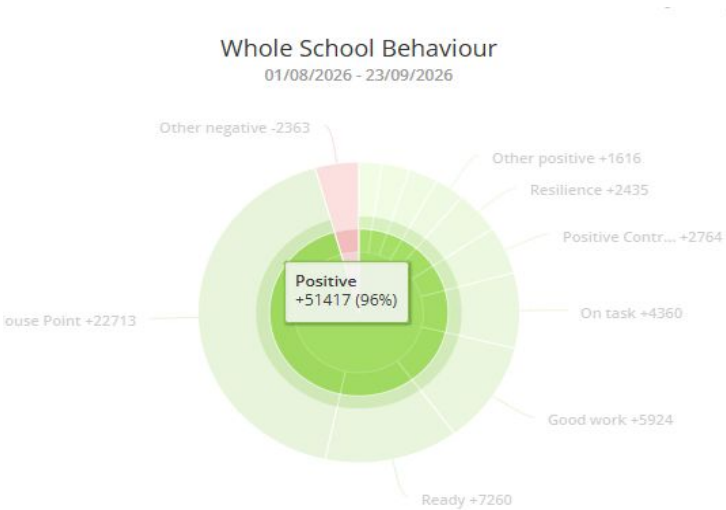
It has been another busy and positive week at Norwood, with plenty to celebrate across the school.

Our **Open Evening** was a fantastic showcase of everything that makes Norwood special. Families were able to experience a huge range of activities, from badge making and trampolining to fire starting, practical demonstrations and creative activities across departments. Most importantly, the warmth, enthusiasm and positivity of our students and staff shone through throughout the evening. Solomon, Betty and Zola also did a brilliant job representing the school as student speakers.

We were delighted to receive such positive feedback from visiting families, governors and FONS. Our students were described as an absolute credit to the school, throwing themselves into activities and representing Norwood superbly. Governors also enjoyed the opportunity to meet staff and students, while FONS once again played an important role in welcoming and supporting our visitors.

There has also been plenty to celebrate in lessons. Members of the leadership team visited **Year 11 Maths** and saw students working with real focus across a wide range of topics, including bearings, cumulative frequency, percentage change, averages, graph transformations and powers. It was great to see such strong engagement and individual support taking place across the department.

Our school behaviour information is also showing a very encouraging start to the year, with **READY and positive points increasing** compared with the same stage last year.



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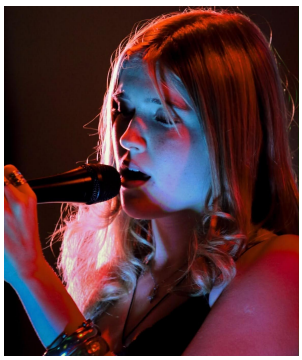
Norwood Band Gigs



Two Norwood bands were in action at the Junior Open Mic event in Elephant and Castle last Sunday. Lassoo (Y13 - who also had a gig in Greenwich on Saturday so technically were on tour for the weekend!) and Caravan (Y11).

The amazing photos are courtesy of Kenzo Jones in yr 11.







Year 8 Football & Breakfast Club

Our Year 8 Football & Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength. Following an early-morning football session, students enjoyed a healthy breakfast provided by the **Walcot Foundation**. The club welcomed a record number of students this week. The sessions provide much more than sport: they offer students an inclusive space to build confidence, develop relationships and begin the school day feeling part of a positive community.



A record-breaking Macmillan fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this week's **Macmillan bake sale**, which raised a fantastic **£519.20** for Macmillan Cancer Support. There was an amazing selection of donations, and our Sixth Form students did an excellent job running the sale.

Hot Chocolate with the Heads this week

Congratulations to:

- Eddie Page – 8JAL
- Dylan Bhatia-Smith – 9LEN
- Nia Clarke – 10DRO
- Charnah Grant Orford – 11MON
- Merion Edokpayi – Year 12
- Sam Whaley – Year 13

Important Dates

- **Monday 5 October** Monologue Slam auditions
- **Tuesday 6 October** Year 7 & Year 12 Meet the Tutors Evening, 5:00–7:00pm
- **Wednesday 7 October** Senior Mathematical Challenge (Years 12 & 13)
- **Friday 9 October** INSET Day – school closed to students
- **Friday 9 October** Closing date for yr 6 into Yr 7 Bursary applications, 5:00pm

FONS Notices

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Dates for the diary
2026–27 EVENTS
FRIENDS OF THE NORWOOD SCHOOL

Great events
Stronger community
Brighter opportunities

Our events bring the school community together, are great fun, and help raise funds to support students.
The events below are all FONS fundraising events and each includes a FONS bar.

Thursday 24 September



Macmillan Coffee & Cakes (Open Evening)
From 5pm
Tea, coffee, cake & more
All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 12 November



Monologue Slam
A showcase of talent from our students.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 19 November



Music Showcase
Enjoy an evening of music including our fantastic Steel Pans.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 26 November



Dance Show
An evening of rhythm, creativity and outstanding performances.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 17 December



Norwood Factor
Our much-loved end of term talent show.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 10 December



Xmas Fair
4.00 – 6.30pm
Festive fun for all the family with stalls, refreshments, Christmas trees and more.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 28 January (TBC)



Comedy Night
A night of laughs with brilliant comedians.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 11 February



Steel Pans Valentine's Ball
A unique and lively evening of music.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 24 March



Spring Music Showcase
More brilliant performances from our students.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 27 May



Battle of the Bands
Our student bands hit the stage.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thursday 24 June



So You Think You Can Dance
Our students take to the stage for another fantastic showcase.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Tuesday 13 July



PAPAS – Performing Arts Awards
Celebrating the talent and creativity of our students.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Wednesday 14 July



Summer Music Festival
Live music, food, fun and our famous bar.
FONS BAR | FONS FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your support!

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