December 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

End/Start of Term Arrangements December 2019/January 2020
Please be advised that, as previously advertised, the school will close for pupils for the start of the Christmas break on Thursday 19th December 2019 at 12:40pm. Lunch will be available for those who require it.
The last day of term is a non-uniform day, with all students making a charitable donation of £1 to Crisis.
Monday 6th January 2020 is an INSET day and the school will be closed to pupils. The school will reopen for all pupils on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 8:30am.

Up and Coming Parents Evening Dates
Year 10 - January 23rd 2020 4:30 – 7pm
Year 9 February 6th 2020 4pm - 7pm
Year 8 26th March 2020 4:30 – 7pm
Year 7 23rd April 2020 4:30 – 7pm

Term Time Absence Requests and Punctuality
Please can we politely remind parents that the school is unable to authorise student absence during term time for holiday requests. Parents are asked to ensure that holidays are not organised during term time as such absence will be recorded as unauthorised and may be reported to the relevant authorities; in the event of unauthorised absence, the school reserves the right, in some circumstances, to remove students from the school roll. Thank you to all parents/guardians and carers who have been so supportive in our drive to improve punctuality. Students arriving later than 8:40am are considered late to school and will be expected to attend a late detention that day. This is why we recommend that students are on site by 8.30am.

School Mobile Phone Policy
Please be reminded that students are not permitted to use mobile phones on the school site and we operate a ‘No See, No Hear’ Policy. Phones and electronic devices that are seen in the possession of students on the school site will be confiscated and an appointment will then need to be made by a parent to come in and pick up the phone at the head teacher’s convenience. This also applies at the start and the end of the school day. Misuse of this policy or failure to cooperate will result in disciplinary actions.

School Uniform Expectations
Parents are reminded that full details regarding the correct Norwood School uniform can be located in the student handbook as well as on our website under the Parents tab. This information also details items which are prohibited from being brought on to the school site, including hooded tops and large checked scarves. In this cold weather period, parents are asked to ensure that students are wearing their blazer & school jumper and have a warm coat to wear to and from school that meets school expectations.
Communication and Updating Contacts
Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for you and your family on the school system. You can complete a form online, on our school website, under the Parents’ Tab to let the office know of any changes to your details.

Wellbeing
We would like to draw your attention to the new ‘Wellbeing’ page on our school website under the ‘About Us’ tab. We have used it to signpost you to some of the outside agencies that we know do an excellent job in supporting young people, particularly regarding mental health awareness.

Charity Fundraising
On behalf of the Rotary Club, Crisis and The Brixton and West Norwood Food Bank, we would like to thank everyone for all their generous donations and kind gifts. We know that they will be very gratefully received and much appreciated – especially at this time of year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Denise Webster
Headteacher