

Dear Mr Cole, Ms Clemenger, Mr Waro & Mr Curtis,

I just wanted to send a note of thanks for the Year 7 parents' evening last night. A lot of parents in a small amount of time were all eager to know how their child was doing and to meet the teachers behind their learning, and the evening ran like clockwork.

Please do pass on my thanks, as I truly felt that every teacher knew my son Jamie in Y7CU really well, I came away confident that not only his academic learning was developing but his well-being and personal development was growing under the attention and kindness that he seems to be receiving from your team. I came away super proud after hearing some of the lovely compliments and kind words that they shared. I felt if going forward we had any concerns to discuss, all the teachers we met were very approachable, and easy to reach out to.

Please do pass on my thanks to all those involved when you have your next staff meeting. In our world these days we are sometimes all too quick to critic & criticise so I did want to send a quick note of gratitude to share with your team.

Kind regards Sally & Matt

Working with Parents & Families

Our PTA fundraising group FONS, are going from strength to strength. Last year they raised over £13,000 through a variety of activities and initiatives including the ever popular Comedy Night, much welcomed second hand uniform sales, Friday Hot Chocolate stalls, refreshments and treats at shows and social events. Please check out the website for further information and details about how you can join in if you aren't already involved. We were all very grateful for their thank you parcels to staff at the end of term.



Parents Evenings 2023/24

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
Thursday 12th October 2023 5 - 7pm

Parents Evening
Thursday 9th May 2024 4:30 - 7pm

Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 25th April 2024 4:30 - 7pm

Year 9 Information Evening
Thursday 30th November 2023 5 - 7pm

Parents and Pathways Evening
Thursday 22nd February 2024 4:30 - 7pm

Year 10 Parents Evening
Thursday 8th February 2024 4:30 - 7pm

Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 14th December 2023 4:30 - 7pm

Information and Exam Preparation Evening
Thursday 14th March 2024 5 - 7pm

Sixth Form Parents Evening
Thursday 11th January 2024 4:30 - 7pm

Yr 12 Academic Review Day
Friday 19th July 2024

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The Kindness & Community Issue

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Carers, Staff & Governors

“Thank you.”

As a school, we know that these are two words that have the power to transform the health, happiness, performance, and success in both our staff and students. We know that a happy school is a successful school.

We fully appreciate the need for rigour, high expectations and academic challenge at Norwood. Alongside this, we place great importance on friendships, making happy memories, instilling gratitude and appreciation in our community. Fostering a culture of gratitude is important to our ethos, we see, on a daily basis, that a simple thank you and a show of appreciation can make all the difference.

Of course, whilst celebrating the well earned academic successes of our students this summer, we hope that this year's Autumn Newsletter, showcases just a few examples of how we nurture and recognise a positive, collegiate atmosphere at Norwood, how we encourage our students to think of others, support one another and value the contributions we all make towards making this such a special school.

Richard Cole and Niki Clemenger
Co-Headteachers

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Open Season

Open Season feedback from families

This school is Lambeth's best kept secret - and I'm keeping it a secret so nobody can take my child's place!

Students and staff are really welcoming and it's been such an enjoyable experience.

This is the fifth school we've toured - Dunraven, Elmgreen and the two schools my wife and I work in and this is by far the best!

We love your school. I really want my child to get in. Fingers crossed.

What a great school. Thanks for making us feel so welcome. Our number 1 choice.

Open Evening & Days 2023/24

Open evening - (5.00pm – 8.00pm)
Thursday 21st September 2023
Booking not required

Open days (9.15am-10.30am)
Booking essential see website for details
Wednesday 13th September 2023
Thursday 14th September 2023
Friday 15th September 2023
Monday 25th September 2023
Wednesday 4th October 2023
Wednesday 6th March 2024

Bursary auditions and workshops
Saturday 14th October 2023

Admission Test Day
Saturday 18th November 2023

Closing date for SIF
Friday 27th October 2023

Closing date for Bursary Application Forms
Friday 6th October 2023

Bursaries Available:
The Norwood School are proud to offer bursaries to students who show a natural aptitude and passion for the Arts.

A Level & BTEC Results

Congratulations A Level Successes

Congratulations to all our Upper Sixth who achieved another set of amazing results.

It is always a pleasure to be there on results day to celebrate and support the students when they get their results. It is also really inspiring to see what they will be getting up to when they leave us and move onto pastures new.

Thank you to Ciaran and the Access Project team who help us support the most able students from Yr 10 right the way through to Yr 13.

The Access Project helps us support students from disadvantaged backgrounds to access top universities, through a unique combination of tuition and in-school mentoring.

Well done everyone!



Ibrahim Sabra
Imperial University London
A A* A*

I joined The Access Project to help me on my journey to securing a place at a top university. I really liked how I had a personal tutor to help me in weaker areas. The trip to King's College inspired me to work harder to get into a prestigious university. My tutor helped me in my exams and interviews for Cambridge and Imperial College London, where I have secured a place to start in September. I am going to study Civil Engineering.

A* to B - 82%
A* to E - 99%



Izabela Labedzk
University of Oxford
History and French
A* A* A*



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Kevin-Pham Bui
King's College London
General Engineering (AAA)



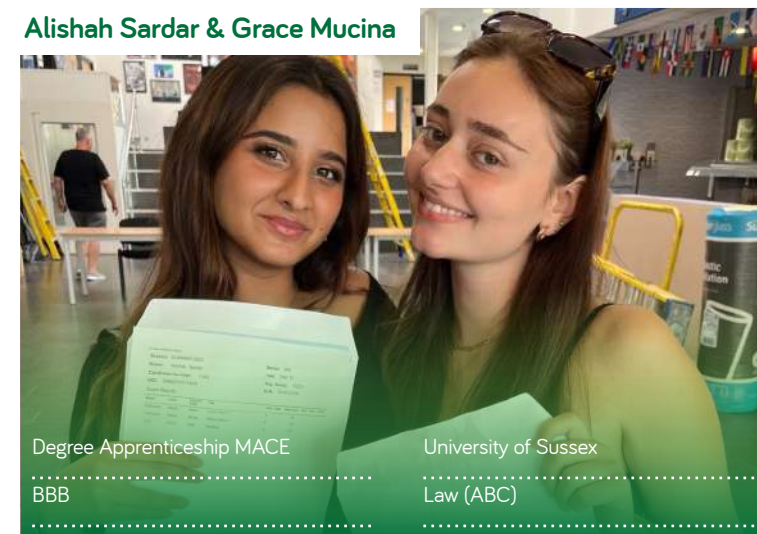
Ella Williams
East 15
Acting (D* B)



Daisy Urban Jacobs
University of Exeter
Biological & Medicinal Chemistry (AAA)



Maya Stevens
University of Southampton
Environmental Science (AAB)



Alishah Sardar & Grace Mucina
Degree Apprenticeship MACE
BBB

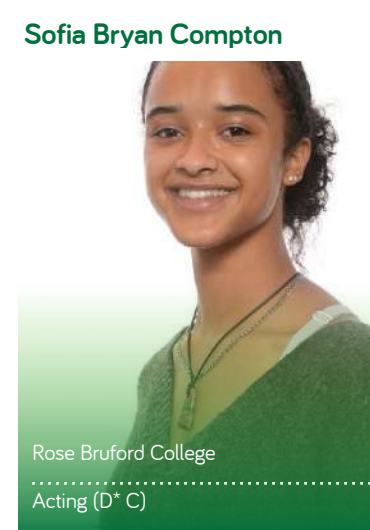
University of Sussex
Law (ABC)



Oliver Seminerio
University of Southampton
Modern Languages (French) (BBC)



Rasheeda McDonald
University of Leicester
Physiotherapy (D*D*D*)



Sofia Bryan Compton
Rose Bruford College
Acting (D* C)



Malachi Edwards
London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art
Acting (D* C)



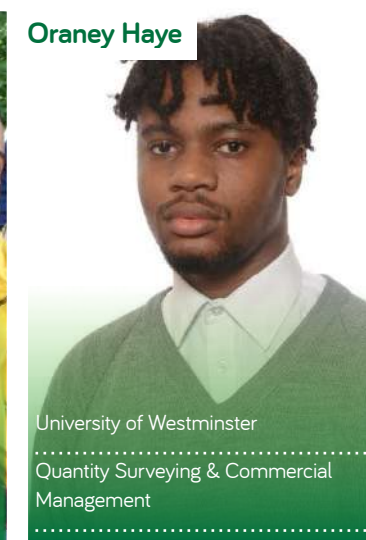
Yzabel Campbell & Shemoi Whitely
Arts University Bournemouth
Acting

Italia Conti
Acting (D* B)



Coda Renken & Jesamine Edwards
Royal Central School of Speech & Drama, University of London
Sound Design & Production

University of Nottingham
Psychology



Oraney Haye
University of Westminster
Quantity Surveying & Commercial Management



Jedi Cole
University of East London
Dance: Urban Practice (DD M)

Tiora Oribhabor
University of Leicester
Computer Science
(with a Year in Industry)

Archie Truter
London College of Contemporary Music
Contemporary Music
Performance and Production

Teijah Smith
University of East London
Dance: Urban Practice

Nikola Pankow
University of Brighton
Psychology

Danish Aboobacker Koya
University of London
Computer Science

Arianna Gallimore
University of Roehampton
Sociology

Sanad Al-Jehani
University of London
Computer Science with Cyber Security

Hanifa Khan
SOAS University of London
Languages and Cultures and
Social Anthropology

John-Luke Macco
University Campus of Football Business
Multimedia Sports Journalism

Rhianna Siviour
Bath Spa University
Dance for Commercial
Performance

Jadyne James
BIMM University
Popular Music Performance &
Event Management

Lia Francis
Brunel University London
Sport, Health and Exercise
Sciences with Business Studies
with Placement

Sofia Buhl
Bath Spa University
Dance

Mellina Medjebour-Chikhi
University of Westminster, London
Computer Science

Amian Koffi
Kingston University
Accounting & Finance

Abukar Ahmed
Kingston University
Business

Diogo Lopes
University of Brighton
Aerospace Engineering

Hafiz Nasseredine
St Mary's University
Sport and Exercise Science

Nabile Aderrab
University of Greenwich
Business Management

Zachary Bazell
Queen Mary University of London
Film Studies

Wiktor Krupczak
Middlesex University
Law

Linford Nwagu
Buckinghamshire New University
Computer Games Development

Sherika Ellis
Nottingham Trent University
Law with Business

Nevaeh Scott-McDowell
Coventry University
Acting

Kaelan Bowes
University of East London
Sports Therapy

Astrid Alvarez Maglaque
University of Westminster
Architecture

Erwyn Bayemi
Nottingham Trent University
Real Estate

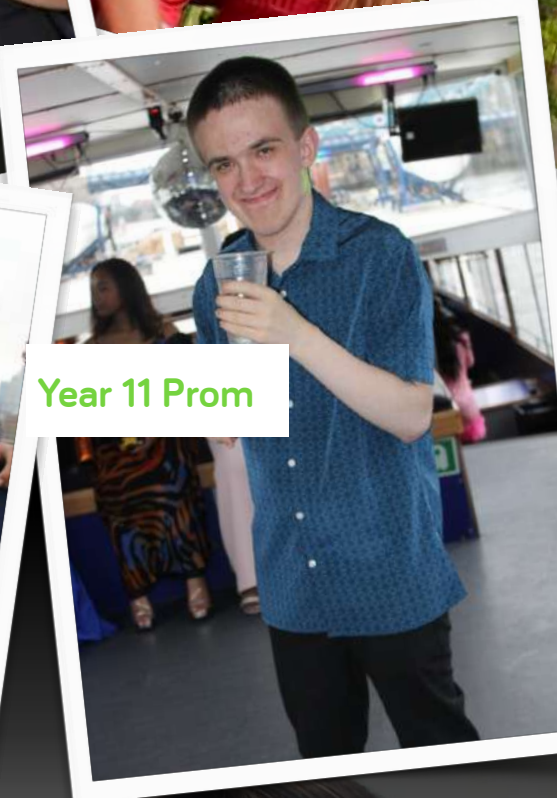
Malek John
University of East London
Business Management

Ibrahim Karamoko
University of Hertfordshire
Information Technology

Karol Bucior
Kingston University
Business Management

Glory Lusanga
London South Bank University
Sport and Exercise Science

Year 13 Prom



Year 11 Prom

Year 13 Garden Party Departure!

A beautiful night for our Year 13's to say goodbye.

Year 11 All Aboard the Good Ship Graduation!

What a fabulous way to celebrate the end of their exams, all glammed up and ready to party, Yr 11 partied the night away on a Thames River Cruise.

GCSE Results

Congratulations GCSE Successes

Another set of great results from the Class of 2023! Congratulations to all the students who worked so hard and thank you to their teachers and families for the valuable support that they gave. It was great to see how many families and staff came in on results day to support the students.

Elsa & Proud Mum!



4x9's, 1x 8, 3x7's and 1x6

Hi Everyone

I wanted to say a huge thank you to you and the staff at Norwood School. Elsa has had such a happy and positive time and has had some great opportunities.

I can't believe it's her last day tomorrow but I'm hoping she'll be back for sixth form. The teachers have been fantastic, full of energy and so inspiring. Thank you also for all the extra support that's been offered these last few months in the run up to the GCSEs, it's been incredible. I really hope the students do themselves and the school proud on results day.

Thanks
Elsa's Mum

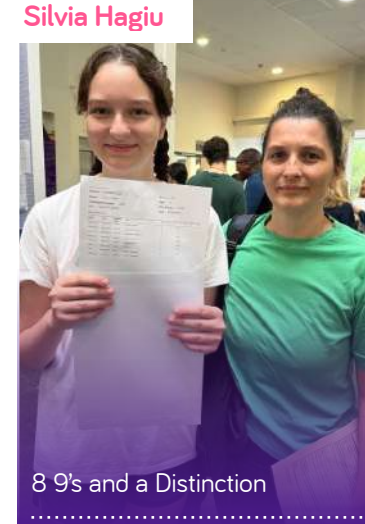
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children are truly able to
Be, Belong & Become.

Nusrat Kazi & Family



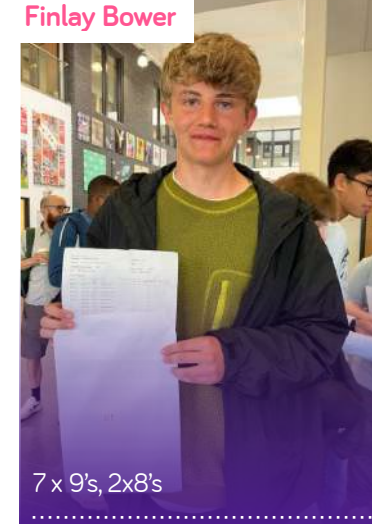
7 x 9's, 2x 7's

Silvia Hagiu



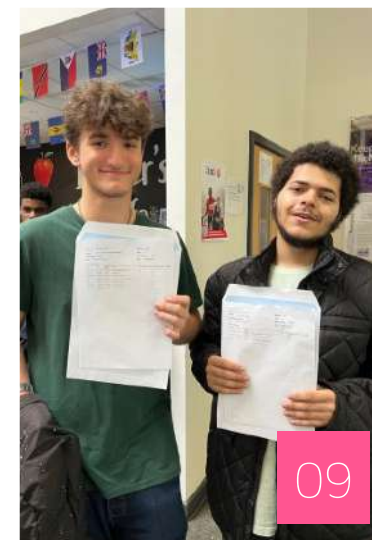
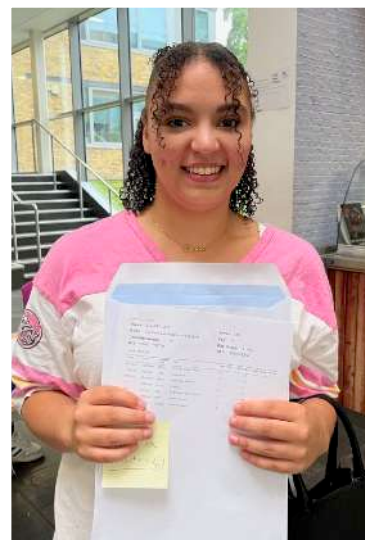
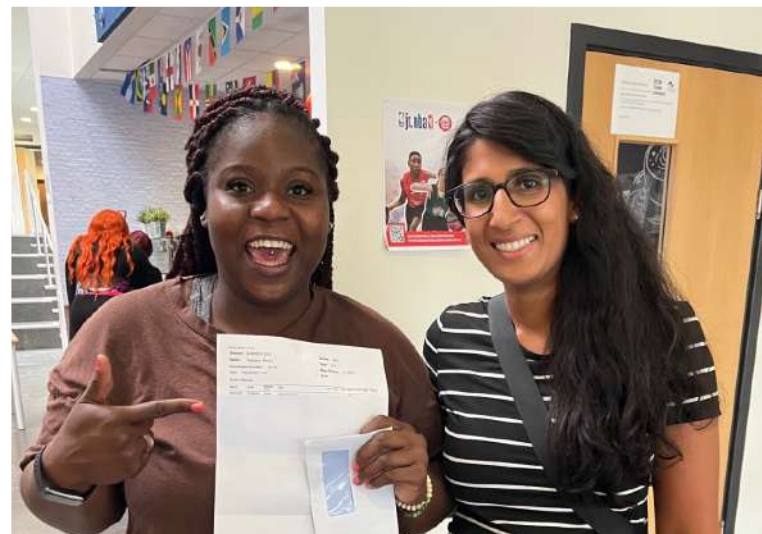
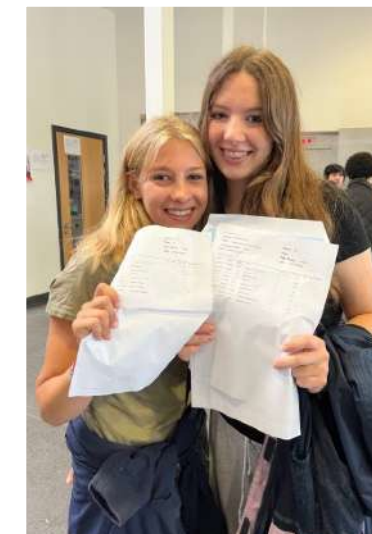
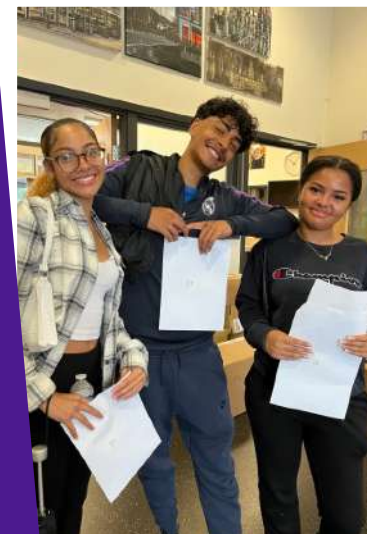
8 9's and a Distinction

Finlay Bower



7 x 9's, 2x8's

Head of Yr 11 Mr Oxford with his year team



66% 9 - 4
English & Maths

Attainment 8
49.1

Wellbeing Garden

Norwood Health & Wellbeing Garden

Our school garden was started in 2021 in response to the isolation that many of our students had experienced as a result of the national lockdowns.

Students benefit greatly from sowing, growing and harvesting edible crops together in a natural environment.

We want to provide students with a space where they can talk through their concerns or simply get involved in the simple tasks of sowing and caring for the garden. Our popular gardening club runs during lunchtimes and after school. Open to all students, it has become a safe space for students to build friendships, socialise and relax together.

Dear Mr Foster,

We are delighted to tell you that your application to this scheme has been successful. The adjudication panel was extremely impressed with your project.

Diana
Thriving Norwood

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Well done and thank you to Mr Foster, the funding has come from the Norwood Forum as part of the Thriving Norwood initiative to improve social, emotional and physical health in the borough.

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Spending time in the garden enables students to create a positive relationship with their physical environment. they are able to see the tangible benefits of their work in a flourishing garden space.

BEATRICE - COMMUNITY GARDENER

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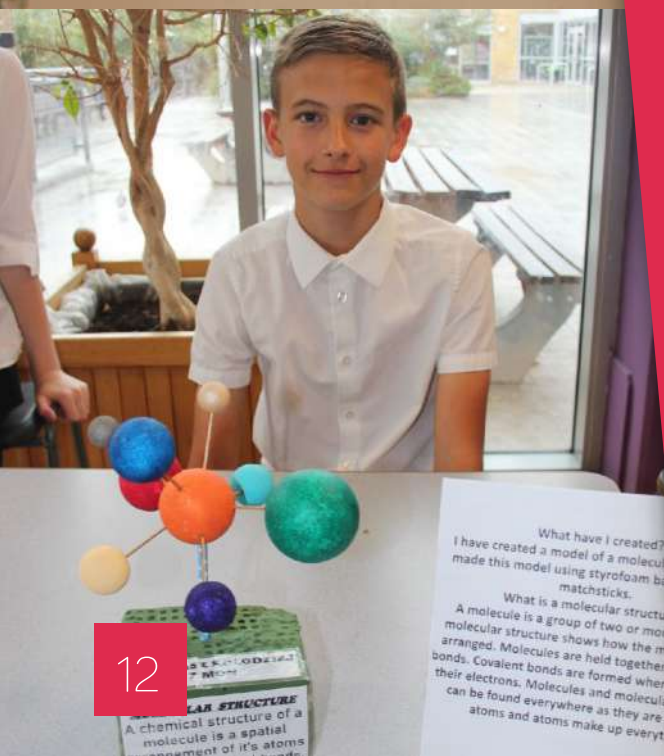
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Thank you too, to all the parents who have kindly offered their time and expertise at weekends to help build the raised beds and seating.

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Science Fair



To Year Seven,
Loved the science fair - def need to
get that going at my school. As a
teacher myself, spending all day
with my own students, coming to
the Norwood science fair was so
lovely. The students have worked
so hard and you remember why
you do your job...

Thanks
Leo's mum

Outward Bound Wales



We know how important it is to encourage all our young people
to join in with some of the many extra-curricular activities that
staff arrange throughout the year.

We know that they boost young people's confidence to interact
socially with others; extend their social networks; and help them
develop leadership skills and a real sense of community.

Mr Tomlinson led this year's expedition to the Welsh Mountains.
The trip gave the young people a different experience of
challenge and achievement – one they may never have felt
before. It pushed them to the limits of what they think they are
capable of and showed them that there is more in them than
they thought!



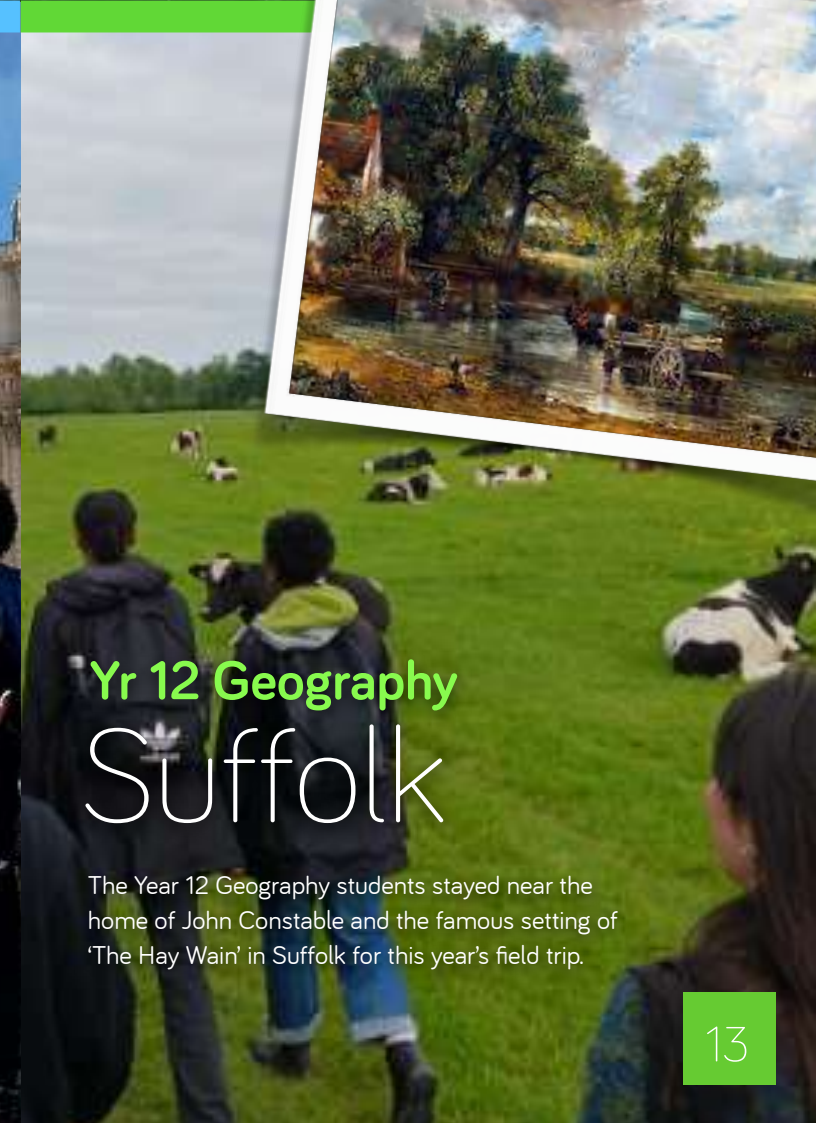
RS trip to Italy Rome

Humanities staff made sure that the students enjoyed
a whistle stop tour that included all the best tourist
hot spots.



Yr 12 Geography Suffolk

The Year 12 Geography students stayed near the
home of John Constable and the famous setting of
'The Hay Wain' in Suffolk for this year's field trip.



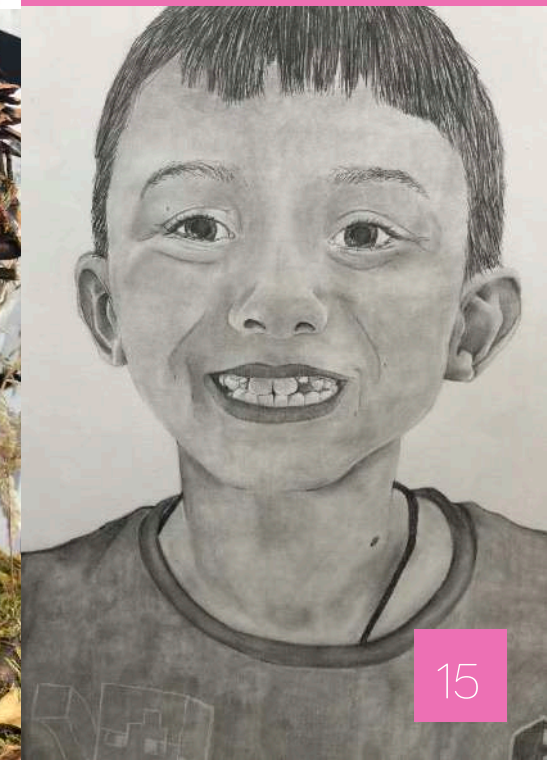
2023 Exhibitions

I just wanted to pass on our thanks to everyone involved in putting together the Year 11 Art exhibition last week.

It was a joyous and uplifting experience to see so many beautiful expressions of creativity; each piece interesting and wonderful in its own unique way.

We enjoyed seeing how well all the talented students demonstrated such thought provoking and emotive pieces of work. It was clear how much your celebration of the arts has been passed onto your students, so I hope you felt as proud as all the parents.

Thanks again
Teresa (Xavier's mum)



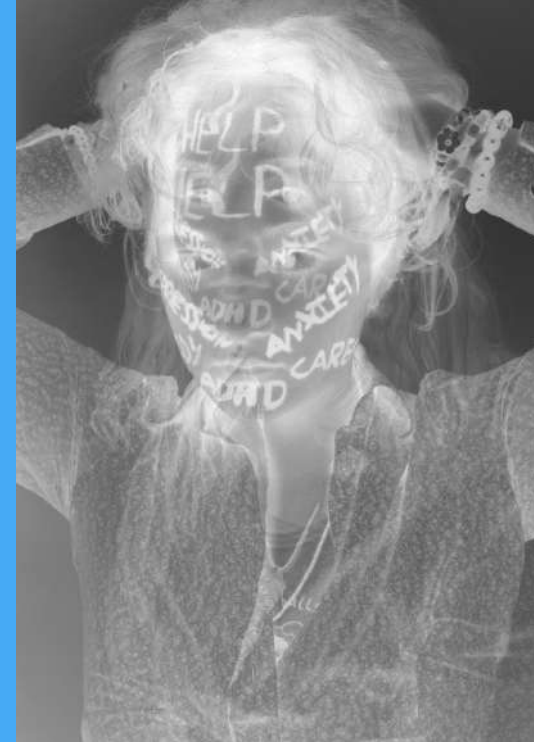
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Yr 7 Bursary Students Staff Portraits

We loved the Year 7 Visual Arts bursary portraits and found it quite easy guessing who's who. What a talented bunch of artists and what a good looking bunch of staff!



Hi Norwood!

Last week I was flown out to New York, selected as one of 100 undergraduate design students from across the world to attend the Design Nation 2023 Conference! This was an all-expenses-paid experience with workshops and networking events with some incredibly successful designers and CEOs. I got to meet partners at Pentagram and the Co-Founder of Airbnb. Feeling so so grateful and still can't believe it is less than a year since I dreamed of an opportunity like this while working on the A-Level airline design project with you at Norwood. I had an absolute blast, met so many like-minded students, exploring the big city and learned so much!

Thanks, Joel

A Caring Community

We recognise the importance of developing the ability to work alongside and get along with others, it is vital in almost any personal and professional situation. Learning to care for others at Norwood is not only about helping and putting the needs of others before our own interests, but it is also about nurturing the ability to hear, understand and recognize others' needs and feelings.

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understand and recognize
others' needs and feelings.”

Anti Bullying Week

We dedicated Assembly, 'Let's Talk About' and the Student Council meetings during the week to finding out what the students think about bullying, where it is an issue and what we can do to encourage young people to report it and put a stop to it. There were plenty of odd socks in support of being different on Friday and a real focus on kindness throughout the week.

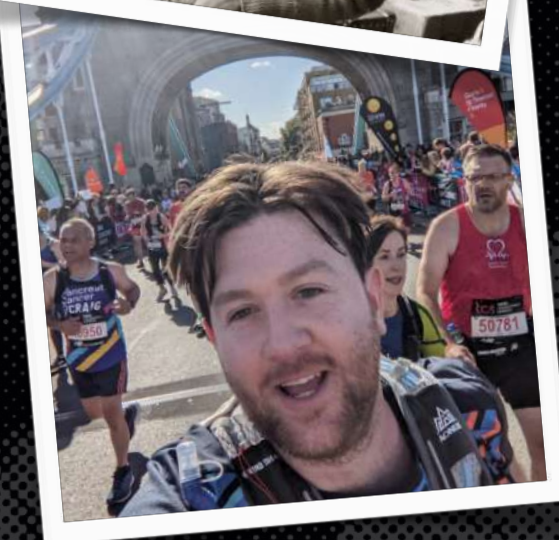


Assemblies, workshops and extracurricular activities raise awareness of LGBT+ issues throughout the year.



Throughout June we celebrated the 75th anniversary of Windrush.

Some great T Shirt printing by the LGBTQ+ Society in one of their after school clubs



Mr Isitt raised over £3,000 for MS charities when he ran the London Marathon

Drama

Mr Spring set up a wonderful community project between Tooting Arts Club, Norwood School and local residential care homes. It was a very thoughtful, touching piece of work, using real life stories, gathered by visiting elderly residents in their care homes. There were some great singalongs as well as a few tears. Well done to Mr Spring and Year 12 and 13 for a lovely project.



Choir

Ameyla, our singing teacher, and Mr Francis, took the choir to a couple of local care homes to perform their Christmas Classics set - residents really enjoyed hearing the singing and the students were charming and impeccably behaved throughout whilst spreading Christmas cheer!



Norwood Voice

Our Yr 8's helped students create newspaper articles based on their contributions to the Norwood Voice. It was lovely to see how engaged both primary and secondary students were in the task and how well the younger ones listened and responded to Year 8's guidance and support. Both schools have given great feedback with students thanking Norwood pupils for being so kind and helpful.



Duke of Edinburgh,

Thank you SO much to you and all the teachers who gave up their time to support the students. Laura had an amazing time, it's such a great experience for them.

Thanks
Yr 10 Parent.

We couldn't agree more. Thank you to all those who were involved both under canvas and holding the fort here back at school. The cultural capital and lasting memories are worth the effort.



MFL Faculty

Getaways

The MFL Faculty didn't disappoint again this year with their amazing range of extra curricular activities.

School trips like these are essential to our students' education. The educational and cultural experiences our students gain travelling abroad are wonderful. The trips help broaden our students' life experiences and often also provide relevance, direction and confidence in their learning.

We get fantastic feedback from parents, students and staff. Whether they were skiing in the Italian mountains or shopping at the magical Christmas Fair in Lille - students explored new cultures, expanded their horizons, made new friends and created incredible memories to treasure.



Yr 7 Activity Day

Fun & Games

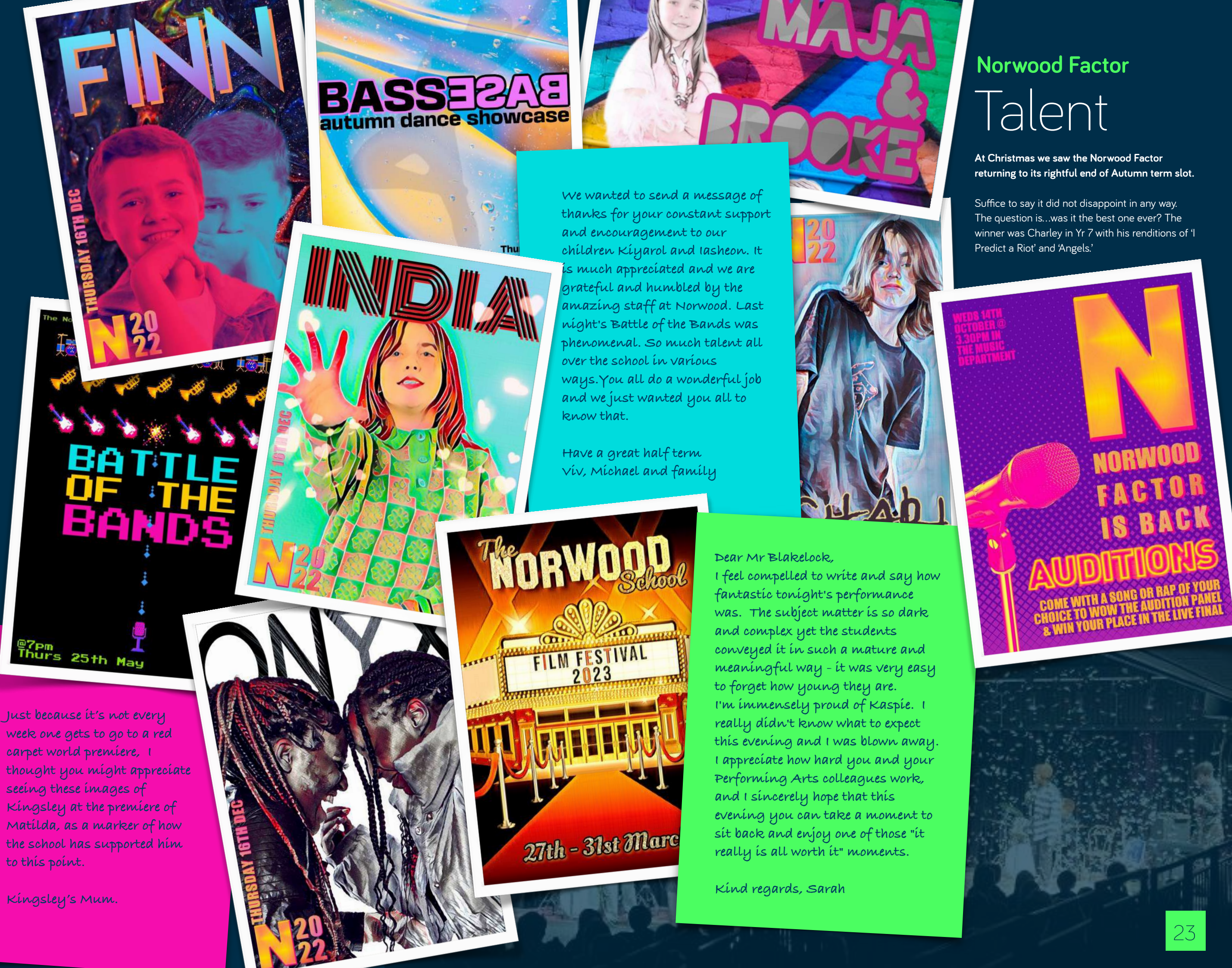
To Norwood School,
Just to let you know that my son said that he had the best day yesterday on the Yr 7 Activity Day - Fun and Picnic in the Park, sometimes the simplest things are just the best, it was so lovely to know that the students had such a wonderful day - thank you.



Performing Arts

Just because it's not every week one gets to go to a red carpet world premiere, I thought you might appreciate seeing these images of Kingsley at the premiere of Matilda, as a marker of how the school has supported him to this point.

Kingsley's Mum.



Norwood Factor Talent

At Christmas we saw the Norwood Factor returning to its rightful end of Autumn term slot.

Suffice to say it did not disappoint in any way. The question is...was it the best one ever? The winner was Charley in Yr 7 with his renditions of 'I Predict a Riot' and 'Angels.'

We wanted to send a message of thanks for your constant support and encouragement to our children Kiyarol and Iasheon. It is much appreciated and we are grateful and humbled by the amazing staff at Norwood. Last night's Battle of the Bands was phenomenal. So much talent all over the school in various ways. You all do a wonderful job and we just wanted you all to know that.

Have a great half term
viv, Michael and family

Dear Mr Blakelock,
I feel compelled to write and say how fantastic tonight's performance was. The subject matter is so dark and complex yet the students conveyed it in such a mature and meaningful way - it was very easy to forget how young they are. I'm immensely proud of Kaspie. I really didn't know what to expect this evening and I was blown away. I appreciate how hard you and your Performing Arts colleagues work, and I sincerely hope that this evening you can take a moment to sit back and enjoy one of those "it really is all worth it" moments.

Kind regards, Sarah

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The Norwood sports stars who led the way to many victories, personal bests and great team efforts.



Norwood Sporting Updates

Sporting Achievements

The rain certainly refused to dampen our spirits at this year's Sports Days. Whether competing or supporting and cheering their friends on - a really great day was had by everyone, especially when the rain stopped!

There have been so many amazing sporting achievements over the year, here are just a few of the stars who led the way to many victories, personal bests and great team efforts.



Donte



Lambeth Schools Cross Country



Mahalia

Thank You's

We all like to be thanked.

At Norwood we know how important it is to be able to articulate our gratitude and recognise those who support us. It is so delightful to reflect on the frequent thank you's that we receive as teachers from students but also from parents and guardians. It means a great deal.

Dear Ms Patel,
Thank for being such a great Spanish teacher! Your lessons are so engaging that I always look forward to Spanish, thank you again for always encouraging and inspiring me.
Best wishes,
Selvin

Thank you for all that you do for me

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It's nice to be important but it's more important to be nice

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Thank you for being a good, helpful and optimistic teacher who always strives for perfection to try and help us to do our very best all the time

A Special gift for one of my favorite
Thank u for All u have done for me Miss.
X Your the Best!
Love from
Zion.mcleod.

What's next for Norwood Students?

At Norwood we know that every young person needs good career guidance to make informed decisions about their future.

Good career guidance is a necessity for social mobility. We provide numerous opportunities across all year groups to help young people to understand enough about the world of work to know what skills they need to succeed.



Oxford

On their Oxford University visit, Yr 11 had a tour of the city and college campuses, a Q&A with Oxford students, a taster lecture from a professor of political linguistics and an Oxbridge interview prep session. Our students were a huge credit to us. They've even invited us back for a VIP preview of the drama students' performance of The History Boys.



Oghale Erikigho far left, talking about her experiences of going to Oxford University as a young black woman.

Drama Workshops

Actor Jason Flemyng (you'll know him from Snatch, Curious case of Benjamin Button, Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels) gave a workshop to the 6th form actors. **Their faces say it all!**



We Rise - Hanan on Work Experience with ITV



Economy Workshop

Yr 10 students travelled to the City to an economy workshop at FTI Consulting, meeting and networking with young professionals. The company specialises in corporate finance and restructuring, economic consulting, forensic and litigation consulting, strategic communications and technology.



Lucian Msamati

Construction Youth Trust

Yr 11 onsite visits exploring the numerous possible careers routes in the construction industry



STEM

STEM Ambassadors visited Imperial College Aeronautics Department



Green Careers Day at the Royal Institution



Yr 10 Mathematicians to Aviva headquarters in the City



Parent and actor Lucian Msamati visited to talk to 6th Form and Bursary drama as well as A Level English students about his acting career and playing Lago with the RSC. His talk was compelling and uplifting for staff and students alike! The packed Library was hanging on every word!