



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Young Reporter Scheme

Following the success of the Young Reporter Scheme over the past few years, we are delighted to be participating in this innovative project once again. Run by an experienced journalist from the News Shopper, the scheme provides students with the opportunity to join a team of young reporters and generate online content, all of which is published on a live news platform.

As well as gaining an invaluable insight into the work of a journalist, students develop a range of highly regarded transferrable skills, including research capabilities, improving writing skills, building up confidence and the ability to work to a deadline. The programme is recognized and supported by universities nationwide.

In summary, this excellent scheme offers your daughter/son:

- 8 months' valuable work experience
- Every article is uploaded onto the website: www.youngreporter.co.uk
- The ability to build up a portfolio of published work – students must write one article a month by April 2025
- A letter of recognition upon completion for inclusion on their CV and/or as part of their UCAS application. It can also be used towards Bronze/Silver DofE

I attach some information from the Young Reporters Office.

Students will take part in two lectures. The Introductory lecture is optional but will go through writing articles, uploading them, finding ideas, where to go to source articles etc. The Defamation lecture is mandatory for all students, who are expected to join this lecture otherwise their permissions will be suspended until they do. This lecture is to safeguard them against unloading anything that would be libelous or subject to copyright, which can have serious consequences.

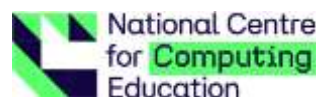
If your daughter/son is interested in participating, please ask them to email me at cgreen@newsteadwood.co.uk with their full name and year group. They should **not** email Young Reporters directly. The cost of the scheme this year is £38 which includes the 2 online training sessions. To secure your daughter's/son's place, please make your payment using WisePay **by Thursday 3 October** at the very latest. Please note that if fewer than 21 students show an interest in participating, we may be unable to run this scheme, in which case you will be refunded any money paid to WisePay. If you have any financial concerns about the cost, then please contact our Finance Director at finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

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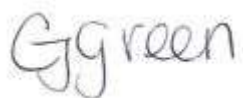
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If you have any queries, please contact me.

Kind regards

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