



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Visit to Kew Gardens – Monday 13 July

As part of Cultural Arts Week, we are taking 45 Year 9 students to visit Kew Gardens. Kew is one of the world's most renowned botanical gardens and offers a unique educational experience, with its vast collection of plants from around the globe, historic glasshouses, and beautifully landscaped gardens. Students will have the opportunity to explore the diverse ecosystems and learn more about the wonders of plants. In addition to exploring the gardens, students will also take part in a 45-minute interactive workshop delivered by experts from Kew.

The cost of the trip has already been covered in the payment for Cultural Arts Week, and we will be making use of free travel from Transport for London.

Students should come to school at the normal time, and we will dismiss students from Orpington Station at approximately 4.00pm.

Students must be in full school uniform and wear sensible footwear, as we will be walking to and from the station. If the weather forecast is rainy, students are advised to bring raincoats or umbrellas. If the forecast is sunny, students are advised to bring sun cream and a hat.

Students must bring a packed lunch and drink to have during the visit.

For the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact details and medical information for students will be taken from the school database. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app or by email to office@newsteadwood.co.uk.

If you have any questions about the trip, please do not to hesitate to contact me at srobinson@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Sophie Robinson

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