



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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8 November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 8 Cultural Arts and Careers Week: Thursday 10 – Wednesday 16 July 2025**

Our Cultural Arts and Careers Week each summer is an opportunity for all students in to engage in a variety of creative and enriching learning experiences and enjoy opportunities for growth and career development beyond the curriculum. Please note that attendance is compulsory and normal lessons are suspended for this week.

Workshops and activities are led by external providers and staff teachers at Newstead with opportunities to take part in visits out of school for each year group.

**We have an exciting programme of events planned and I am delighted to be sharing this with you:**

### **8BillionIdeas Careers Day – Thursday 10 July**

This should be an interactive and informative day, led by our partners from the 8BillionIdeas Team. Students will be divided into groups and work with their mentor for the day alongside our Careers Team.

### **Downe House Science Trip – Friday 11 July**

The Science team are taking the whole year group locally to Downe House to find out more about Charles Darwin, the father of modern theories about Evolution.

### **Residential camping trip – Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 July**

Details of this activity camp will be shared separately by Ms Brazier. This is taking place in Cuffley, near Potters Bar, Hertfordshire. This is compulsory to attend as it is an important part of building memories as a year group.

### **Language Workshops and Y9 Performing Arts Festival – Wednesday 16 July**

All of Year 8 will take part in taster sessions for various languages, such as Bulgarian and Cantonese. This is followed by an afternoon of watching the Dress Rehearsal for the Y9 Performing Arts festival.

There will be a charge of £280 to cover the cost of the in-school activities and the residential trip. Please make payment for *Year 8 Cultural Arts Week* via WisePay. Please note, payment constitutes permission to take part in all in-school activities. If you have any financial concerns regarding payment for these activities, please contact [finance@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:finance@newsteadwood.co.uk) in confidence.

- Instalment 1 - £140 by 31 January 2025

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- Instalment 2 - £140 by 31 March 2025

We hope you are as excited as we are about all these fantastic enrichment activities planned during our Cultural Arts Week.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mbournat@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:mbournat@newsteadwood.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Bournat'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a stylized 'B'.

**Mr M Bournat**  
**Assistant Headteacher**