



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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13 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 8 Cultural Arts and Careers Week: Thursday 11 – Monday 15 July 2024

Our Cultural Arts and Careers Week each summer is an opportunity for all students 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 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:

Steel Pans Workshop

We have worked with this team of Steel Drummers for a number of years. Steel Pans are a musical instrument originating in Trinidad and Tobago and students will learn how to perform as an ensemble with our facilitators.

Year 8 8BillionIdeas Careers Day

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.

Haiku Workshop

Led by our English Department, students will learn about and compose their own Haiku, a type of short form poetry originally from Japan. Traditional Japanese haiku consist of three phrases that contain a kireji, or 'cutting word', 17 syllables in a 5, 7, 5 pattern, and a kigo, or seasonal reference. Similar poems that do not adhere to these rules are generally classified as senryu.

Dance Workshop

Primrose School of Dance have run a number of Dance workshops at Newstead Wood School and will be running a taster session for all Year 8 students as part of the week of activities.

The Windrush Story

Our History team will lead students through an informative workshop surrounding the Windrush voyage and its passengers, who subsequently became known as The Windrush Generation.

Headteacher: Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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Performing Arts Festival

In preparation for their Performing Arts piece in Year 9, students will watch the current Year 9 students in their spectacular musical performances on Wednesday afternoon.

Year 8 have a residential trip taking place from Tuesday 16 to Wednesday 17 July, and details of this will be shared separately by Ms Mehta.

There will be a charge of £50 to cover the cost of the in-school activities. The cost of the residential trip is £150. The total cost is £200. 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 in confidence.

- Instalment 1 - £50 by 31 January 2024
- Instalment 2 - £75 by 31 March 2024
- Instalment 3 - £75 by 31 May 2024

Information about payment for the residential trip will be in the separate letter about the trip.

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.

Yours sincerely,



Mr M. Bournat
Assistant Headteacher