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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Key Dates for Summer Term 2025

Now that the final half-term of the year is under way, I am writing with some information about the many fantastic events we have coming up at the school for the summer term.

### Year 11 Prom Celebration Event – Friday 20 June

We are looking forward to celebrating with Year 11 the end of their GCSE exams and their lower school journey.

### Best in Everyone Awards Evening – Friday 27 June

A night celebrating the best in everyone at Newstead Wood School, awarding nominated members of our student and teaching community with recognition for brilliance over the last year. Invitations have already been sent to families of those nominated for awards.

### Sixth Form Induction Days – Monday 30 June and Wednesday 2 July

New Sixth Form students will have their induction days during the week beginning Monday 30 June. Students have been advised of which day they should attend.

### New Year 7 Induction Day – Tuesday 1 July

New Year 7 students will attend their Induction Day at the school on Tuesday 1 July.

### UCAS Launch Day – Thursday 3 July

Year 12 students will be off timetable for the day and we have arranged speakers from a variety of universities to help get them started on their UCAS applications.

### Asian Celebration Event – Thursday 3 July

Our colourful annual celebration of Asian culture – more information to follow!

### Early School Closure – Friday 4 July

The school will close early on Friday 4 July due to our Open Morning taking place on Saturday 5 July. **Students will be dismissed at 1.45pm.**

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### **Open Morning for Prospective Year 5 Parents/Carers – Saturday 5 July**

We are delighted to host our Open Morning once again on Saturday 5 July. Student guides and Subject Leaders who have signed up to help on the day should arrive at school for 8.45am. Tickets for the Open Morning are now fully booked. Any Year 5 families wishing to see the school and who haven't been able to book a ticket can email [office@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:office@newsteadwood.co.uk) to enquire about weekday school tours.

### **Japan Day – Monday 7 July**

Monday 7 July will be our annual Japan Day for Year 7 students. Activities will include Japanese language, calligraphy, origami, kimono (Japanese culture) and a star festival called Tanabata.

### **A Night at the Musicals – Wednesday 9 July**

A night of songs from the musicals, showcasing Newstead's talented students, and maybe even some staff members!

### **Cultural Arts Week – Thursday 10 July to Wednesday 16 July**

Our Cultural Arts week takes place from Thursday 10 July to Wednesday 16 July. Year 7-9 parents and carers received information in November about arrangements for this week. Any further details needed will be sent out in due course.

### **Year 10 Careers Week – Thursday 10 July to Wednesday 16 July**

Various careers activities are planned for Y10 students and – further details will be sent out in due course.

### **Year 12 Work Experience – Thursday 10 July to Wednesday 16 July**

Year 12 students will be participating in work experience from Thursday 10 July to Wednesday 16 July.

### **Performing Arts Festival – Wednesday 16 July**

All six Year 9 forms will be performing 15 minutes of musical theatre, which they have been working on during the Summer Term in their Performing Arts lessons. A letter will be sent to Year 9 parents in due course.

### **Sports Day – Thursday 17 July**

Thursday 17 July is our annual Sports Day. Students should attend in full PE kit on the day. Please remember plenty of water, sun cream and a hat!

### **Commemoration Day and End of Summer Term – Friday 18 July**

Our Commemoration Day promises to be a spectacular event as always. This will take place on Friday 18 July. Students will spend time with their Form and Year groups before the Commemoration Celebrations and will be rounded off with our final assembly. **Students will then be dismissed from school at 12.15pm at the latest. For students requiring coach collection, timings will be advised in due course.**

### **CPD Days – 21 and 22 July**

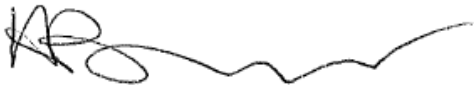
Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 July will be CPD days and the school will be closed to all students.

**Start of Autumn Term – 1 and 2 September**

The autumn term officially begins on Wednesday 27 August with three staff training days. On **Monday 1 September** we welcome new Year 7 and Year 12 back into school, and on **Tuesday 2 September** all students return to school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with all these events and I very much hope you will be able to join us at our evening celebrations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AB', followed by a long, wavy horizontal line.

**Alan Blount**  
**Headteacher**