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Dear Parent/Carer,

Key Dates for Summer Term 2026

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

Sixth Form Induction Days – Tuesday 30 June and Wednesday 1 July
New Sixth Form students will have their induction days during the week beginning Monday 29 June. Students have been advised of which day they should attend.

Best in Everyone Awards Evening – Thursday 2 July
A night celebrating the best in everyone at Newstead Wood School, awarding nominated members of our student and staff community with recognition for brilliance over the last year. Invitations will be sent to families of those nominated for awards.

CPD Day – Friday 3 July
School will be closed to students for a CPD day on Friday 3 July.

Open Morning for Prospective Year 5 Parents/Carers – Saturday 4 July
We are delighted to host our Open Morning once again on Saturday 4 July. Student guides and subject helpers 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 who haven't been able to book a ticket can email office@newsteadwood.co.uk to enquire about weekday school tours.

Japan Day – Monday 6 July
Monday 6 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.

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

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UCAS Launch Day – Wednesday 8 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 – Friday 10 July
Our colourful annual celebration of Asian culture – more information to follow!

Cultural Arts and Careers Week – Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July
Our Cultural Arts week takes place from Monday 13 July to Friday 17 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 and 12 Work Experience – Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July
Year 12 students will be participating in work experience from Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July.

Sports Day – Tuesday 21 July
Tuesday 21 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 – Wednesday 22 July
Our Commemoration Day promises to be a spectacular event as always. This will take place on Wednesday 22 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.**

Start of Autumn Term – 28 August and 1 September
The autumn term officially begins on Wednesday 26 August with two staff training days. On **Friday 28 August** we welcome new Year 7 and Year 12 back into school, and on **Tuesday 1 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,

Paul Norman
Headteacher