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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 8 Cultural Arts and Careers Week: Monday 13 – Friday 17 July 2026**

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 Newstead Wood School staff, 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 – Monday 13 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.

### **Science Museum Trip – Tuesday 14 July**

The Science team are taking the whole year group to the Science Museum in central London, where they will enjoy access to Wonderlab: the Equinor Gallery exhibition.

### **Language Workshops and Performing Arts Festival – Wednesday 15 July**

All of Year 8 will take part in taster sessions for various languages, such as Japanese and Cantonese. This is followed by an afternoon of watching performances for the Year 9 Performing Arts festival.

### **Residential camping trip – Thursday 16 and Friday 17 July**

Details of this activity camp will be shared separately by Mr Botley. 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.

There will be a charge of £238 to cover the cost of all these activities. Please make payment for *Year 8 Cultural Arts Week* via WisePay. Please note, payment constitutes permission to take part in all activities. If you have

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- Instalment 1 - £119 by 31 January 2026
- Instalment 2 - £119 by 31 March 2026

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 [aboutall@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:aboutall@newsteadwood.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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