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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 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:

Residential camping trip – Monday 13 to Tuesday 14 July

Details of this activity camp will be shared separately by Ms Calder. This is compulsory to attend as it is an important part of building memories as a year group.

8BillionIdeas Careers Day – Wednesday 15 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.

In the evening, there will be an optional theatre trip to watch *Six The Musical* at an additional cost, for which there will be a limited number of tickets available. This will be organised separately by the History department, and you will receive separate communication regarding this.

Theatre Trip – Wednesday 16 July

The whole year group will attend a matinee performance of 'My Neighbour Totoro' at the Gillian Lynn Theatre in central London.

Headteacher: Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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China Day – Friday 17 July

Students will spend a day attending workshops to immerse themselves in Chinese culture. Led by our Chinese Language Department, students will have an introduction to Chinese Language, attend a Chinese Painting workshop, learn the intricacies of the Fan Dance and we hope to offer a Martial Arts taster session.

There will be a charge of £264 to cover the cost of the in-school activities, the theatre trip, and the residential trip. Please make payment for *Year 7 Cultural Arts Week* via WisePay. Please note, payment constitutes permission to take part in all activities. If you have any financial concerns regarding payment for these activities, please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

- Instalment 1 - £132 by 31 January 2026
- Instalment 2 - £132 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.

Yours sincerely,

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