



# NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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13 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 7 Cultural Arts and Careers Week: Monday 15-Wednesday 17 July 2024**

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 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:**

### **Taiko Drumming Workshop**

We have worked with this team of Taiko Drummers for a number of years. Taiko (太鼓) are a broad range of Japanese percussion instruments and students will learn how to perform as an ensemble with our facilitators.

### **Year 7 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.

### **Greek Cuisine**

Food always features highly at Newstead and students will spend time in our Food Technology suite exploring an array of flavours and dishes along with cultural elements and traditions that accompany them.

### **Greek and Roman Gods**

Our Classical Civilisations team will lead students through an exciting portrayal of Greek and Roman Gods culminating in students creating their own supreme being.

### **China Day**

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.

**Year 7 have a residential trip taking place from Thursday 11 to Friday 12 July, and details of this will be shared separately by Ms Brazier.**

**Headteacher:** Mr Alan Blount, MA, BSc, QTS

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There will be a charge of £60 to cover the cost of the in-school activities, and the cost of the residential trip is £150. The total is £210. Please make payment for *Year 7 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](mailto:finance@newsteadwood.co.uk) in confidence.

- Instalment 1 - £60 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Bournat". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'B'.

**Mr M Bournat**  
**Assistant Headteacher**