



NEWSTEAD WOOD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9 Cultural Arts and Careers Week: Thursday 11 – 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:

Iroko Theatre Company: Dance and Storytelling Workshop

We have worked with IROKO for many years and their blend of African dance, theatre and story-telling workshops are dynamic and rooted in African culture and customs.

Year 9 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.

Performing Arts Festival

All Year 9 form groups have been preparing for our Annual Performing Arts Festival and will have their final dress rehearsal before their first performance to lower school students. The Performing Arts Event for parents/carers is scheduled to take place in the last week of term.

Dance Workshop

Dance Teachers from Primrose School of Dance will lead these workshops through which students will devise and perform their own piece of dance. Please look out for further details later in the school year.

External Visits

All Year 9 students will have the opportunity to take part in visits during the week. These will take place on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 July.

- **Visit to The Globe and Hunterian Museum – Wednesday 17 July**
Some will travel to London and take part in a tour of the Theatre and partake in a workshop at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre before a walk along the South Bank and returning home. Other students with more of a science-interest will be able to visit the Hunterian to view its exhibits.
- **Aqua-sports Day (limited to 60 students on a first-come, first-served basis) – Wednesday 17 July**
There will be opportunities to try out new sports and wellbeing activities at Mercer's Country Park in Surrey. This will include activities such as sailing, canoeing, paddle boarding and raft building.

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- **Visit to Auschwitz, Tuesday 16-Wednesday 17 July**

If students have opted to take GCSE History in Year 10, they are encouraged to visit Auschwitz and see for themselves the memorials and museums which give an excellent perspective on World War II. The guides on these trips are very knowledgeable and will help them to understand some of the key elements which underpin the GCSE History course. This is an important part of GCSE.

Mrs Smith leads our visit to Auschwitz trip and a separate letter with further details will be shared regarding this trip.

The cost of the in-school activities (**excluding Auschwitz, Aqua Sports and London trips**) is £50. If you wish your daughter to take part in the Aqua Sports, the cost of the Aqua Sports is an additional £70. Alternatively, students can take part in the trips to the London Globe or London Hunterian Museum, and the cost of that day trip is £5.

Please make payment for *Year 9 Cultural Arts Week* via WisePay. Please note, payment constitutes permission to take part in all in-school activities and visits to museums in London. If you have any financial concerns regarding payment for these activities, please contact finance@newsteadwood.co.uk in confidence.

- Instalment 1 - £50 by 31 January 2024 (payable for all students)
- Instalment 2 - £70 by 31 March 2024 (**for Aqua Sports students only**)
- Instalment 2 - £5 by 31 March 2024 (**for Globe/Hunterian students only**)
- Auschwitz - a separate letter with further details will be shared regarding the payment plan for this 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,



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