



November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

RE. Year 7 Population 1 Trip to Birmingham Tuesday 11th February 2025

As part of enhancing the Cultural Capital of our students, we are planning a trip to Birmingham for everyone in Year 7 Population 1 on Tuesday 11th February 2025, where students will get the chance to see the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO) at Symphony Hall, have a tour of the city library and have some time doing activities in groups around Centenary Square.

We will leave school at approximately 9.30am and will travel to Birmingham by coach. In Birmingham, students will be escorted around the library in small groups with a member of staff and watch a concert in Symphony Hall. Depending on which class they are in, they will do one activity in the morning and one in the afternoon. In-between, they will have time to eat their lunch and participate in some activities in Centenary Square.

The coaches will pick up in Birmingham and we should be back in school by approximately 3.45pm depending on traffic. When we arrive back, your child will then be sent home. As the time of this day runs after the normal school day, it will be your child's compulsory enrichment for this week. Consequently, **enrichment on Monday 10th February 2025 for all Year 7 students will be cancelled and replaced with this activity.**

Your child will need to be in full school uniform for this trip and will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, then a grab bag will be available for them to take. We will be outside for part of the day so a waterproof coat will also be needed.

To give your consent for your child to attend this trip you will need to complete the consent form and input the relevant information via www.parentpay.com/ by Friday December 20th.

Please contact the school office if you have any difficulty accessing your parentpay account.

£5 Voluntary Contribution toward Transportation Cost

Wood Green Academy believes wholeheartedly in the value of school trips. We encourage staff to organise trips and we encourage students to attend as many school trips as possible.

Whilst the school is oversubscribed, education funding reductions mean that it is more difficult for us to meet the full cost of the trips we offer where coach transportation is required. We therefore ask parents/carers to make a £5 voluntary contribution toward the cost of the coach for each trip of this kind whilst their child is in key stages 3 or 4, (years 7-11). This contribution is genuinely voluntary and neither you nor your child will be treated differently if you are unable or choose not to contribute. However, please note that without voluntary contributions, this or other school trips may have to be changed or cancelled. Please regard this contribution as an important investment in your child's education. Please note that this contribution does not include any costs.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms J Newman (Head of Music) and Mr J Postans (Teacher of English/Literacy Lead)