November 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

RE. Year 7 Population 1 Trip to Birmingham Thursday 28th January 2027

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 Thursday 28th January 2027, 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 after the second concert and we should be back in school by approximately 3.30pm depending on traffic.

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 11th.**
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 to 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)