

2 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 9 SHINE group

We are writing to offer your child an exciting opportunity. We have obtained funding to continue a project that has run for the last few years at Parmiter's for a small group of our Year 9 students and we would like to invite your child to join our **SHINE Group** (Succeed, **H**ope, **I**nspire, **N**urture, **E**ducate). The main focus of this group is for students to be 'GCSE ready' and to raise their aspirations for the future. There will be a number of exciting opportunities throughout the year and we would very much like your child to be part of the activities that are suitable.

This is **being offered at no cost** to parents/carers. However, we will require forms to be completed and signed at various points through the year. A link to the first of these consent forms, to join the group and take part in the activities we have organised so far, follows the project overview below. **By consenting to your child joining the SHINE group, you are also providing consent for them to attend the activities.**

Unless otherwise specified, please assume that students will attend all activities in **school uniform**, that **lunch will be provided** (if we are going off site) and activities will run **within the timing of the normal school day** (8.35am – 3.20pm).

Membership is conditional on students meeting the behaviour expectations we have for all Parmiter's students. This will be clearly explained to the students at an introductory meeting. The Senior Leadership Team reserves the right to withdraw any student, at any stage, from the group or a specific activity, where they consider that the safety or benefit of this experience could be spoiled by an individual student's presence. If appropriate, an official warning, with the parents being notified, may be given before a student is withdrawn.

We hope you will agree that this is an exciting opportunity and look forward to receiving the completed consent form. May we reiterate that the funding we have in place will cover all of the costs of the project – at no point will you be asked for any payment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail (b.cummings@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

Please complete the consent form as promptly as possible and by no later than Friday 4 October.

Yours sincerely



Mr B Cummings
Head of Key Stage 3

SHINE Project Overview:

- **A Typography Workshop with a well known calligrapher and print artist on 9 October 2024 to support students with their work in Art.**
- **Visit to the Natural History Museum in Tring on 5 December 2024 to take part in Biology and Art workshops.**
- **Visit to the RAF Museum in Hendon on 3 February 2025.**
- **A study skills workshop with Elevate Education to help students learn how to revise effectively (TBC).**
- **An eco-printing workshop with a local designer to support students with their work in textiles and art (TBC).**
- **A creative workshop with ‘Street Style Surgery’ focusing on boosting self-confidence and aspirations (TBC).**

In addition to the events listed above, we hope to organise further opportunities for students in the SHINE group later in the year. We will provide further details once they have been confirmed.

Please complete the consent form, via the link below, by Friday 4 October, to indicate if you would like your child to join the Year 9 Shine Group:

<https://forms.gle/fyn9Nsc9NGaxkdUb9>

Please ensure the school is fully aware of any medical concerns you may have and that students have any medications required (e.g. inhalers, anti-allergy medication) on the day of any trips.