

9 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 8 LEAP 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 8 students and we would like to invite your child to join our **LEAP Group** (**L**earn, **E**ngage, **A**spire, **P**rogress). The aim of this group is to raise aspirations and to inspire a positive attitude in students by offering them opportunities to enhance their 'cultural capital' through extra-curricular activities beyond those they would normally experience in school. This project will provide several exciting opportunities throughout the year and we would very much like your child to take part in 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 throughout 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 LEAP group, you are also providing consent 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 If appropriate, an official warning, with the parents being notified, may be given before a student is withdrawn.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](mailto: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 Monday 16 December.**

Yours sincerely



Mr B Cummings  
Head of Key Stage 3

## LEAP Project Overview:

Date	Event
Monday 20 January 2025	<b>A study skills workshop focusing on ‘Memory Mnemonics’</b> , with Elevate Education, to help students learn how to revise effectively with a specific focus on memory.
Tuesday 21 January 2025	<b>Visit to the Airbus ‘STEM Discovery Centre’</b> to see the EXOMARS Rover and learn about robotics and space exploration.
Date TBC	<b>An eco-printing workshop</b> with a local designer to support students with their work in textiles and art.
Date TBC	<b>A creative workshop with ‘Street Style Surgery’</b> , focusing on boosting self-confidence and aspirations.

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

Please complete the [consent form](#), by Monday 16 December, to indicate if you would like your child to join the Year 8 LEAP Group:

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.