

9 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 7 HOPP 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 7 students and we would like to invite your child to join our **HOPP Group** (**H**ope, **O**ppportunity, **P**ersistence, **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 HOPP 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 If appropriate, an official warning, with the parents being notified, may be given before a student is withdrawn.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 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



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## HOPP Project Overview:

Date	Event
Monday 20 January 2025	<b>A study skills workshop focusing on ‘Kick Start Study Skills’</b> , with Elevate Education, to help students learn how to study effectively and revise for assessments.
Wednesday 22 January 2025	<b>Visit to ‘Forbidden Planet’</b> , a bookstore in London specialising in manga and comics, to take part in a reading workshop.
Thursday 27 February 2025	<b>Visit to Sky Academy Studios in Elstree</b> to take part in a Film & TV Drama experience, creating and filming their own ideas.
Date TBC	<b>Visit to Cassiobury Farm &amp; Fishery</b> , to learn about biomes, food webs, adaptations and conservation of rare breeds and exotic wildlife.
Date to 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 HOPP 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 7 HOPP 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.