

25 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Young Reporter Scheme

Your child has indicated that they would like to take part in the Young Reporter Scheme this year. 'This is a schools' programme run by Newsquest, which gives students an opportunity to write for a real live online newspaper. Parmiter's had excellent **success with the 2025-26 scheme**, with 14 students receiving a letter of recognition for completing the scheme, a number of students getting through to the finals and **two students achieving the highest accolade of winning categories in the overall final!** These are very impressive achievements, given there were around 1500 students taking part nationally.

This prestigious scheme will teach students a number of skills that will be useful in the future (whatever their subject focus is) and they will also be able to reference this in any applications they do in the coming years.

I have met with all those who have expressed an interest and detailed the process below:

- Students sign up for eight months, writing one article per month.
- ALL articles are published in Newsquest's online newspapers.
- The scheme runs from September 2026 through to April 2027.
- Students will receive online mentoring sessions and access to a student hub to support their development and progress throughout this project.
- Students will also need to attend two introductory online sessions, which explain the programme and the rules and regulations around copyright and defamation.
- All those completing the scheme receive a written recommendation.
- At the end of the scheme, if they submit all eight articles on time, students will be put forward to compete for prizes.
- Winners are offered an undergraduate day at a London University.
- The top thirty-three students attend a Media Award Ceremony.
- One student from each age group becomes the face of 2027/28.

For further information, please see their [website](#) and watch this [video](#). Additionally, please use this [link](#) to view the Student Comet newspapers which are produced during the programme and include articles written by a number of our students.

The cost of the scheme is £30.00. If your child would like to take part, please make your payment via [WisePay](#) (under Shop) by Friday 2 October. If your child is in receipt of Bursary funding, please contact the Finance Office (finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk) in confidence before **Friday 2 October**.

We look forward to seeing what our students achieve on the scheme this year.

Kind regards



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