Parmiter's School

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5 November 2026

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** (**S**ucceed, **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 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 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** and activities will run **within the timing of the normal school day** (8.35am – 3.20pm). If we are going off site, students should bring their own packed lunch, unless they are entitled to free school meals in which case a packed lunch will be provided.

Membership is conditional on students meeting the behaviour expectations for all Parmiter's students. This will be clearly explained to 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 If appropriate, an official warning, with the parents/carers being notified, may be given before a student is withdrawn.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 if you have any questions.

Please complete the consent form below as promptly as possible and by no later than Monday 9 November 2026.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Cummings
Head of Key Stage 3

SHINE Project Overview:

- **Visit to the Natural History Museum in Tring on Friday 4 December 2026, to take part in Biology and Art workshops.**

- **Visit to Silverstone Museum and Race Track on Friday 5 February 2027, to take part in STEM workshops to learn about the engineering and technology that has changed the world of motor sport and experience racing around a virtual track in their state-of-the-art Sim Suite.**

- **Visit to the RAF Museum in London, to take part in History and Design & Technology workshops. (Date tbc)**

- **A creative workshop with 'Street Style Surgery', focusing on boosting self-confidence and aspirations. (Date 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.

To indicate if you would like your child to join the Year 9 SHINE Group, please complete this CONSENT FORM by Monday 9 November 2026.

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