Parmiter's School

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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**pportunity, **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** 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 we have for all Parmiter's students and 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 If appropriate, an official warning, with the parents being notified, may be given before a student is withdrawn.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 as promptly as possible and by no later than Monday 23 November 2026.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Cummings
Head of Key Stage 3

HOPP Project Overview:

- **A craft project during lunchtimes in November/December to design and make a Festive Jumper, which students can wear to school on the Christmas Lunch day on Thursday 17 December 2026.**

- **An in-school cookery workshop in December, organised by Mrs Southernwood, to help students develop their baking skills.**

- **Mentoring with our student Community Champions from Year 8, to support them with engagement in co-curricular clubs and activities available in school.**

- **Visit to Sky Up Academy Studios in Elstree in the Spring term to take part in a Film & TV Drama experience, creating and filming their own ideas. (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 HOPP group throughout the year. We will provide further details once they have been confirmed.

To indicate if you would like your child to join the Year 7 HOPP Group, please complete the consent form, via the link below, by Monday 23 November 2026:

https://forms.gle/cay5qYrHgdfhHRKp7

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.