



25th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Year 12 – University Taster Day – Thursday 6th June 2024

As part of our programme for preparing students for Higher Education and UCAS – (University College Admission Service), we will be taking 65 Year 12 students to University of Hertfordshire for the Higher Education Convention on Thursday 6th June 2024. Students will be leaving at 8.40am, returning we hope by 3.10pm.

Throughout the day there are over 90 seminars, taster lectures and workshops that students can choose from. These need to be selected in advance (more details will be provided nearer the time) and will give students an immersive experience of the types of learning that takes place at university, as well as providing an insight into university life.

University staff and current undergraduate students will be available to chat to on a 1-1 basis. There will also be information available to students providing support and guidance with things such as student finance and the admissions processes.

There is also the opportunity to have a campus guided by our current undergraduate students, or for our students to take their time and explore the campus in small groups.

The cost of the trip is £6.00. Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them, although if entitled to free school meals a packed lunch will be provided by the school. Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis, as I know that some of our students are already wedded to degree apprenticeships or entering the world of work.

Payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website (see details attached), as soon as possible. Please also provide EMERGENCY CONTACT details and any MEDICAL issues (if applicable) at this time. This will be available via School Gateway on Monday 29th April at 10.00am.

If you are registered or have previously been registered for free school meals please contact Mrs Sen, as soon as possible, on 01727 731341 in order to allocate a place on the trip as there is funding available to support this trip.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Redfern

Assistant Head



How to pay online

Log on to: www.schoolgateway.com

Select: Make a Payment

Select: **Year 12 - University Taster Day**

Follow the on screen instructions to complete the payment and please **ENSURE** that the following information is entered in the **COMMENT** box:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

No further information or comment is required.

It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.

If you would like information on how to access the School Gateway system then please contact the School Office on 01727 856874.

