

Dear Parents/Carers

Next Step Evening Wednesday 1st March 2023 6-7pm in Clare Hall

The Sixth Form Leadership Team will summarise the progression opportunities available to students after Sixth Form and explain the careers programme students will follow, including details of the UCAS application process for university courses. Approximately 70% of Budmouth Year 13s progress on to university, we will also talk about employment and apprenticeship opportunities during this evening; we look forward to seeing you.

UCAS Higher Education Day Visit

We are planning to take all of our year 12 students to Bournemouth University for them to experience a Higher Education Day (HE Day) on Tuesday 18th April 2023.

Every year we arrange a coach trip for all Year 12 students to attend a UCAS event. There will be representatives present from most Universities, Further Education Colleges, Apprenticeship Employers and Art and Design Colleges. Our students will be able to talk to students and lecturers about the courses on offer, ask all the questions they might wish to and speak to admissions tutors about the grades they should expect for different courses. Prior to our visit, work will be done during tutor time to ensure that the students get the most from this opportunity.

The convention informs students about their future choices and therefore all Year 12s are expected to attend. We have booked coaches to transport the students to the event leaving Budmouth at 10.15am and returning at 3.00pm. To book a place for your son/daughter please use Parent Pay 360 (formerly SIMs Pay) to book a £10.00 ticket. In addition to the £10.00 for transport, students will need to bring a packed lunch or money to purchase lunch whilst at Bournemouth University. Students in receipt of the 16-19 Bursary will automatically have their place funded. If you do require financial assistance to enable your child to attend, then please do get in touch using my email address below. Further information regarding the day can be found here: [UCAS Discovery Bournemouth 2023 | Exhibition](#)

Employment and Training (E & T)

We are conscious that not all students choose to go on to Higher Education and that during the university application process this group of students can sometimes feel neglected, please be reassured that this is not the case. During our Next Step process we will have visits from apprenticeship providers and sessions available during Year 13 to help this group of students plan for their future. ***We still encourage students not thinking of university at this stage to go on the HE day trip so they can make an informed choice next year.***

Absence Reporting

A reminder that if your child is absent from Sixth Form, please report this by either phoning Jan Cockings on 01305 830560 or email jcockings@budmouth-aspirations.org. For a foreseen absence (i.e. student knows in advance he/she will be out of school for an essential reason) students must complete a green foreseen absence request slip in advance and return it to the Sixth Form office.

Yours sincerely,



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