

February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

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 Wednesday 27th March 2024.

Every year we arrange a coach trip for all Year 12 students to attend this 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; therefore all Year 12s are expected to attend. We have booked coaches to transport students to the event leaving Budmouth at 10.15am and returning at 3.00pm. The cost of the trip is £8.00. Payment should be made using the ParentMail app, by Wednesday 20th March. 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 2024 | 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 as apprenticeship employers will also be present so students can make an informed choice next year.***

Safe Drive talk

On Wednesday 20th March we have the road safety team from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and and Rescue Service returning to Budmouth to deliver a talk to year 12. It is a powerful talk designed to help educate our students on the importance of road safety at an age when they are able to start driving. The messages delivered are serious and some may find the talk challenging in parts. We will have a support space available on the day for students who are affected by the content. This talk is delivered to every year 12 as part of the students enrichment programme so no lessons will be missed.

Yours sincerely,



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