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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 12 - UCAS Higher Education Exhibition**

This year we are taking our Year 12 students to the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition being held at Bedfordshire University on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at their Bedford Campus.

The exhibition will give students the opportunity to speak with experts from universities and colleges and industry professionals as they begin to plan towards their next steps after Sixth Form. In recent years more than 150 institutions have exhibited at this event. Non-higher education exhibitors are also present at the event, including Barclays, British Army, Royal Navy and the National Apprenticeship Service.

The exhibition offers inspirational talks, topical seminars, application process advice and interactive stands, with students having the flexibility on the day to visit the things most important to them. Students will also find out what life is like on a university campus and have the chance to ask current students, from a range of universities, what it is really like to study a particular subject.

There are a wide range of subject-specific talks taking place during the day, lasting 30 minutes each. These presentations give the chance to find out more about a specific area of study and ask any questions which our students may have about the subject.

There is no cost to students to enter the UCAS exhibition, however, as we must book coaches to travel to Bedford and back we must ask for a contribution of £9 to cover this cost. We will be at the exhibition for the entire day; it is recommended that students bring a packed lunch with them or money to buy lunch from the food court in the exhibition marquee.

Students will not be expected to be in Sixth Form dress for the day. However, as students will be talking to institutions which they may be looking to attend in the future, it is important that they dress in a way which will make a good first impression.

On the day, students should arrive in M9 for morning registration at 8.10am. This is an earlier start than usual but it is required so that we are ready to board coaches at 8.30am. The coaches will depart school at 8:40am. We aim to leave Bedford at 1pm to arrive back at school at 2pm (time of arrival back at school dependent upon traffic). School finishes at 2.30pm on this day due to a staff meeting and Twilight INSET session. Students will be free to go home upon return to school.

The expectation is that all Year 12 students will attend this trip in order to be in a position to make an informed decision about their next steps after Sixth Form. Please access the online system to pay and give your consent. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr P Bryson'.

**Mr P Bryson**  
Head of Year 12