

18 April 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

Before the Easter break I wrote to you outlining the arrangements for this term for Year 12 students. This letter is available on the Academy website.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you about the 'Future Pathways' evening for parents on Thursday 5th May. This provides a chance to find out about the opportunities available Post 18 at the end of year 13. A high percentage of our Year 13 students traditionally apply for Further Education. We will be joined by a speaker from Anglia Ruskin University who will give an outline about University Finance. We will also present ideas about alternatives to university, including a presentation about Apprenticeships. The evening will start at 6.00pm and finish around 7.30pm. Tea and coffee will be available before the evening begins. The meeting will take place in the performance space in the New Building. I suggest therefore that you park in the Kings Road car park.

We will outline at the meeting all the activities taking place this term to support students but I would like to draw your attention to one event. On Monday 20 June we will visit the UCAS Higher Education Convention, which, this year, is to be held at the University of Bedford. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for students to gather information about Universities as well as other opportunities including the Armed Forces. Over 200 Higher Education Institutions are present and all are keen to talk to prospective students. We have booked a place for all Year 12 students to attend, as we feel that it is important that all students have the opportunity to find out about higher education. The cost of transport for this event is £5.00. A booking form for this event is attached to this letter.

During the remainder of this term all students will be mentored by their form tutors to ensure that all they have access to the advice and guidance they need to begin to plan their futures. The culmination of this programme are the Destination Days at the end of term, which include a meeting with the form tutor to discuss future choices. These meetings will take place on Friday 15 July and, as with the Academic Progress Reviews, parents will be invited to attend.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 5 May, but if you are unable to attend you will receive, by email, the leaflet for parents which we will distribute at the evening. Details and information about the Sixth Form can be found on the Academy's website, via the Sixth Form button.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of 16-19