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Dear Parent / Carer

It is at this point in their studies that Year 12 students should be thinking seriously about which path they wish to choose once they leave Great Marlow School. With this in mind, we invite every student in Year 12 to attend a **University and Apprenticeships Fair at Oxford Brookes University on Wednesday 18th June**. There will be no mock exams timetabled on that day. The trip is not compulsory, but we feel will be valuable for them all. We aim for the trip to be inclusive of all students, regardless of need.

We recognise that many students are uncertain about the career they wish to pursue. This event will assist them in focusing on their decisions and will be a timely opportunity for students to access staff, tutors and current students from almost every university in the country.

As not every student wishes to apply to university, the visit will also provide opportunities to find out about alternative routes such as degree apprenticeships and GAP years, as well as to engage with employers from companies such as Dyson and Samsung, amongst others. Additionally, there will be a wealth of information about university financial support services and the Armed Forces. You can find out more about the event [here](#).

Students will attend periods 1 and 2 as usual. We will travel by coach, **leaving the school at 11 am.** **We expect to return to school around 2.45 pm.** Students will be allowed to leave school early, should they wish. Otherwise, students may wait in the 6th form centre until 3 pm.

Students are advised to bring a packed lunch to eat. There are places to buy food on campus, though these tend to be very busy and expensive. The students will have at least two hours to visit the stands in the exhibition, so it is vital that they plan their visit to ensure that they get the most out of the exhibition. Form tutors will run through this information with students prior to the trip. Due to the bulky nature of much of the literature on offer, it would be advisable for students to bring strong bags. During this time, students will be unsupervised when visiting the exhibition stands. Students will be given the school mobile number and told not to wander round on their own. A member of staff will remain with the school mobile at a location that will be shown to students. We will ensure that all students know what to do in event of an emergency but will rely on their maturity and responsibility whilst representing our school at this event.

It goes without saying that we expect the same high standards of behaviour from our students off site as we do when they are on site. In the unlikely event that a student fails to meet these expectations, they would be sanctioned as they would normally.

All students should dress smartly, as they would for any normal school day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8 which goes towards the transport to and from the university. No student will be treated any differently should a parent / carer be unable or unwilling to pay. However, please be aware that the trip may not be able to go ahead if we do not receive sufficient contributions.

Please log on to WisePay to both pay any voluntary contribution and also to complete the MS Consent Form by Wednesday 23rd April.

The trip will then be closed and students will not be added to the trip after the deadline date. Any students not on the trip will attend their normal school lessons for the day.

I appreciate that there is much information in this letter, so please do not hesitate to contact me at the school should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Head of Sixth Form