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Dear Parents / Carers

RE: Year 9 University Visits to Buckinghamshire New University

I am pleased to invite all Year 9 students on a visit to Buckinghamshire New University in High Wycombe. These visits are not compulsory but form an important part of the Careers Education Programme at Great Marlow School and we would therefore encourage all students to attend.

These visits are being offered so that all students can gain an understanding of the full range of learning opportunities available to them. During Year 9, students are already starting to consider their future as they select GCSE Options. Exposure to higher and further education and apprenticeships, helps raise aspirations and allows young people to make the right choices for them.

We have selected Buckinghamshire New University for the wide range of courses they have available, which cover not only purely academic courses but a wide range of vocational options as well as below undergraduate courses and apprenticeships.

The visits will take place on three separate dates according to which house your child is in:

- Friday 6th June – Eagles
- Thursday 12th June – Hawks
- Thursday 19th June - Kites

We will be leaving school at 8.45 am and returning in time for lunch at 12.30 pm. Students will be expected to catch up on any work they miss. We are aiming for the visit to be inclusive of all students and will do our best to accommodate any medical / SEN / other needs as far as is possible. There will be no unsupervised time on the visit.

Students will be expected to wear school uniform as usual. 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.

The voluntary contribution that we are asking students to make is **£5** that covers transport costs. We would like the trip to be accessible for all students, regardless of need. No student will be treated differently based on parent / carer willingness or ability to pay. However, the trip may not be able to go ahead unless enough students are able to make the voluntary contribution.

If your child would like to attend the trips, you must log on to WisePay to complete the MS Consent Form and make any voluntary payment by the deadline of Tuesday 22nd April.

The trip will then be closed. Your child will **not** be able to attend the trip without completion of the MS Consent Form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email npendlebury@gms.bucks.sch.uk or mbrunt@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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