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Dear Year 12 Students and Parents

**Year 12 UCAS Higher Education Exhibition Trip – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

In order to aid your information gathering process for Higher Education post 18, we have booked 150 places for Year 12 students to attend the UCAS Higher Education Exhibition at Farnborough International Exhibition & Conference Centre (with stunning views of the airfield!) on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**. Coaches will leave RGS at **09.40am promptly from Green Road** and are expected to return at approximately 14.30pm. This exhibition plays a vital part in helping applicants decide what and where to study within Higher Education as well as providing information about other destinations post 18. As well as universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers ready to help you discover your future, the exhibition is due to include:

- Live application clinics and personal statement workshops
- Course and careers taster sessions
- Student talks and Q&As
- Expert advice on how to research and choose what's right for you
- The chance to explore and meet unis, colleges and employers face-to-face
- ... plus lots more

**Everyone going to the exhibition will receive a copy of the 2022 APPLY book, produced by Pure Potential.** This is an extremely popular Sixth Form guide and has proved invaluable to RGS students in previous years. It gives advice on applying to university, school leaver opportunities and careers help.

Within the terms of the School's policy on charging, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£15.00** to cover the cost of the trip. No student will be prevented from taking part in the visit on the grounds that a contribution cannot be made, but if insufficient funding is available, the visit may be cancelled. If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please do contact me, in strictest confidence, and I will see if there is funding available to assist you.

**Parents: If you wish your son to take part in the trip**, and we warmly encourage Y12 students to attend this convention, **please log onto Parent Pay, look up the "UCAS Yr12 Higher Education Exhibition" and pay the full amount of £15.00 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January.** If you are unable to pay online, please contact the Finance Office to pay by an alternative method. Please note that, if your son drops out of the trip, we will be unable to provide a refund unless he finds someone to take his place.

**Please note that every year, students come to see us at the last moment requesting to be included on the trip and it is not possible to include them. If you want to attend you must submit your request by or before the deadline.**

PLEASE ALSO BE AWARE THAT THESE PLANS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CHANGES OR CANCELLATION DUE TO UPDATES IN COVID GUIDANCE OR ISOLATION PROCEDURES. In the event of any changes or cancellation, the School to the best of our ability will look to recover any costs committed. Many companies now have COVID guarantees in place and the School has undertaken due diligence checks. However, this may

still mean some or all of the funding is unrecoverable and you/your parent and/or guardian understand this when signing you up.

In addition, to avoid queuing to enter the event, after payment and before the trip, **you MUST register individually for your place** via this link: <https://eventbookings.ucas.com/sr/event.aspx?e=228>. You should click on 'Join group booking' and then 'I am a student' and enter the group booking reference: **UCASBKN554269**. There is a limited time slot available to us at the exhibition so anyone who has not pre-registered will waste a considerable amount of time on arrival. Please note that we will NOT be chasing you about this. Students should know that, as part of this registration, they will need to opt in to receive additional information from universities, colleges and employers. This could be invitations to open days, prospectuses, or relevant course or opportunity vacancies.

Parents: Evolve+ now generates for all trip participants a form requesting consent and further details.

Students: to find a list of exhibitors (this will expand as time goes on) please look at this website page: <https://www.ucas.com/events/farnborough-ucas-exhibition-2022-403796>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me ([hrm@rgshw.com](mailto:hrm@rgshw.com)) or Mrs Azad, Careers and HE Lead ([sva@rgshw.com](mailto:sva@rgshw.com)).

Yours sincerely



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