

10 September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer of

UK UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP SEARCH EVENTS and SAFE DRIVE, STAY ALIVE trips

Year 12 students will be attending **3 compulsory** school trips during their first year of 6th Form. They will attend the UK University and Apprenticeship Search Event at the Emirates Stadium, London, on **Friday 27th September 2019**, and a trip to attend a UCAS Convention at Brunel University, London on **Thursday 12 March 2020**. These experiences are important events which have been specifically designed to give students maximum information regarding their future career and education options, enabling them to get an insight into the next phase of their lives.

In addition to this, all Year 12 students will attend the Safe Drive, Stay Alive event, at the Kings Centre, Oxford on **Tuesday 26th November 2019**. Safe Drive, Stay Alive is an innovative theatre education project, exploring the circumstances and consequences of a road traffic collision. Aimed at 16 to 18year olds, a film of a crash in the local area has been specially prepared, with roads and hospitals familiar to local students. This event is organised by Buckinghamshire County Council, as part of a campaign designed to reach new and pre-drivers in an emotive and hard-hitting way, influencing behaviour and attitude on the roads. Last year 785 people, aged 16 -19, were injured in the Thames Valley area and an average of 4 young people per week are killed or seriously injured. Young drivers are much more likely to be involved in a crash on the roads, often due to inexperience and a lack of knowledge of the risks. Around 1 in 4 victims of deaths on the road are aged between 17 – 24 years.

In order to consent and finance these trips, it is necessary to ask for an upfront contribution of £45 per student on joining our 6th Form. Please make your payment using ParentPay (www.parentpay.com), our online payment system, choosing the service '6th Form upfront trips payment'. This can be paid in instalments, the first instalment of £20 must be paid by Friday 20th September and the remaining balance must be paid by Friday 1st November 2019. Alternatively, if you would like to have a PayPoint service barcode, please contact Mrs Forde, in Student Reception.

The students will be transported by coach, timings for each trip will be confirmed a week before. The coach is fitted with seatbelts and all students are expected to wear them. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this.

It is the responsibility of a parent/carers to ensure that students have sufficient quantity of their emergency prescribed medication i.e. asthma pumps, epi/jext pens for the day.

If you have any further queries regarding this event, please contact me on the school telephone number.

Yours faithfully

Miss S Sanmartin
Acting Head of 6th Form

Mrs Sarah Carro
6th Form Student Welfare Manager