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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 12 – Preparation for Higher Education and Employment

In order to prepare Sixth Form students and help them to make informed decisions about their future, we would like to notify you of a series of forthcoming events for both you and your son.

- **Tuesday 29th January 9.05am Higher Education talk for students**
- **Wednesday 30th January 7pm Higher Education talk for parents**

This will provide parents with details of the Higher Education Applications Procedure and an update on the current situation. As a student specific talk is to be held as part of the Year 12 Preparation Package, this talk is aimed at parents only. This event will take place in the Sixth Form Centre.*

- **Thursday 14th February 7pm - 8.30pm Applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities**

Students and parents are invited to attend a talk given by Dr Andrew Bell, University College, Oxford. There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the presentation. Dr Bell is Senior Tutor and has worked at both Universities. This event will take place in the Sports Hall and is also open to a number of local schools.*

- **Friday 15th February 8.45 am – 3.30 pm 'Your Choice-Your Future' HE and Careers Event**

With over 37,000 courses offered by over 340 Higher Education institutions, making decisions about the future can be daunting. This day will consist of a series of workshops and presentations tailored to the needs of our students in Year 12 with a centrepiece exhibition in our Sports Hall. A very 'hands-on' approach will help Year 12s begin their university research in a pro-active way. Those wanting to move in other directions are well catered for too, with information about Apprenticeships, gap years and employment opportunities.

We are holding the Conference on an INSET day to minimise lesson disruption. Please therefore ensure your son is available. He will be provided with breakfast and refreshments will be on sale. Your son should wear his normal uniform.

Parents are also welcome to attend the Higher Education exhibition between 2.15 – 3.00 pm.*

* Regrettably there is no on-site parking available for these events.

- **Wednesday 27th February 1pm – 3.50pm 'Business 2 Bishop's' Apprenticeships & Careers event**
- **Wednesday 27th March 6.45 am – 6.00 pm 'University Experience'**

A visit to a leading Russell Group university open day when students will have an opportunity to witness first-hand what Higher Education has to offer and what careers can follow. The day will be preceded by a briefing session in school and students will learn how to make the most of a University Open Day. Students will be expected to attend at least one subject specific talk. The emphasis on this day is not so much on the pros and cons of studying at the specific institution but on how to make effective choices of both courses and institutions once the UCAS process is underway in September.

There is a charge of £24.00 to cover the costs of both providing talks to your son at the HE event and for 'University Experience' day. **The deadline for payment is Thursday 31st January.**

PAYMENTS:

To pay please visit BWS website and click the link for the WisePay finance portal or alternatively please follow the WisePay link shown below if you have any issues accessing WisePay please email Trips@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

WisePay:- <https://www.wisepay.co.uk/store/generic/template.asp?ACT=nav&mID=310816>

No pupil will be barred from the trip on account of financial hardship. If these circumstances apply please contact us for details of the 16-19 Bursary.

Your son will be covered by the school's insurance during the university trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. These details can now be checked through the Insight Parent Portal, otherwise please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information.

If you would like any further details please do contact us at saa@bws.wilts.sch.uk or aje@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully



A J Endersby
Head of Year 12



S A Armstrong (Mrs)
Careers Leader and UCAS Manager

As well as making electronic payment, please complete the form below to confirm your son's place at these forthcoming events. Your son should return the form to Mrs Stoneham in the Sixth Form Office by **Thursday 31st January.**

Student's Name:

I confirm my son's attendance at the forthcoming HE and Careers Preparation Events. (Please ensure you also make online payment by Thursday 31st January.)

Signed:

Please ask your son to return this slip to the Sixth Form Office by Thursday 31st January