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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Sixth Form Futures Education

I am emailing to let you know that your child has some important visits up and coming before the Easter break. In support of their post-sixth form decision making, there are three visits across two days which I strongly recommend your child attends. On Thursday 28th March between 8.45am-3.30pm, Year 12 will be taken to both Southampton University and Southampton Solent University. On Wednesday 27th March we will be taking your child to the South West UCAS Exhibition at Bournemouth University between 12pm - 3pm. At the UCAS Exhibition, there will be over a 100 different universities with stalls providing information about their degree courses and the higher degree apprenticeships that they offer. There will be ambassadors there to answer questions and prospectuses to takeaway. More information found [here](#).

Our visit to Southampton University and Southampton Solent University will provide students with a chance to compare two contrasting higher education institutions. Southampton University is a Russell Group University, which typically requires the highest A-Level grades. Information about the university and the courses they run can be found [here](#). Southampton Solent also runs a wide variety of degree courses which are more industry-based, with grade requirements that are broader; all information about this university can be found [here](#). I recommend that you and your child have a look at these university websites before the visit.

We believe this is a crucial part of your child's education and therefore both of these visits are financially subsidised by the universities themselves and Magna Academy. We fully appreciate that not all of our students will choose to attend university, but we recommended that all students attend these visits to ensure they are fully informed about university education before deciding whether or not university is the route they wish to take. Furthermore, universities provide education for degree apprenticeships which will also be a part of these visits.

Both visits take place for the most part during the academy day, however on March 28th we aim to return to the academy by 3.30pm depending upon traffic. When in Southampton, students can take their own packed lunch or there will be an opportunity to purchase some food at Southampton Solent University. On March 27th, I recommend students take a packed lunch to the academy and have an early lunch, however there are coffee shops at Bournemouth University with an opportunity to purchase light snacks. If your child receives lunch from the academy, we will ensure that this is prepared for them. Please complete the Google Form [here](#) by Friday 8th March.



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On Monday 25th March, Rosie Hough from Cambridge University will be presenting on making applications to either Oxford or Cambridge. Typically these universities require students to achieve three grade A results at A - level or above. This presentation will happen during the academy day and we will welcome any students who would like to learn more. As you may be aware, last year a student from Magna Academy secured a place at Oxford University and we are very confident that our students will continue to be successful in securing places on the most competitive courses both at university and in apprenticeship placements. Our strong provision and support for our sixth form students with their careers was noted by Ofsted in March 2023, 'students in the sixth form get expert advice to help them decide on the most suitable next steps for them. There has been a substantial increase in the number moving on to university, particularly to those that are the most selective.'

Lastly, I would like to invite you into the academy on Wednesday 8th May at 6pm, when I shall present on your child's post-sixth form options. Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you would like to attend.

Additionally here are some further links with information that you may find useful:

[To Infinity, Choices and Beyond](#) - guide is perfect for parents who want to know more about university in general, and how to support their children in the transition into Higher Education.

[UCAS Undergraduate: Advice for Parents and Guardians](#)- resources and information dedicated to helping parents and guardians support students applying to uni.

[Uni Taster Days](#) - a website full of advice about going to university and support in choosing courses.

[Apprenticeships: support for parents and guardians](#)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any of the above
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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stafford

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