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November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you we have been offered the opportunity to take a small number of Year 10 students on a visit to Oxford University. If your child may be interested in applying to university in the future, either Oxbridge or another Russell Group university, I would like to invite them to apply for a place on this visit.

When discussing this opportunity with your child, it is important they understand the entry requirements for study at universities such as Oxford is demanding, and although we encourage our pupils to be aspirational, they may wish to take this into account when making their decision to attend. We hope this visit will help students to consider whether university study is right for them before choosing their A-Levels or other post-16 study routes.

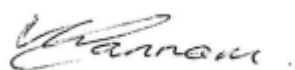
The visit will take place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024, and we will be going to our link college, Lady Margaret Hall, which offers almost all courses at Oxford. We will travel by school minibus, leaving promptly at 8.50am, and departing Oxford at 3.30pm, meaning students will need to have a lift home arranged for our return, which we anticipate to be around 5.00pm. Students will be provided with a hot lunch in one of the college's famous dining rooms. To cover the cost of the lunch and transport, we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £9 per student for this visit, however if your child is eligible for free school meals or pupil premium, Oxford University will cover the cost of their trip.

If your child wishes to apply for a place on this trip, I would like them to complete a letter of application, addressed to me, outlining their reasons for wishing to visit Oxford University. They may wish to include details about their future aspirations, or what they hope to gain from this visit. Their letter can be either typed or handwritten, and it should then be returned, with the attached permission slip, to the school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We will use the letters of application to allocate places, and late submissions will be considered after all applications made on or prior to the deadline. Once places have been allocated, we will ask for the £9 voluntary contribution, payment to be made via the school gateway.

As this visit is for a limited number of students, any students who do not wish to attend or who are unsuccessful in gaining a place on the visit, will remain at school in their lessons as normal.

If you require more information about any aspect of this visit, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V Cannam'.

Miss V Cannam  
Careers Lead

Name of child..... Tutor group .....

I give permission for my child to attend the Oxford University visit taster on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. ☐  
My child has attached a letter of application to this permission slip. I understand that places on the trip are limited and should my child gain a place, a £9 voluntary contribution will be requested via school gateway to be paid no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January to cover the hot lunch and transport.

Name of parent (please print) .....

Signed .....

Please complete and return to the school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.