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Dear Parents/ Carers of Year 9

I wanted to take the opportunity to outline important information, ahead of the first two Year 9 “**Futures Day**” trips at **Buckinghamshire New University**, which will take place next week.

Dates of the trips:

A reminder that we will be running the trip on 3 separate days where students will attend along with their form tutor and the rest of the house. The dates for each trip are:

- **Wednesday 25th January: Hawks (9H1, 9H2, 9H3)**
- **Friday 27th January: Eagles (9E1, 9E2, 9E3)**
- **Wednesday 8th February: Kites (9K1, 9K2, 9K3)**

What do students need to bring?

- A packed lunch and water bottle
- A pencil case
- Any medication they require- including EpiPens and inhalers if appropriate
- Optional: students may wish to bring some money to buy something from the vending machines on campus

Order of the day:

Students are to arrive in school uniform for the trip.

All students in Year 9 will complete a preparation activity during form time on **Monday 23rd January**. The order of the day for each trip date will be:

- **8.35am:** students to register with their form tutor at the normal time. As a form group, students will go to the Redgrave centre to meet up with the other forms attending
- **9am:** coach to depart GMS for the Bucks New Uni campus in High Wycombe
- **9.45am-2pm:** students will participate in a range of activities led by the uni and student ambassadors. Topics to cover learning styles, pathways into careers and uni courses, student life, student finance skills such as budgeting and qualities and attributes of a good student.
- **2.30pm:** depart BNU
- **2.55pm:** arrive back to GMS in time for the end of the normal school day

Aim of the trip:

The aim of this trip is to support students’ personal development in preparation for the GCSE Options process and to encourage curiosity about various routes into a wide range of careers, including new pathways they may not be aware of!

We would appreciate your support at home by initiating the dialogue and conversation around the GCSE Options process at home, as well as considering potential careers and future pathways that your son or daughter may be interested in.

Yours faithfully

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