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Dear Parents / Carers of Year 9

We are offering a trip for selected students in Year 9 to attend a "Futures Day" at Buckinghamshire New University (BNU) on **Wednesday 21**st **February 2024.** The trip is not compulsory.

The aim of this trip is to support students' personal development in preparation for the GCSE Options process and to raise their awareness about different routes into a wide range of careers, including the role of university and other pathways they may not be aware of. The trip aims to be inclusive of all students, regardless of need.

The visit will consist of a number of group activities run by Bucks New Uni working alongside student ambassadors. Students will be supervised at all times by a member of GMS staff. This trip is a great opportunity for students to discover more information about potential avenues for their future and the next steps of their educational journey at Great Marlow School.

The coach will leave at 9 am on the morning of the trip and should return to school before the end of the school day at 3 pm, so that students can be back in time for school coaches. Students will be in school uniform for the trip and will need to bring their own packed lunch with them as well as a water bottle and pencil case. Please note that we expect students' behaviour on the trip to reflect the high standards of behaviour and respect towards their peers and staff on school site. Sanctions will apply should these expectations not be met. Students will need to catch up on any work missed.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend the trip, please can you complete the MS Consent Form through WisePay by the deadline of Friday 15th December 2023. The place will automatically be offered to another student if the deadline is missed. There is no cost for this trip.

I will be in touch with further information on the trip itinerary nearer the time. For more general questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on southon@gms.bucks.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

Gill Southon Careers Lead