



# Great Marlow School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It is at this point in their studies that Year 12 students should be thinking seriously about which path they wish to choose once they leave Great Marlow School. With this in mind, on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, we invite every student in Year 12 to attend a **UCAS Discovery Day at the University of Bedfordshire, Luton**. There will be no mock exams timetabled on that day. The trip is not compulsory, but we feel will be valuable for them all. We aim for the trip to be inclusive of all students, regardless of need.

We recognise that many students are uncertain about the career they wish to pursue. This event will assist them in focusing on their decisions and will be a timely opportunity for students to access staff, tutors and current students from almost every university in the country.

As not every student wishes to apply to university, the visit will also provide opportunities to find out about alternative routes such as degree apprenticeships and GAP years, as well as engage with employers from companies such as Dyson and Samsung, amongst others. Additionally, there will be a wealth of information about university financial support services and the Armed Forces. To find out more about the event, and UCAS itself, please visit <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-discovery-bedford-2024-438651>

**On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, students should attend registration promptly at 8.35am**, as usual. We will travel by coach, **leaving the school at 8.50am. We will be unable to take students who arrive after this time.** We expect to return to school around 2.30pm. Students will be allowed to leave school early, should they wish. Otherwise, students may wait in the 6<sup>th</sup> form centre until 3pm.

**Students are advised to bring a packed lunch to eat.** There are places to buy food on campus, though these tend to be very busy and expensive. The students will have at least two hours to visit the stands in the exhibition, so it is vital that they plan their visit to ensure that they get the most out of the exhibition. Form tutors will run through this information with students prior to the trip. Due to the bulky nature of much of the literature on offer, it would be advisable for students to bring strong bags. During this time, students will be unsupervised, though staff will also be present, visiting the exhibition stands. We will ensure that all students know what to do in event of an emergency, but will rely on their maturity and responsibility whilst representing our school at this event.

**All students should dress smartly**, as they would for any normal school day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 which goes towards the transport to and from the university. No student will be treated any differently should a parent / carer be unable or unwilling to pay. However, please be aware that the trip may not be able to go ahead if we do not receive sufficient contributions.

Please log on to WisePay to pay any voluntary contribution and to complete the MS Consent Form through the link there by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. We would be very grateful if you would meet this deadline.

Students will need to download a free individual ticket for this event. Tutors will be working with students during morning registration to create a UCAS log in, which will allow them to access their ticket. Should you

wish to complete this at home, the group booking reference is **UCASBKN956543**. **Students should store their ticket on their mobile phone, which they must then have with them on the day of the trip.**

I appreciate that there is much information in this letter, so please do not hesitate to contact me at the school should you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

**Miss A Jones**  
**Deputy Head of Sixth Form**