

Our ref: TMW

5th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Trip to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition at the ExCel Centre, London - Tuesday 24th March 2025

We have arranged for Year 12 to attend the UCAS Discovery Exhibition, at ExCel London on Tuesday 25th March 2025 where they will have the opportunity to:

- Meet over 100 universities, colleges, and apprenticeship employers face-to-face,
- Find out more about different options and pathways,
- Listen to live, expert talks,
- Get the latest advice and information on different career choices.

Students do not need to attend school to register that morning. They need to meet us outside Letchworth Train Station at 9:10am.

Students will purchase their own train ticket on the day. Please do not purchase tickets until we have all arrived at the station. We will each pay for our tickets individually, but by purchasing them at the same time we will get the cheapest ticket price.

Train tickets are expected to cost approximately £25.00 per student. If you have a 16-24 railcard it may be cheaper. Train tickets for students eligible for free school meals will be paid for by the school.

Entry to the UCAS Discovery exhibition is free.

We will travel by train together to Farringdon station, then on to Custom House station on the Elizabeth Line which is next to the ExCel Centre. For the return journey we will leave the ExCel Centre at approximately 1:40pm and expect to return to Letchworth station at approximately 3.15pm where we will dismiss the students. Once dismissed from Letchworth station, Fearnhill School and it's staff will have no responsibility for the students.

Students should bring a packed lunch. There is food available to buy in the ExCel Centre although this is expensive. If your child is eligible for free school meals, a packed lunch can be provided and students must order this no later than Tuesday 18th March by contacting Mrs Mackrell in the Sixth Form Office.

Students should wear smart, comfortable clothing.

We expect all students to attend this trip as it will provide vital information and valuable inspiration for their future pathway. Students who are not currently intending to apply to university are still strongly encouraged to attend as it is extremely common for students to change their plans from this point. However, for

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safeguarding purposes it is essential we know which students plan to meet us at the station on the day. With this in mind we kindly request you complete <u>THIS FORM</u> no later than Tuesday 18th March. Students not accompanying us on the trip should attend school as per their normal timetable for that day.

We understand costs are a concern for many families at the moment. If you have any financial concerns about the trip please contact me at thomas.marlow10@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk to discuss this in confidence as we may be able to provide a contribution from the Sixth Form Discretionary Bursary Fund.

As you have previously completed a global consent form for school trips and other off-site activities for your child, you will have already given your permission for your child to participate in this trip. Please inform the School office if any of your contact details have changed.

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

We look forward to an enjoyable trip where we expect the same high standards of behaviour as in school. The School reserves the right to withdraw any student at any time, if they have behaviour issues in accordance with our policy.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Marlow Head of Sixth Form

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