

Ref: RM/Trips&Visits

Date: 17 July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer (s)

Re: UK University and Apprenticeship Search Fair – Thursday 26th – Friday 27th September

On Friday 27th September, there is a University search fair being held at Old Trafford, Manchester, which we plan to attend with all year 12 and 13 students.

The fair will feature a wide range of vital **seminars** including: UCAS Personal Statement & Application Advice, Why take an Apprenticeship, Choosing a University Course, Higher and Degree Apprenticeships and Student Finance. The event is perfectly timed to help students in Year 13 as they prepare their UCAS and apprenticeship applications. It is also ideal for Year 12s, who are starting to make decisions about their post-18 education and career choices.

<https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/fair-signup/manchester-old-trafford-autumn-2024>

As part of the trip, we are offering the students the chance to spend some time in Manchester to continue to experience what a city has to offer and get a feel for life outside of Cumbria; away from sixth form and parents; something, which for those students applying to university, is in their not so distant future. I am keen to offer students as many opportunities as possible to fully participate, develop key skills and knowledge and prepare them for the decisions that they need to make about their future.

We will depart school on Thursday 26th September at 9am, travelling by bus to Manchester. Students have some free time to explore the city before checking into the hotel and meeting up with those sixth form students from the Geography field trip, who have been completing field work in the city. We will spend the evening in the city, taking part in an activity and having some dinner; students will be fully consulted on the evenings' plans in September, before a decision is made.

We are booked into the University and Apprenticeship Search Fair at 10am on Friday 27th September. Students will spend two hours in the venue visiting the various university and employer stands and attending seminars. We will have lunch at Salford Quays, before travelling back to school. We hope to be back at school no later than 4pm, but students will be able to keep you updated with this as the journey progresses.

I am asking for a non-refundable deposit of £40 to be paid by Monday 2nd September. The final amount, once I have confirmation of final sixth form numbers, will be sent out and requested in the September; with the deadline for the final payment being Monday 23rd September. All payments are to be made through ParentPay. For those students going into year 12 next year, the ParentPay is set up for this trip, in the event that the entry requirement to enrol in sixth form are not met a full refund will be issued. If there are any issues with payment for this trip, please get in touch with myself, as we don't want any students to miss out.

If you have any questions about the trip, please get in touch. A copy of this letter is available in the Sixth Form section of the schools' website and emailed to students email accounts, to allow you to access the web links.

Please can you complete the online form C (link below), no later than Monday 2nd September <https://forms.office.com/e/UDHgR5G0dy>

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Moore'.

Mrs R Moore
Director of Learning and Standards KS5