

30th January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Year 12 Trip to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition in London

I am pleased to inform you that all Year 12 students are invited, and expected, to attend the UCAS Discovery Exhibition, held at the ExCeL centre in London on Monday 23rd March 2026. UCAS, the UK's university and college application service, are hosting this flagship exhibition which is designed to demystify the application process for university by bringing together over 150 universities, colleges and conservatoires under one roof. This trip will mark the beginning of the support and guidance we as a school will offer your child as they begin to consider their options for after sixth form.

At the exhibition, students will engage with representatives from higher education institutions from all over the country. For those considering alternative routes, the dedicated Employer and Apprenticeship Zone will offer a chance to meet major industry players and training providers, who will be able to provide more details about degree apprenticeships and school-leaver programs. With UCAS experts and careers advisers on hand to assist with any questions about personal statements and the application process, students will hopefully leave with a clear, actionable plan for their next steps.

On Monday 23rd March, students should attend school at the normal time of 8.30am, in full sixth form dress. We will be leaving school at 11.30am, so students should attend any Period 1 and 2 lessons as normal. Students will travel with staff on the Tube and we expect to return to Ruislip Gardens station at approximately 4.30pm, where all students will be dismissed to make their way home.

Due to the nature of the event, students will not be supervised when in the ExCeL centre but are expected to return promptly to a meeting point which will be shown to them on the day. Students may wish to bring a card to purchase a drink or a snack from the many vendors inside the centre. Throughout the day, our usual behaviour expectations apply and we expect the students to represent the school well.

In order for your child to attend this important event, please click the 'consent' box on this message in Arbor by Friday 27th February.

I look forward to taking Year 12 on this exciting and informative day trip. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely



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