

19th September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Year 12 Higher Education Enrichment Visits – Friday 13th October 2023**

On Friday 13th October, all Year 12 students will participate in a university visit, to either the University of Reading or Oxford Brookes University. The aim of the visit is for students to gain an understanding of their various higher education choices, regardless of whether they currently intend to go to university after completing their A-Levels. All students will participate in sessions on how to apply to university and what to expect from student life at university. They will also be shown around the university campus by Student Ambassadors from either the University of Reading or Oxford Brookes University.

**Students will only be able to visit one of the universities on the day. They will need to select their first choice of university via a google form that will be sent to them.** There are 63 spaces available on both trips and **places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.** Although every effort will be made to ensure that as many students as possible attend their first choice university on the trip, it cannot be guaranteed that your child will be able to attend their preferred choice.

For **both trips**, students will need to **arrive at school at 8:15am and meet in the Old Main Hall in order to depart at 8:45am.** We will travel via coach to the universities, arriving at approximately 10.00am. We will then depart at 2:15pm and expect to return to Ruislip High School at 3:30pm. Students should dress in accordance with the usual Sixth Form dress code.

We are asking for a contribution of **£16** to cover the cost of travel to be paid via ParentPay. We would be very grateful if you could make this payment on ParentPay in order to give your child permission to attend the trip. **Students will need to bring a packed lunch with them as there will not be an opportunity to purchase food at the university.** The final deadline for permission and payment on ParentPay is **Sunday 1st October, 2023.** Please contact me as soon as possible to let me know if you are likely to have any issues with payment, so that we can discuss appropriate support for your child to attend the trip.

**Oxford Brookes University**

Oxford Brookes has an excellent reputation for teaching and research, and is considered to be in the top 50 universities in the UK. It is considered particularly strong in over 15 subject areas, and a number of Ruislip High School students have enjoyed studying there in the past.

**The University of Reading**

The University of Reading has a world class reputation for the quality of the university's research, teaching and links to business. Its Henley Business School is among the top 1% of business schools worldwide, with *The Financial Times* and *The Economist* both consistently ranking it as being one of the world's top business schools. In addition, the university is renowned for its teaching of marketing, agriculture, environmental science and geography, architecture and classics.



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Please contact me via the [office@ruisliphigh.org.uk](mailto:office@ruisliphigh.org.uk) if you have any questions about the visit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Peacock".

Mr B Peacock  
Head of Year 12