



Dear Parents/Guardians

27 September 2021

Year 13 University visits - 14th October 2021

On 14th October, we have planned visits and campus tours of Royal Holloway, Bath and Reading Universities. These visits have proved very useful historically as they give students a good general overview and insight into what a university is like, prior to the application process. At this stage students may not have formulated a post Sixth Form plan, but these visits can be extremely worthwhile and help students to evaluate all future options. Students will choose **one** university to visit. Visits include campus tours with student ambassadors and talks from admissions tutors. Coach departure times are as follows:

Royal Holloway:	8.45 am	Royal Holloway, Egham Hill, TW20 OEX	<i>Returning: 3 pm</i>
Bath:	9.00 am	Bath University, Claverton Down, BA2 7AY	<i>Returning: 4.15 pm</i>
Reading:	10.00 am	University of Reading, Whiteknights, RG6 6AH	<i>Returning: 3 pm</i>

Students should bring a packed lunch, as cafeteria facilities are currently unavailable at the universities.

These visits are a very important part of our Sixth Form programme and do fill up quickly, so it is advisable to arrange payment as soon as possible. In addition, they provide an ideal opportunity for students to gain an insight into university life and indeed to decide whether this is their preferred post Sixth Form route.

The voluntary contribution required for the visits to take place will be **£13**, which covers transport, insurance, and administration fees. Should the numbers fall below the required figure then the trips may not take place.

If you would like your child to take part in this trip, please make the payment and provide consent online via the SCOPay app by **Wednesday 6th October** at the latest. If you do not have the app, please go to The Piggott School website and click on the 'Parents' tab, you then need to choose 'online payments/purchasing' and scroll down to the 'School Trips' option. Consent is provided as part of the online payment process – please tick the relevant box.

Students will need to select their preferences for which university they would prefer to visit. A Google Form has been set up for this process and students were advised of this in assembly by Miss Reynolds.

We would strongly encourage all students to take a lateral flow test prior to departure. If your child is required to self-isolate due to a positive test, or awaiting the results of a PCR, a refund will be available under our insurance policy. Any students displaying symptoms on the day should stay at home and book a PCR test.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on the school telephone number or email me at the address below.

Yours sincerely

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