



Bishop's Hatfield Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 & Year 12 Trip to Balliol College, Oxford University, Friday 22nd March 2019

We would like to invite your daughter/son to a visit to Balliol College, Oxford University on Friday 22nd March 2019. We will be leaving Bishop's at 8am and will depart Oxford at 3pm, aiming to arrive back at school at around 4.30pm. **Please note that this is an hour and a half after the end of school.**

This visit is part of our Sixth Form Oxbridge Enrichment Programme, the aim of which is to raise the aspirations of our highest attaining students and help prepare them for the specific requirements of the Oxford and Cambridge application process. We aim to alternate visits to Oxford and Cambridge each year, with visit to Oxford this academic year and Cambridge next year. Because your daughter/son is currently on track to achieve the grades at GCSE/A Level typically required by these universities, we thought it would be beneficial for your daughter/son to attend this visit.

The Oxford University visit will involve a tour of Balliol College, lunch in the college refectory (paid for by the University), a visit to the University's Library and Natural History Museum.

We understand that not all of our students will wish to pursue further studies at university and that some will not be interested in applying to Oxbridge. The Sixth Form Team provide support to all of our students regardless of their choice of destination. However, we are also aware that often students are reticent about applying to Oxbridge for a number of reasons, and we are keen to put in support so that they are able to make an informed decision and are provided with the appropriate guidance.

There will be a fee to cover the cost of coach transportation to and from Oxford of £25. Payment of this amount is voluntary, but the reality is that unless sufficient voluntary contributions are made to cover costs we will be forced to cancel the event for all pupils. Please make payment, via WisePay, by **Friday 25th January 2019**. 50% of the cost of the trip will automatically be met by the school for pupils in receipt of free school meals or Sixth Form Bursary.

Kind regards,

Mrs E James and Ms C S McLeman
Head of Sixth Form and Assistant Head of Sixth Form

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