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Our Ref: AK

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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 8 - Forward Thinking Programme with Birmingham University

Our school is part of the **Forward Thinking Programme with Birmingham University**, where selected pupils are given the exciting opportunity to work closely with the University and attend various events from Year 8 to Year 11 designed to motivate, inspire and encourage pupils to achieve their potential and hopefully go onto university in the future.

Places are limited and will only be offered to six pupils in the year group. In order to secure a place on this scheme, pupils must meet certain criteria; the main one being that pupils **have the academic potential to achieve good GCSEs and have a good chance of going onto to study Higher Education.**

***Please note, it is NOT available for pupils whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have been to University in the UK or abroad. If this applies to you, there is a chance that your child may not be selected.*

This is a unique opportunity for pupils to experience a flavour of the future and encourage pupils to make good academic progress and achieve their potential in school.

How to Apply

If your child is interested and would like to find out more about this opportunity, please get them to come and see me in N8 after school Monday to Thursday.

- Your child will be sent a link via their **school email** to apply for the Forward Thinking Programme and need to set up a login to use the portal.
- You will need to complete the online application with your child and submit the form online by **Thursday 9th March.**

If your child cannot access their school email at home – they must inform me as soon as possible. (Please email – see below or see Mrs Kanda in N8).

Following submission, parents/carers will be notified of the outcome by the university.

We hope your child is successful in their application and be able to partake in this exclusive experience.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Kanda
Academic Coach and Forward Thinking Co-ordinator

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