

21st November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Visit for Year 11 Pupils Celebration Event at Birmingham University on 12th December 2023

Your child has been invited to the **Year 11 Celebration Event at University of Birmingham on Tuesday 12th December** as they have successfully completed the Forward Thinking programme. Students will take part in a Pathways to Birmingham talk, subject taster session and campus tour. Parents are invited to join their child later in the evening at 5.25pm in the Great Hall for speeches and presentation of certificates. *More details are provided on the letter sent to you by text message on behalf of the University.*

Students will be taken to the event by taxi. We will be leaving school at 2.15pm; arrive at Birmingham University by 2.45pm. We will walk from the car park to the university (this may involve crossing roads and moving across campus).

Pupils will be supervised by school staff as well as Student Ambassadors from the university. The event for students begins during the afternoon, with parents welcome to attend at 5.25pm (you will need to make your own way there and back). ***Please indicate on the form if you will be attending the event and for us to arrange return transport accordingly. Your child can be seated with you during the ceremony but they will need to introduce you to us first and let us know where you will be sat.***

A buffet will be provided before the final speeches and award of certificates. The event will finish at 7.30pm. **If parents/guardians attend, they will be responsible taking their child home however, for those parents who cannot attend - their child will be taken back to school.** We should return to school between 7.45-8pm. Note, it will be late and dark when we return so please indicate on the reply form exactly how your child will be making their way home.

The Celebration Event will take place at the **University of Birmingham Edgbaston campus in the Great Hall in the Aston Webb Building** (the Great Hall is building R6 on the campus map).

As this activity forms part of the Forward Thinking programme, all students are expected to attend. Pupils must wear school uniform – don't forget to bring a coat if it rains as there will be some walking around the campus.

Please sign and return the consent form below detailing any medical or dietary requirements and return it to Mrs Kanda (in N8 after-school) on or before Monday 27th November.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Kanda
Forward Thinking Coordinator

FORWARD THINKING PROGRAMME Reply Slip

Year 11 Celebration Event at UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM on Tuesday 12th December 2023

****return to Mrs Kanda in N8**

I/We consent to my/our child _____ visiting University of Birmingham as part of the Forward Thinking Programme on Tuesday 12th December.

Please supply contact telephone number(s) _____

Please let us know of any **dietary requirements/allergies** _____

**if your child (or accompanying parent/guardian) has any food allergies, it is their responsibility to check that food consumed at the buffet will be suitable by asking the person serving the food.*

Please let us know of any **medical issues/special needs** _____

Will parents/guardians be joining us at the event at 5.45pm? Yes No

Name(s) of parents/guardians attending _____

If you will NOT be attending and have answered 'No' above, please indicate how your child will be making their way home **from school between 7.45 and 8pm** by ticking one of the boxes below.

Child will walk home/make their own way back from school

Child will be collected from school

Photographs may be taken during the event. Do you consent to photographs being taken and used in the school newsletter or any school promotional material?

Yes No

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return to Mrs Kanda in N8 by Monday 27th November