

The Harefield Academy

Achievement through Active Learning

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JUNIOR UNIVERSITY 2017 Parental Permission Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very pleased to inform you that the first part of the Junior University day went extremely well. Students were very positive, passionate, and produced really amazing work. Other members of staff including members of the Senior Leadership Team have been commenting on positive attitudes and how enthusiastic students were when they walked into the room to have a look at what they were doing.

The final part of this amazing programme is the Celebration Day. Students will be visiting Roehampton University on Thursday 30th November, where a bespoke programme has been drawn up for them, including having a tour of the University campus. They will also be presenting their work at the University. Your child has worked extremely hard to produce outstanding work.

As part of Junior University, the Policy Evaluation and Research Unit at Manchester Metropolitan University (a.k.a. PERU) will be conducting an independent evaluation on how taking part in Junior University impacts on your child, including how much more they know about university, their attitude towards university, and their attainment in school in the future.

Your child filled in a survey before they took part in Junior University and will be completing another one after the event. The information they provide in the survey will be held securely by PERU and will not be shared with anyone else. After the first survey a small number of children will be asked to take part in a face-to-face follow up interview. This will be conducted by a researcher from PERU either in school or while your child is attending the University Celebration day.

Reminder that you can read more about the Transformation Trust and Which? University here: www.transformationtrust.org.uk and www.university.which.co.uk. You can also read more about the National Pupil Database and the Higher Education Statistics Agency database here: www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-pupil-database and www.hesa.ac.uk



Time of Departure

All students will be expected to arrive at The Harefield Academy at 7:45am for an 8:00am prompt departure to Roehampton University by coach. **Please ensure that your child is at The Academy for the earlier start time of 7:45am** and that your child has had breakfast. The journey time is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. We expect to arrive at the University at 9:30am.

Student Expectations

As with all Academy trips, students are representing The Harefield Academy and throughout the trip all school rules apply. All students must comply with staff requests for everyone's safety. Students must be dressed in **full school uniform (including their lanyards)**. Students not in full school uniform will **not** be allowed on the trip.

What to Take

Lunch: Refreshments will be provided at the event. All students must also bring their own food for the break. Lunch will be provided by Cucina for Pupil Premium students and Boarders.

We will be returning to school for Periods 5 and 6 and students are therefore expected to bring their bags with books and full equipment for their last two lessons. Sanctions will be given to students who fail to do so.

Medication

If your child is likely to require any medicines, travel sickness tablets, etc., (other than inhalers or Epipens) they **must be handed in to Reception at The Academy prior to the date of the visit.** Please provide written permission and ensure that all medicines are clearly labelled with your child's name and include dosage directions. Students will need to carry their own inhalers and Epipen, if applicable.

Return Time

We will depart from Roehampton University at 12:30pm and will arrive back at The Academy at approx. 13:30. Students will go straight to Period 5 and continue the day as normal.

Whilst we expect all students to be of their very best behaviour, please be advised that The Academy will not be held responsible for any damage caused by your child whilst on the trip. All costs will be directed to you.

If you have any questions or would not like your child to attend the Celebration Day for any reason, including issues with getting your child to school at 7:45am, please feel free contact me or the Year 10 Student Manager, Mrs. White.

I am sure that this will be a very special and memorable day in the life of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. O. Owusu-Appiah
Standards & Achievement Leader – Year 10