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Year 13 Alternative Curriculum Day

Dear Parent/Carer

Following last year's visit to Northumbria University we will be continuing to prepare students for the next step in their careers during this year's Alternative Curriculum Day on **Thursday 3rd November 2016**.

The plan for the day includes several activities and optional sessions, with some bespoke support for those applying to particular courses and those preparing for an Extended Project Qualification. All students will attend a talk on University Finance in the morning. Whilst some may not intend to apply to University, students do change their mind so we would encourage all to attend this session. Principles of independence and budgeting will be relevant to all regardless of students' future plans. The Student Finance Team have also been booked to deliver **a presentation for parents/carers** the same evening, **5:30pm – 6:30pm** in the Sixth Form building. We do hope that you will be able to attend and get some advice before student finance applications begin.

The second substantive part to the day is an opportunity for a mock interview and feedback. We have offered students a mock interview based on their future plans. They were able to choose from one of the following interview 'types'. (Whilst not all courses interview applicants, we feel it will still be a useful experience and we wanted to ensure all students received the same opportunities.)

Primary Education	Nursing, Midwifery, Physio and Pharmacy
Medicine/Veterinary/Dentistry	General Interview for all other careers/subjects
Oxford and Cambridge	

Finally, we will be conducting a target grade review and students will have the opportunity to amend their target grades. Some have set their sights higher as they aim for particular entry criteria for University courses and School Leavership Programmes.

If you have any queries about the day, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Main Academy Office.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Sixth Form

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