



12 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: New Directions Visits Autumn Term

We are delighted to inform you that we have arranged a series of visits to University Open Days as part of our plans to provide Year 11 students with information and inspiration about their future lives and careers. These trips are an excellent opportunity for students to explore higher education options, experience university life, and gain valuable insights into various courses and pathways.

After each university visit, students can look forward to a leisure outing in a new city with their friends before returning to Midhurst.

Below are details of three Open Days we will have planned to visit. These will be whole day visits, but exact times will be confirmed nearer the date.

Southampton University 5 October 2024	Reading University 12 October 2024	Bath Spa University 19 October 2024
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Followed by a visit to West Quay for shopping and dining by the sea. Followed by a trip to Oracle Riverside (Food and drink court) this world-famous, Georgian city centre. Followed by sightseeing in this world-famous, Georgian city centre.

During the visits, students will have the chance to:

- Imagine students' social life at university hearing about sports, clubs and societies.
- Tour the campus, its learning facilities and halls of residence.
- Meet current students and faculty members.
- Find out about the sixth form courses, subjects and grades needed to be accepted onto different degree courses
- Participate in Q&A sessions about university life, courses and student finance.

We believe this experience will be highly beneficial for our students as they start to consider their future educational and career choices. **We encourage all Year 11 students to take advantage of this opportunity.**

The cost of these visits is £15.00 each. To book your child's place please access the Parent Portal on Arbor. On the Parent Portal, please go to "Quick Links" and then to Trips. You can

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then give consent and make any payment for this visit. Medical details and contact details will be taken from Arbor, so please update these using the ParentPortal. If you would like to discuss the visit, then please contact me via email on ashley.lamb@mrc-academy.org

If you need support with the finances then please contact me in confidence as soon as possible, to see if support is available.

For assistance with Arbor, please contact finance@mrc-academy.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ashley Lamb
Head of Year – Year 11

Please note that deposits and are normally non-refundable once the college has made initial payment to the organiser/venue. Your own travel insurance, or the college travel insurance may cover this in some cases of cancellation.

Assistance with payment may be available from College - please contact the relevant Head of Year or view the Gilbert Hannam Educational Foundation page here [Gilbert Hannam Educational Foundation \(mrc-academy.org\)](http://www.gilberthannam.org)

In consenting to your child going on this visit, you are agreeing to:

- all activities as outlined in the information provided about the visit
- travel as organised by the party leader, within the law and insurance
- staff agreeing to emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including inoculations, general or local anaesthetic, surgery or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present
- the students having remotely supervised time in the daytime in a group of pupils (where this has been outlined in the information letter)

You also:

- acknowledge that the student will be responsible for the safety of their own money and personal effects, and you will not hold the College responsible for losses unless caused by the negligence of the College
- acknowledge that the student must obey the instructions of the group leader and supervisors and must not put themselves or others at risk
- acknowledge that the student is responsible for following the normal school rules and the law regarding purchase, possession and use of materials
- understand the extent and limitations of the insurance cover provided and know of no information that may affect the insurance
- will inform the College as soon as possible of any changes in the medical or other circumstances between now and the commencement of any journey.

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In extreme emergency, a member of SLT can be contacted during the school day using 01730 812451 (MRC college switchboard), or after hours on 0751 0983361. They will be able to contact the visit leader in order to pass any emergency message to your child.



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