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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to you about an exciting opportunity for your child. We have been invited to participate once again in a project with the University of Reading, with a selected group of 20 students from Midhurst Rother College. The University invites a dozen schools to take part each year. Our 2022 group completed excellent research projects to present to others last summer and won some great prizes at the final presentation. As Assistant Principal, one of my responsibilities at MRC is to inspire able learners here to aim high for their futures and fulfil their academic potential. Your son / daughter has been chosen as we feel they have the academic potential to do us proud and learn a lot about choosing a degree course and studying at University.

Naturally, UK Universities want to encourage young people to pursue higher education, so they are keen to nurture talent. **The Year 10 Reading Scholars Programme offers a valuable opportunity for students to raise their aspirations, confidence and academic attainment. This Scholars' Programme will:**

- **Cover all associated costs, including transport to and from campus.**
- Develop and improve students' **study skills**.
- Learn and practice advanced skills through an independent **project** on a topic that interests them, with guidance from Young Ambassadors from the University.
- Teach students about higher education and possible future careers through **information, advice and guidance sessions on topics**. This will include the benefits of higher education, the opportunities at University (i.e. societies, sports, extra-curricular activities, placements, study abroad, volunteering etc.) working towards goals and aspirations, how to live independently at University and more.
- A free University **campus visit at the start and end of the scheme (January and June)**.

Your son / daughter will work with me, Mrs Silverthorne, University staff and ambassadors. They will learn valuable study skills and gain an early insight into University life. I hope you agree this will be a great way of motivating students and boosting confidence. The first session will be held on Friday 27 January at the University of Reading. Travel is by coach, paid for by the University. Later sessions in school may mean missing a lesson or sometimes involve a later finish time. To confirm your child's place on the programme, or to ask any questions, please email me by Monday 16 January 2023 ([Fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org](mailto:Fiona.lunskey@mrc-academy.org)).

Yours sincerely

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