



3 May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

University of Birmingham Open Day - Friday 21 June 2024

As part of our commitment to facilitating a smooth transition from Sixth Form to University, we have organised a visit for all year 12 students to attend the University of Birmingham's Open Day on Friday 21 June 2024. We have selected this University as it has historically been popular with Borlase students, and that it offers a full range of undergraduate courses.

This trip will benefit your child even if they are not currently considering applying to Birmingham as one of their five choices. Visiting a campus University that offers a wide range of courses and being able to experience first hand University life is invaluable. The students and staff will be able to answer questions about a number of different courses and life at University. There will be general University admissions and UCAS advice available on the day.

Every student is able to apply for a leave of absence to take part in two Open Days each year. This trip is in addition to the two University Open Days.

Throughout the day, academic departments for Birmingham undergraduate courses will be available at display stands, offer subject-based talks and workshops. This will be a great opportunity for your child to gain an understanding of what it is like to be a University student. Their current students and members of academic staff will also be available to discuss any courses in more detail, give advice on admissions and answer questions on entry requirements. General talks will cover topics such as tips for applying to university, student life, finance, and careers. In addition, guided tours of our facilities, including the Library, our Guild of Students and accommodation, will take place throughout the day. The Open Day information guide can be found [here](#).

A group booking has been made for Borlase, however, students should plan their own day by completing an electronic form via a **link to be circulated on 22 May**. This will enable them to receive individual itineraries for the day.

As the visit takes place within school hours, the school will cover the associated staffing and organisational costs; however, we are unable to cover the full costs involved. **A voluntary contribution of £24** is therefore requested to cover the cost of insurance and transport to and from Birmingham University. Please note that if we are unable to cover the full cost of the trip it may not take place. Please make payment via [ParentPay](#) by **9am Monday 13 May 2024**.

If you need a copy of your ParentPay activation details or are unable to access your account, please email parentpay@swbgs.com for assistance. Bursary funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies; students seeking such support should contact their Student Support Officer as soon as possible and at the latest by the deadline above. If your child has a peripatetic music lesson on this day, they should remember to inform the teacher in good time.

This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, payment for the trip on ParentPay is taken as confirmation of consent for your child to attend and that the contact details and medical information that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct.

This is a compulsory event for all Year 12 students. We will be travelling on the day by coach, please note the early departure time from the Spinfield layby at **7.30am**, to return by around **5.00pm**. Students will **not** be required to wear school uniform for this trip.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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