



16 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Trip to University of Cambridge Open Day - Friday 10 July, 07.30 - 18.00

Your child has expressed an interest in attending the above Open Day and as we have enough pupils wishing to go, we can arrange for a coach to take us. **The coach will depart from Borlase, Hand and Flowers lay-by at 07.30** in order to arrive at the Sidgwick site at approximately 09:30, ready for the first faculty and college talks. We are not able to wait for late comers, so make sure you arrive in time for this departure.

Pupils are expected to have pre-booked onto the open day and any events they wish to attend independently. It is important that they look at the open day website and book any specific subject talks they want to go to, but there are also many "open" events in Cambridge that do not require advance booking. Once in Cambridge, pupils will be free to organise their own itinerary, but staff will be on the coach with them to advise.

Pupils should bring their own food (or buy it in Cambridge) and should print out a map of Cambridge with the colleges and faculties marked. They should have visited the website for the department they are interested in and printed out the programme. They should plan their own programme based on lectures and admissions talks they want to attend and book onto them if required. The time on the coach will be used to discuss possible colleges to apply to and possible courses to explore. It will also allow the staff attending the trip time to advise on planning the pupils' summers effectively to give a better chance of getting an offer. **The coach will depart from the Sidgwick site again at 16.00 in order for pupils to be back to school by 18.00.**

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £22 to support the cost of this trip (including coach transport and [insurance](#)); please note if we do not receive the required number of contributions we will be unable to run the trip. To make this payment, please log onto [ParentPay](#) using your username and password to pay **by 09.00 Friday 1 May**. If you need a copy of your activation details or are unable to access Parentpay, please email parentpay@swbgs.com.

Bursary Funds exist to assist Sixth Form Pupils with their studies. In order to assess the requirement as fully as possible, students seeking such support are to discuss their whole year requirements with their Sixth Form Support Officer before applying.

This is a Category B trip, as defined by the school's Trips and Visits policy. As such, giving your consent on ParentPay is taken as confirmation that your child will attend and that the contact and medical details that the school has on record for you are up-to-date and correct. Students who require medication such as EpiPens or inhalers must carry their own emergency medication with them at all times on trips. If you have any questions, please email me via parents@swbgs.com.

Yours faithfully
Tamara Laughton
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