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Dear Parent / Carer,

RE: Year 11 Visit to Hartpury University and College

I am pleased to inform you that your child has been invited by the school to attend a **free** Year 11 visit to Hartpury University and College on **Tuesday 27th September**.

Hartpury University and College is among the UK's leading specialist education providers in animal, agriculture, equine, sport and veterinary nursing. Located in Gloucestershire, the 360-hectare campus is home to over 4,000 college-level, undergraduate and postgraduate university students, studying A-levels, diplomas, and degrees, as well as undertaking cutting-edge industry research. The campus is enriched with state-of-the-art specialist facilities. Over 2,000 students currently study A-levels and diplomas at Hartpury College. They are rated as Ofsted Outstanding in all areas (2018) and have a 98% student satisfaction rate.

Students have chosen to explore one of the following three industry sectors during their day at Hartpury University and College:

- Agriculture
- Animal
- Sport

During the day, they will find out more about further education, participate in engaging and interactive workshops in their chosen industry sector, go on a campus tour, and begin exploring their options around post 16 study. All students attending this trip will be encouraged to consider the courses available in Level 3 study, whatever their chosen area of industry. Level 3 courses are the equivalent to studying A Levels, and a natural progression following completion of GCSE (Level 2) courses at The Dean Academy. Level 3 courses are wide ranging, often involving vocational aspects and all lead to graduate level study as one option upon completion.

Transport from school to the university and college will be provided free of charge; buses will leave at 9am and return at 12:30pm. School staff will be accompanying the students on the coach and throughout the visit. Students will not need to bring their own lunch because we will arrive back in time for their normal scheduled lunch at school, but should attend in full school uniform and bring pens, pencils and a notepad to write in.

In order to confirm your child's place on this trip, please log into Parent Pay and complete the Medical and Emergency Contact details by **9am on Monday 26th September** as, without these, students will not be able to attend the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Fessey
Aspirations Co-Ordinator

