



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parents/Carers

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TRIP418 What Career? / What University? Live, NEC, Friday 3rd March 2023 – Year 12

We are taking all year 12 students to the above exhibition this year at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. The event will help school leavers decide what to do next, whether it's an apprenticeship, training programme or university after A Levels. There are Advice Zones to give students the opportunity to have one-to-one discussions to offer guidance on how to approach the selection process and discuss specific career ambitions. Career opportunities, training courses, professional training schemes, apprenticeships as well as companies offering careers that incorporate sponsorship. A range of Universities will showcase their degree courses, opportunities and campuses and have information on student satisfaction and student finance. Students will have access to speak to exhibitors including:

- Top employers offering apprenticeships: **AAT, BT, Coca-Cola, EoN, Epson, JP Morgan, National Grid, NHS, RAF, Royal Navy** and more.
- Leading Universities, including Universities of: **Aberystwyth, Birmingham, Cardiff, De Montfort, Exeter, Loughborough, Nottingham Trent, Sheffield Hallam, Swansea, Reading** and more.
- Careers advice, talks, mock assessment workshops, CV clinics, What Next Theatre, competitions & creative activities
- Please visit [What University? & What Career? Live Birmingham \(whatcareerlive.co.uk\)](http://whatcareerlive.co.uk)
- for further information about the event

We have a time slot at the event so will be leaving school at 9.10am and returning during lunch break. Uniform must be worn. As we only have a 2 hour slot to tour the stands there will not be time to purchase food at the NEC so a packed lunch will need to be provided to be eaten on the coach. Whilst admission is free the cost of the trip will be **£12.00** per student to cover transport & insurance.

We cannot legally impose a charge for this trip, but we can ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £12.00 towards its cost, provided we do not treat differently those who choose not to contribute. In this instance, unless the majority feel able to contribute, we shall not be able to run the trip out of school funds. However, the school carries some funds to help when families face severe financial difficulties and if you feel that your child genuinely needs assistance to pay for the event, please discuss this with me in the first instance and your request will be considered in the strictest confidence with the appropriate Head of School.

In the event of your child not being able to take part in this trip, every effort will be made to find a replacement. If this is not possible then we regret that any monies already paid will not be refundable.

Despite our best efforts to balance income and expenditure, school trips do infrequently generate a small financial surplus. When this occurs refunds are given for sums of over £5:00 per head. However, due to associated administrative costs, refunds will not be given for sums less than this, which will hence revert to the School fund and may be used to help students who are financially disadvantaged to access similar opportunities.

In the interests of legality and the school's reputation in matters of propriety, any student who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol, to smoke or to engage in the abuse of other substances will face a full investigation by the school which could result in serious disciplinary action. When paying for the trip via Parent Pay you will be prompted to tick a box to indicate that you signify your acceptance of these conditions and are willing to impress upon your children the consequences of not complying with these rules.

VALUABLES

We are aware that students may wish to take mobile phones, iPods, cameras and other small valuable items of equipment with them. Should they do so, the items will be the student's responsibility and will be taken at their own risk. Accompanying staff cannot accept any responsibility for such items.

PAYMENT

Payment for this trip should be made online via the ParentPay system by **16 February 2023**. When payment is made using the ParentPay you will be prompted to tick a box indicating that you give your consent for your child to participate in the trip/event and agree to any conditions stated in the trip letter.

If you have opted to use the PayPoint system you will need to complete a reply slip to request a letter containing the appropriate barcode, which will enable you to pay by cash at any local store participating in the PayPoint method. This reply slip will also ask for your consent to any conditions stated in the trip letter. [Please note: PayPoint cards are for cashless catering only. A barcode letter is required for all other payments, i.e. trips/events; technology costs etc.]

Yours sincerely



Helen Green

Asst. Head, Head of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
Acting Head of Careers & PDC



Hannah Weller

Asst. Head, Head of Sixth Form

Payment and permission for this trip should be made via Parent Pay on the school website.

Only complete this reply slip if you wish to pay via PayPoint in your local shop instead.

Please return to Finance Office via the Blue Box.

TRIP NAME: TRIP418 What Career/What University? Live 3/3/23

Student Name:

Form:

Please issue me with a barcode letter to enable me to pay via PayPoint by **16 February 2023**.

I have read the statement regarding Consumption of Alcohol/Drugs and agree to comply with the conditions therein.

Signature: _____ Parent/Carer