



11th September 2013

Dear Parent / Carer,

**VISIT TO NORTHAMPTON OR MOULTON COLLEGE
AND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON**

From 2013 year 11s will have to stay in education or training until the end of the academic year when they turn 17. The change does not necessarily mean students staying in school; they have the option to:

- Study full-time in a school, college or with a training provider
- Full-time work or volunteering (over 20 hours a week) combined with part-time education or training
- An apprenticeship

To help students explore and consider their future plans we will be offering them a variety of activities, support and guidance to help them make their decision.

I have scheduled three events:

1. **A visit to Moulton or Northampton College** (student can only visit one of these colleges)

This activity aims to give students an impartial view of our local colleges; gain an insight of college life, the environment and find out about the courses they provide.

Colleges offer more specialised facilities; a range of vocational courses as well as the traditional A levels. It also sets young people up with a sense of independence and the opportunity of making new friends.

It is important to note the College A level entry requirements are the same as schools and their level 3 courses are equivalent to an A level.

Who is the College trip aimed at?

- Year 11s considering going to college
- Year 11s working at C/D border-line in 3 or more subjects

We highly recommend these students to have a back-up plan. Please note they can apply to a number of learning institutions i.e. schools, colleges etc and reserve a place on a course. Students will be able to make their final decision once they have received their GCSE results in August.

The college visit is scheduled for the following tutor groups:

15 October 2013	Tuesday 24 September
Northampton College	Moulton College
1300 p.m. – 1530 p.m.	1300 p.m. – 1555 p.m.
Tutor Groups: 11YM, 11JCR, 11CCZ, 11KAN	Tutor Groups: 11YM, 11JCR, 11CCZ, 11KAN

**Students are only permitted to visit one of the colleges. There are 70 places per trip.
Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This activity is free.**

18 October 2013	Friday 27 September
Northampton College	Moulton College
0900 a.m. – 1145 a.m.	0850 a.m. – 1155 a.m.
Tutor Groups: 11SBT, 11HLE, 11SHA, 11EH	Tutor Groups: 11SBT, 11HLE, 11SHA, 11EH

If your son / daughter intends to apply to college I would strongly recommend he/she

- Research and have a clear understanding of the course they wish to study. They can obtain this information either online or via the college prospectus
- Attend a college Open Event to give them the opportunity of discuss a course with teaching staff
- A copy of Northampton and Moulton Open Even calendar will be displayed on our school website.
- Apply on-line before 20th December 2013 to avoid being waitlisted for their chosen course.

2. A visit to the University of Northampton

This activity is only aimed at students considering going to university. They will receive:

- An introduction to University
- Meet student ambassadors who can provide them with an insight of university life
- A tour of the Campus including the hall of residence

The University of Northampton trip is on the **27 November 2013** from 0850 – 1300 p.m.

Please note there are 140 places for this trip. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This activity is free.

Dress Code for these events:

Students are required to wear their school uniform and those attending the college in the morning will return to school in time for lunch and will return to their timetabled lesson(s) in the afternoon.

Please complete and return the attached consent slip to me or Mrs Nurse (our office is on the upper floor of B Block next to the Humanities staff base) by Thursday 19 September. Please remember due to limited places, places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01604 669200 or via email jblaize@ccs.northants.sch.uk if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Blaize". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'B'.

Jenny Blaize
Senior Pastoral Manager

PARENTAL CONSENT
YEAR 11 VISIT TO NORTHAMPTON OR MOULTON COLLEGE AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHAMPTON
(Please return to Mrs Nurse or Mrs Blaize
Our office is located on the upper floor B Block next to the Humanities office)

I give/do not give my consent for Tutor group:
to trip

(Please tick **ONLY ONE** trip to **Moulton** or Northampton College:

Moulton College (Tuesday 24 September)

Tutor Groups: 11YM, 11JCR, 11CCZ, 11KAN

Moulton College (Friday 27 September)

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Northampton College (Friday 18 October)

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The University of Northampton (Wednesday 27 November)

Open to all tutor groups

Parent Signature Date

Print Name: