



18th April 2024

Dear Parent / Carer,

AMSP SUMS Steps to University for Mathematical Students

It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you that your child has been offered a place to attend this event at University of Birmingham on Wednesday 24th April 2024.

This event is for enthusiastic Year 12 female maths students to give them the opportunity to meet undergraduates in STEM related subjects. Further information regarding this event can be found here: <https://amsp.org.uk/event/SUMS>

The day has been designed to develop students' problem-solving and teamwork skills and to encourage more female students to study maths. Students will work on an extended problem in small groups, quiz current students about university life and hear from young women who use maths in their jobs. This event is being hosted at universities to enable students to experience a university environment. It will be a great day out for students to explore and meet fellow students and start planning their next steps post Sixth Form education.

Itinerary:

07:20 Meet at Milton Keynes train station
07:52 Train to Birmingham New Street
09:22 Arrive at University of Birmingham
09:30 15:45 SUMS Event Run by University of Birmingham
16:06 Train back to MK
18:05 Arrive back at Milton Keynes Station

You will be required to make your own arrangements with regard to getting your child to and collecting from Milton Keynes train station and students are required to wear business attire as per a normal school day.

The cost of this trip is a voluntary contribution of £50 which covers the cost of entrance fees, travel tickets, administration and insurance. Students will be responsible for bringing/purchasing their own lunch.

Contributions are to be made via ParentMail by Monday 22nd April 2024. There is no obligation to make a voluntary contribution and no child who has been offered a place will be excluded from the trip. However, it will be necessary to have sufficient contributions to cover the cost in order for the trip to go ahead. If you are worried that you are unable to meet the cost of this trip, then please make an appointment to discuss this as soon as possible.

Should you have any issues accessing ParentMail, please email our Finance Team at finance@buckinghamschool.org.

You will shortly receive a Trip / Medical Consent Form via email from a company called Evolve (please check your spam folder in case it is delivered there); please ensure this is completed and submitted by also by Monday 22nd April. Your child will not be able to take part in this trip if we have not received this consent form.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R Cope

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The Buckingham School is concerned that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.