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## Higher Education visits 2018

Dear Parents and students

Once students return to school following study leave they will have the opportunity to participate in a number of higher education preparation events.

**All students are expected** (apart from those attending the Oxford Open Days) to attend the **UCAS Higher Education Conference on the morning of Wednesday 27 June** which is held at Leeds Beckett University. This event is attended by representatives from virtually all of the higher education institutions, as well as gap year organisations, armed forces and some other advisory bodies such as student finance. Past experience has shown that, even where students are not currently planning to apply to university, the trip provides invaluable information to help make decisions and look at other options. We will leave school at 9.00am and return at lunchtime; students should wear non-school uniform and **the cost for the bus will be £5.50**. In the afternoon students will begin preparing their personal statements for applications in the autumn term.

**All students are encouraged** to visit the **Open Days at Newcastle and Northumbria Universities which take place on Friday 29 June**. Many of our students apply to Newcastle for their higher education courses, but even those students not intending to do so at this stage can benefit from visiting subject departments and attending talks to find out more about the subjects which they may wish to study at university. They will also see two big city universities in action, and learn more about practical aspects such as accommodation, student services etc. We will leave school at 8.00am and return by 5.30pm; non-school uniform is appropriate and **the subsidised cost for the bus will be £1.75** but students should bring some money for food. Students will be unsupervised during the day as they will be expected to plan their own timetable for the open day, as such a fully charged mobile phone is essential.

If you agree to your son/daughter attending these visits, please make payment via Parentpay by **Monday 11 June**

We have a **16-19 Bursary** available for those sixth form students who made need assistance with any aspect of their sixth form studies. Please contact Mrs Griffiths in confidence on the number below or email at [griffithse@ripongrammar.co.uk](mailto:griffithse@ripongrammar.co.uk) if the cost of these visits poses undue financial problems or you would like any further information on the bursary.

Yours sincerely

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