

16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Re: Higher Education Convention, London ExCeL Centre – Monday 18th March 2024

Dear Students and Parents /Carers,

As part of a programme of advice and guidance for students, we organise a trip to a Higher Education Convention for all Year 12 students to consider preparation for University. We encourage our students to explore all options at this stage in their post-16 education. This Convention will be held at the ExCeL, London on Monday 18th March 2024.

We have booked coaches from each of the schools and the cost for the whole event will be £17 per student. The coaches will depart at 7:30am and will return at approximately 1:30pm. Due to the early start, students do not have any lessons to attend for the rest of the day and are free to return home as soon as the coaches drop them off. If your son or daughter is entitled to a bursary or have financial difficulties, they should liaise with me as they may be entitled to support in covering this cost.

Throughout the event students will have the opportunity to speak to representatives from over 150 Higher Education Institutions and will find out information about courses, entry requirements, finances and student life. There will also be a number of presentations running throughout the morning. Each presentation will last around 20 minutes allowing plenty of time for questions and students to continue to look around the fair. Students are advised to arrive at lecture rooms ten minutes prior to the presentations starting and queue patiently. There will be no admission once the room is full or the talk has started. There are expected to be thousands of students attending so it will very busy. They may prefer to bring their own food and drink to avoid queues.

**Payment** and **consent** should be made via Arbor by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.** If you have forgotten your password please select the forgotten password link or contact <u>itsupport@stanborough.herts.sch.uk</u>.

All students will need to register for their own ticket and either print it out ready for the day (or save it to their phone) in order to gain access to the event. Heads of Sixth Form will inform students on how to obtain their ticket, once payment has been received.

If you are unsure about any of the above arrangements, please do contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Whelan-Hind Head of Sixth Form

