



January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Higher Education Convention - Year 12 - Farnborough - Thursday 24 April 2025**

We have organised for your child to attend the Higher Education Conference in Farnborough. This highly successful event gives students the opportunity to gain an insight into a full range of university and college courses, to ask student representatives about university life, to research open day dates and to experience subject presentations from various universities. Over 150 higher education establishments will be represented, and there will be a wealth of information and advice on other post-18 options, such as apprenticeships, employment or training.

Students must register in their form rooms at the normal time of 8.35am and will attend period 1 as usual before travelling by coach to the convention. They will receive further information regarding where to meet nearer the event. We are expected to return to school at approximately 3.20pm. Students will be able to purchase food and drink at the convention, or they can bring a packed lunch if they prefer. They will also need the necessary equipment to write down any useful information passed on to them during the day.

The cost for this trip is £16.00 per student. Payment should be made by ParentPay by Friday 14 March 2025. For students in receipt of Bursary, please email [finance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) to give your permission and request funding for the trip.

Please note that the school's policy is that trips and other activities outside the normal teaching programme should be self-funding. Contributions are voluntary, but if these are insufficient the trip may have to be cancelled. No student will be denied participation in the trip because of difficulty in meeting the cost. In cases of genuine financial hardship, please contact Ms Stringer in the Finance Office in confidence by Monday 1 March.

Yours sincerely

Mr Church  
Head of Year 12