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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 12 Trip to UCAS Discovery Exhibition 2026 – De Montfort University

To help our Year 12 students explore the various pathways available to them, we are excited to inform you about a Year 12 trip to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition.

This is an annual event that brings together representatives from universities, colleges, apprenticeship providers and employers across the country. This fair provides an invaluable opportunity for students to interact directly with these representatives, ask questions, and gather essential information about courses, admission requirements, campus facilities, and student life.

The event will be held at De Montfort University on **Wednesday 15th April 2026**.

More information can be found here: <https://www.ucas.com/events/ucas-discovery-leicester-2026-471346>

The plan for the day is outlined below.

08:40-Register in CREW rooms as usual.

09:05-Lecture Theatre talk.

10:05-Assemble at bus park.

11:30-13:30-Explore event. (As the event runs over lunchtime it is advised students bring a packed lunch) Tickets for entry will be emailed to students and require scanning on arrival.

13:40-Assemble at meeting point to re-register and depart.

14:30-Arrive back at Ashby school bus park. Early finish for students.

Students will be expected to attend the convention in school dress code and with their lanyards.

Please note this is a ticketed event and we have booked the maximum number of tickets available to us. As per our trips policy, where trips are over-subscribed, all students' names will go into a draw. Any students not attending will be expected to be in school and attend Supervised study sessions.

We would like all Year 12 students to join us on this trip as we believe it will help them start to think about their Post 18 options. The full cost of **£6.00** per student is payable. This will cover the cost of coach travel. Should a student cancel their place on a school trip, and a replacement cannot be found, then they will lose any payments made. If a trip placement is cancelled through illness, then each case will be considered on an individual basis.

Our method of payment is via the school's secure online payment facility, WisePay, which can be accessed from our website www.ashbyschool.org.uk. You must only use the WisePay account for the student who is attending the trip. In the case of twins/triplets, you must use a separate WisePay account for each child. You must not book a trip without having received an invitation to do so by the trip leader.

The deadline for payment and indemnity forms to be completed via our trip planning platform **Evolve is Friday 20th March 2026**.

If your child has a medical condition, it is your responsibility to ensure they have any medication they require/may require. The school would look to parents to make certain that all medicines are 'in date' eg. inhalers / epipens etc. otherwise it may result in your child not being able to go on the trip. If you do not disclose their medical condition, you will be expected to collect your child in the event they become ill and to pay any expenses incurred as a result.

During this trip there may be occasions when students will not be directly supervised. However, they will be instructed to be in groups of no less than two and will be given emergency telephone numbers. They will also have to meet with staff at specific periods and locations.

Yours faithfully

Mr Alan Tsang
Year 12 Team Leader