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Dear Parents / Carers

Reading University Open Day, Saturday 14 October 2023

To offer a good insight to University life, motivate students to work hard for GCSEs and start thinking about A level choices, I would like to invite your child on a trip to the University of Reading on Saturday 14 October 2023.

The University of Reading is self-contained on its own extensive campus. Students can see lecture halls, teaching rooms, libraries, sports facilities, halls of residence and cafeteria as well as the shops and services provided for students on campus. Many University staff and students, from different subject areas, will be around, keen to promote their degree subject and tell our pupils about the courses on offer.

We will leave from College by coach at 9am and return at around 4pm. The Open Day is free to visitors, and Reading Admissions department offer us free transport (as part of their outreach scheme), so there is no charge for this trip.

Two Midhurst Rother College staff will accompany 30 students on this trip. If this activity is over-subscribed, we will have to prioritise applicants, e.g. students who did not take part in the Reading Scholar scheme in Year 10. Students should bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch there. Comfortable shoes will be needed for walking around the large campus. The dress code is smart casual as we are representing our College. As this is not a school day, students will not need to miss lessons to accompany us to Reading. However, students should have a genuine interest in finding out about University life and appreciate that staff are giving up their free time at a weekend for this event.

Permission may be granted on Arbor. On the Parent Portal, please go to "Quick Links" and then to Trips. You can then give consent. Medical and contact details will be taken from Arbor, so please update these using the ParentPortal if necessary.

Parents will then be informed about whether their child has a place on the trip. Please note that other Universities also hold Open Days in Autumn if you would like to research different courses on the UCAS website and make a family visit to a University with your son or daughter. Do contact me via email (Fiona.Lunskey@mrc-academy.org) with any questions about Year 11 studies.

Yours sincerely

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