

March 2017

Dear Parents,

Cambridge Open Day trip (5 July to 7 July)

To help students find out more about studying at Cambridge we are organising a visit to the University's annual open days.

We will travel to Cambridge by coach on Wednesday 5 July leaving the main car park at St John Fisher at 10:30 am. Students will spend a night at their first College so that they are in place for the open day on Thursday 6 June. To gain the maximum benefit from the trip, students will spend the first night in one college and the second in another. Experiencing two colleges will broaden their experience of university life and help to inform their application. This means students will switch colleges during the Thursday afternoon. Students will then have Friday morning to attend more open day activities. We will leave Cambridge around 1pm on Friday 7 July and we should arrive in Harrogate between 5:30pm to 6pm. Note that this trip starts from and returns to the main car park at St John Fisher.

Colleges will only allow a small number of students from one school to stay at any one time. Accommodation will thus be spread over a number of different colleges over the two nights. There will be two members of staff in Cambridge during the trip: one from St Aidan's and the other from St John Fisher. It may not be possible, therefore, to have a member of staff staying at each college with the students. However, mobile numbers will be distributed for students to contact staff if necessary. In this context students must co-operate fully with staff. There will be considerable onus on them to take responsibility for their behaviour: students should not go anywhere alone, they should meet at the required times and they should be in their room no later than 10.30pm.

To cover the costs of transport, accommodation (for two nights) and meals in Cambridge we need to request a voluntary payment of £70. If making this payment is not possible, every effort will be made to allow someone to go (although should too many be unable to pay the trip would become unviable). Further spending money should be taken at your discretion (for example, to buy lunch on the journey down).

It is important to note this trip operates a zero tolerance approach to alcohol. We reserve the right to send home any student who we regard as having breached this rule. In some cases this may require contacting parents to collect their son / daughter. The Head Teachers of both schools would like to make clear that failure to observe this rule will potentially jeopardise a student's place in the Associated Sixth Form.

The Open Days are popular events. We therefore need to know exact numbers as soon as possible. If you would like to reserve a place on the open day and agree to the terms of the trip, then please return the consent / booking form by **Friday 17 March** to the Finance Office at St Aidan's. Parentpay is recommended for payment.

If you have any questions, please contact us either at St Aidan's or St John Fisher's.

Yours faithfully,

Dr M Langstaff
Trip Leader
Oxbridge Coordinator, St John Fisher

Dr F Murray
Co-Leader
Oxbridge Coordinator, St Aidan's

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Parental Consent

I / we agree that.....

is allowed to go on the open days visit to Cambridge University between 5 July and 7 July on the understanding that:

- students will not go anywhere alone
- some accommodation will not be staffed by teachers
- students will be in their room no later than 10:30pm
- failure to observe the no-alcohol rule may result in parents being required to collect their son / daughter and the student subsequently losing their place in the Associated Sixth Form

Payment (please indicate)

- I have made a voluntary contribution of £70 using parentpay
- I enclose a cheque payable to St Aidan's C of E High School

Parental signature _____ Date _____

Cambridge Open Days 2017 Booking Information

Student Name	
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Subject/s to explore	1. _____ 2. _____
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Student Mobile	
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Student Email	
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Parental mobile 1	
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Parental mobile 2	
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Other Information

- *Medical Conditions (e.g. inhaler etc)*
- *Food Allergies?*
- *Vegetarian?*

Please complete and return both sections in an envelope to the Finance Office at St Aidan's by **Friday 17 March**.