

South Wilts Grammar School for Girls

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Dear Parents / Carers

Re: Year 12 University Visits

I am writing to tell you about two important visits we have organised as part of our programme preparing Year 12 students for making Post 18 choices. The Oxbridge Conference trip is aimed at students who are seriously considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge. The Cardiff Open Day is intended for the whole of Year 12, whether or not they are intending to go straight into Higher Education.

Date	Visit to	Contribution	Details of visit	Times	Requirements
Tuesday 27 March 2018	Oxford & Cambridge student conference at Epsom Race Course	£16.50	Travel by coach to Epsom Race Course. Attend Oxford / Cambridge information sessions.	Leave SWGS: 7:15am Return SWGS: 6:15pm approx	Students will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink. Wear suitable clothing.
Wednesday 18 April 2018	Cardiff University	£14.50	Travel by coach to Cardiff University to give students a model of how to make the best use of an Open Day.	Leave SWGS: 6:30am Return SWGS: 7pm approx	

Oxbridge Conference – Tuesday 27 March 2018:

The Conference offers a series of general and subject specific lectures. This visit is part of the bigger programme that includes talks in school throughout the year and visits to Oxford and Cambridge Open Days in the summer. We are only entitled to take 25 students to the conference. If the trip is oversubscribed, names will be selected out of a hat. For more information about the Conference please visit the following website:

<https://oxfordandcambridgeoutreach.co.uk/student-conference/planning>



Cardiff University Open Day – Wednesday 18 April 2018:

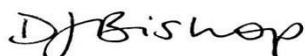
Anyone applying to Higher Education will almost certainly visit a number of open days before making her choices. Our intention in taking the whole of Year 12 to Cardiff is to give them a model of how to make the best use of an open day. Feedback from the students we have taken on previous University Open Days has been very positive, and even if your daughter is not considering Cardiff University it will be a very useful visit. Cardiff was chosen because the timing is right and because it is one of the most popular destinations for South Wilts students.

Deadline for payment: 12pm Thursday 22 February 2018

Parents are requested to use the ParentPay facility. Please contact the finance office if you have any difficulties logging on to ParentPay by emailing finance@swgs.wilts.sch.uk or telephone 01722 343750. There is no obligation to make a financial contribution although please be aware that the visit may not run if sufficient funds cannot be raised. If you are in receipt of a school bursary, please write 'Bursary Receiver' on the return slip. Please see the charging policy on our website for further details.

Your daughter will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of what is covered under this insurance is available on the main school website. It is important that the school holds current emergency contact details and details of any medical issues concerning your daughter. **Would you please ensure that your daughter takes all necessary medication with her on the trip.**

Yours sincerely



Mr Dan Bishop
Head of 6th Form

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There is no need to return this slip if you have used ParentPay

To the Finance Office for the University Visits 2018

I enclose cheque made payable to South Wilts Grammar School

- I wish for my daughter to accompany the **Oxbridge Conference** trip on Tuesday 27 March 2018 and enclose a cheque for **£16.50**
- I wish for my daughter to accompany the **Cardiff University Open Day** trip on Wednesday 18 April 2018 and enclose a cheque for **£14.50**
- I wish for my daughter to accompany **BOTH** trips and enclose a cheque for **£31.00**

Daughter's name

Form

Signed.....

Date.....

