

Personalised to 16 parents

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Your daughter has already started considering the options available to her in Higher Education. It is, of course, essential that her choices are based on having acquired as much information as possible about the Universities/Colleges and courses on offer. There is the danger, though, that valuable classroom teaching can be missed through an ill considered decision about which Open Days to attend. Subject staff should not expect to repeat lessons or give extra tutoring as a result of attendance at Open Days.

We would, therefore, like to draw your attention to the following:

Permission will be granted to attend **two** pre-application Open Days only, in addition to any Open Days linked to offers.

However, all members of the Lower Sixth are automatically granted permission to attend the Merseyside Higher Education Coronation at Liverpool University, which takes place this year on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June**. This is an extremely informative event and forms a part of the Lower Sixth programme of Careers and Higher Education guidance started this term and which will continue after the AS examinations.

Students will not normally be granted permission to attend two Open Days/Courses which are held consecutively. This can result in a week of school time being lost.

We strongly advise that a preliminary 'look' at University/College takes place in holiday time and not during term time.

It is usually only necessary to attend **one** vocational course and attendance at such courses will be closely monitored.

Permission for absence should be requested as far in advance of the absence as possible. After permission has been granted by the school, students must apologise to the relevant subject staff for their absence.

By making sensible decisions about which Open Days/Courses to attend, your daughter will continue to have the classroom teaching which is essential for gaining the grades required for entry to University/College.

Yours sincerely

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