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6th December

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to inform you of an opportunity that has been given to our school and your child has been selected as someone who would benefit from this trip.

The Programme

First Steps is a Widening Participation programme delivered by Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) aimed at engaging students in Year 9 to 11 to help raise aspirations and encourage young people to access higher education. The focus of the programme is to develop study skills while allowing students to find out more about university. The programme is delivered free of charge and is available to schools throughout Lincolnshire and those on the border of surrounding counties.

The Structure

There are two steps to the programme and we are running it for year 9 and 10.

Year 10:

- Step 1: An introduction to Higher Education on 9th December in school.
- Step 2: Trip to Bishop Grosseteste University from 10.00 – 2.00 on the 26th January where students will get to have a campus tour, meet some current university students and participate in a seminar.

What Bishop Grosseteste University will provide:

- Full commitment to the successful delivery of the First Steps programme.
- Feedback to your school at the end of the year about your students' experiences on First Steps upon request.
- Any resource materials required.
- Provide well-qualified professional staff to support school staff and students during the programme.
- Further support (on request) to your school on all aspects of higher education.

HEAT (Higher Education Access Tracker).

As an institution, Bishop Grosseteste has always been committed to delivering successful Widening Participation activities to schools and colleges throughout the UK. It is vital that our team can monitor and evaluate our programmes to make sure that we are targeting the correct students.

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- Our partnership with HEAT will help us to collate all information into a central database and create evaluation reports of the programmes we are delivering as well as giving us the opportunity to follow students through their engagement with WP activities at our own and other institutions nationally.
- During Step 1 students will be provided with a data collection form to complete. Post 16 students are able to complete their own forms, whereas Pre 16 students will be given the forms to take home to parents/carers and asked to bring back at Step 2. Details of how information provided will be used are contained on the form however if you have any queries or concerns please contact the Outreach team on outreach@bishopg.ac.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy should you wish to discuss any aspect of this visit.

Yours faithfully

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