



29th September 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

We wanted to inform you of an exciting opportunity we are offering to our Year 9 students. This year we are launching an enrichment project called Benton University, the aim of this is three fold:

1. To deepen your child's curiosity about a specialised subject of their choosing
2. To extend their understanding of academic writing
3. To extend their presentation and speaking skills in preparation for Key Stage Four study

To accomplish these aims, students will study the skills associated with successful academic writing, create a mini dissertation on an area of the curriculum they are passionate and curious about, and then create an academic poster to present alongside their written report. We are partnering with Selwyn College, Cambridge to collaborate in the final part of the programme, which is a very exciting opportunity for students to present to such a prestigious academic organisation.

We will then hold a celebration event in the summer term where the students will present and discuss their specialist areas of investigation with peers, family and staff, before graduating from Benton University.

As we can only offer a maximum of 30 spaces for this programme, we would like interested students to write an expression of interest detailing which specialised subject they would like to investigate and what they would gain from a place on the programme. After the deadline of Monday 15th November, we will review the students submissions, and confirm the students who have gained a place. Completed expressions of interest can be given to Miss Dixon, or via sent via Teams.

We hope that you are as excited as we are at this opportunity. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have further questions.

Kind regards,

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