

26 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child has been selected to take part in a programme that is delivered by the University of Southampton named Learn with US. The point of this programme is to support academically able students with additional opportunities throughout their educational time at Medina College.

The University of Southampton's Learn with US (Outreach) programme is designed to support students, parents and teachers. They have a range of events and activities to engage and motivate learners who have the potential to enter higher education, but who may not currently be considering it.

Learn with US (Outreach) works in partnership with schools and colleges in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to improve academic attainment and intellectual self-confidence, raise aspirations and increase awareness of university education. Academically gifted students are selected to join the Learn with US (Outreach) programme and take part in a series of aspiration raising activities, enabling them to sample a wide range of university subjects.

Your child will be invited to attend further Learn with US events and activities, so they will have plenty of opportunities over the coming years.

The first opportunity for Year 8, is on Thursday 3 February 2022, where we will visit the University.

The timetable for the days is as follows:

8.05 am	Meet at Red Jet, Cowes
8.15 am	Red Jet to Southampton
8.45 am	Arrive at Southampton, Coach to the University campus
9.20 am	Arrival & Welcome
9.30 am	Activity
12 pm	Activity finishes
12.05 pm	Coach to Southampton town
12.30 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Time to explore town and walk to ports
2.15 pm	Red Jet back to Cowes
2.45 pm	Arrive at Cowes, parents collect children from Red Jet, Cowes.

Students do not need to wear school uniform but must dress practically for the weather and require a packed lunch and drinks for the day. In order for your child to attend the visit, could you please complete the attached EV3 parental consent form.

During the trip/visit the emergency contact on site will be: Mrs Naomi Smy on 07739 754299.  
The home based contact will be Mrs Kirstie O'Callaghan on 01983 526523.

Forms must be returned to Mrs Smy via the year office by Tuesday 1 February. Without the form, your child will not be able to take part in the activity.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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