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17<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers



**Barr Beacon School**  
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**University of Birmingham Open Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

In this final term, your child's career pathway will be in focus. We have planned a series of events to help support students through their next steps. This includes guidance sessions in school, where students will begin their UCAS applications, learn more about the apprenticeship pathway and start to perfect their personal statements and CVs.

As part of this focus on their futures, all Year 12 students will be granted a day's authorised absence on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** to attend the **University of Birmingham Open Day**.

In order to gain entry to the Open Day, students will be asked to **book their place online** [here](#). Students can choose which sessions they attend during the day and parents can accompany their children if you are available. More information about the event can be found [here](#).

As developing their independence is important for their futures, students will make their own way to and from this event. Getting to the university is easy by public transport; the university has its own railway station. All students will need to **arrive between 9.00am-9.30am**, where they will register with Miss Clarke and Miss Killick at the bottom of the Clock Tower. Staff will then depart the university and will not be accompanying students during the remainder of the day. Students will not need to return to school in the afternoon and they can wear casual dress for this event.

If your child receives the 16-19 Bursary, we will reimburse the cost of their public transport if students keep their receipts.

**Please complete the permission slip on this short [Consent Form](#).**

**Any student who does not wish to attend, or who does not have a Consent Form completed, will be expected to attend school as normal.**

We are aware many students are also keenly interested in apprenticeships, and we have booked an Apprenticeship Fair at Millennium Point, Birmingham, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. More information will follow closer to the date.

We are encouraging students to attend more [Open Days](#) at the universities they are interested in. Students can explore the universities and courses available through their UCAS Hub account or the [UCAS Search Tool](#). If your child is considering apprenticeships, the UCAS website has excellent advice and the following websites are highly recommended: [Find an Apprenticeship](#), [Rate My Apprenticeship](#) and [Not Going to Uni](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to your child in their first year of post-16 study.

Yours sincerely

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