



December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## VISIT TO SOMERVILLE COLLEGE OXFORD, FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2024

Our Year 8 Beacon Group have the exciting opportunity to visit Somerville College, Oxford, on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The purpose of the day is to introduce students to higher education, and to enable them to picture what they might aim for as they progress through KS4, and then KS5. It also serves as an entry point for the project which they will subsequently complete in the Beacon Group this year. My ambition is for your child to finish the day enthused and excited about the opportunities which open up to them as they continue to work at a high academic level with ambition and self-belief.

Somerville College have put together a schedule for us which covers a broad range of topics and experiences, and will allow the students to participate in a variety of academic and cultural activities throughout the day. We will leave school promptly at 8.35am and return by 3.10pm. If there is a delay on our return we will inform parents as soon as possible.

09.15-09.30: Arrival and registration  
09.30-10.00: Information talk on Oxford and the university  
10.10-11.10: Explore Critical Thinking Workshop  
11.15-11.55: Tour of Somerville and Q&A with current students  
12.00-12.45: Lunch  
13.00-14.00: Museum workshop  
14.00-14.15: Feedback and departure from Somerville

Lunch will be provided by Somerville College.

Parents/carers are invited to make a **payment of £26.00** towards the cost of travel and insurance. We do not want to exclude any student from taking part as it is an extremely worthwhile visit and we would want all Beacon Group students to access this enlightening trip; if the cost is causing concern, please contact the school as soon as possible. Payment should be made through ParentPay **by Friday 12 January 2024**.

Please note the following:

- Your son/daughter will be expected to comply with the School Behaviour Policy both whilst travelling and during the visit;
- Please inform the school of any changes to your son/daughter's medical conditions, emergency contact numbers or any other information that you have already supplied to the school;
- Your son/daughter may receive first aid and emergency treatment during the visit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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