

January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Year 11 University of Surrey Wednesday 15 March 2023**

The University of Surrey is one of the partners we work with to provide our students with information about higher education. Their widening participation team aims to support the development of aspirations, expectations and attainment in students and ensure learners who belong to groups that are typically under-represented in higher education have the information they need to make confident and informed decisions about their future education pathway.

As part of this programme, the University of Surrey has kindly offered to host 40 Weald students for the day on Wednesday 15 March 2023, which is the second Enrichment Day of the year, so that they can take part in the 'Surrey Stars' University Experience.



The University of Surrey is regulated by the Office for Students (OfS) and are required to demonstrate how they are working with students belonging to groups typically under-represented in higher education studies. This includes but is not limited to, students who:

- Are eligible for free school meals
- Have experience of living in care
- Are from a Gypsy, Roma, Traveller, Showperson or Boater community
- Have a special educational need or disability

At The Weald, our widening participation criteria also includes:

- First-generation scholars (those who would be the first in their immediate family to pursue higher education studies)
- Students from black, Asian and minority ethnic groups
- Young carers
- Refugees
- Students from military families

Although places will be allocated primarily to students who meet one or more of Surrey's widening participation criteria, followed by those who meet one or more of The Weald's widening participation criteria, please do apply for a place if you would like your child to visit the University of Surrey as there are 40 places and remaining places will be allocated at random to those who do not meet the widening participations criteria. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about higher education.

**Trip information**

Students will be travelling by coach, and will need to be at the LRC by 8.45am in order to depart school at 9.00am. Full uniform is expected to be worn. Students will need to bring a pen. Lunch will be provided by the University of Surrey. We expect to return back to school by 15.05pm in time for buses, leaving at 15.15pm. If delayed, it is your responsibility to ensure your child can return home safely. We recommend you stay in touch by mobile phone.

Please note, there is no charge for this trip.

Please complete this [form](#) by Friday 20 January 2023 to register your interest in this trip.

**Terms and conditions**

As you know, we have the highest expectations of our students for their behaviour and conduct around school, and they rarely let us down. However, please be aware that your child's place on any school trip is dependent on their ability to cooperate fully with staff and other students, to be a responsible member of our community and to comply with school rules. In the unlikely event that a member of staff feels this is not the case, they reserve the right to withdraw a child from a trip for safeguarding purposes.

We would encourage you to read all trip terms and conditions, including cancellation policies, medical, refunds and student expectations on our website Curriculum, Enrichment, Trips or by using the following link <http://bit.ly/2LLJKBk>.

To help keep our records up to date, please inform us of any changes to your child's personal or medical information. This can be updated through the 'My Child At School' (MCAS) App.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Readman  
**Widening Participation Co-ordinator**