

30 January 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

Lower Sixth Higher Education Convention, Manchester Friday 13 March 2015

On Friday 13 March, we will be taking all Year 12 students to the Higher Education Convention in Manchester.

The Convention is a UCAS event, and is held at Manchester Central (formerly the G-Mex Centre). This annual event attracts specialists from over 140 higher education institutions, to offer advice on all aspects of higher education as well as providing course literature and prospectuses. Many of the UK's top companies will have stalls and there will be information available on Further Education providers, the Armed Forces, Gap Years and a range of Apprenticeship opportunities.

The Manchester Convention is one of only a few conventions of this size in the UK. Over 14,000 students will come to see exhibitors from across the UK. This is a well-known and widely recommended Convention which in previous years students have found to be very useful. If students are not yet sure about their future plans the Convention will certainly assist them in making a decision. It is still a worthwhile visit even if students currently do not intend to continue into higher education.

Students will spend some pastoral time discussing the process of choosing a course and a university, and we have a number of events arranged to enable students to make informed decisions about their post-18 choices. A large number of universities and other businesses and organisations will be represented at the Convention and students will have the opportunity to ask questions and collect information.

We will be leaving school at 10.00 am after lesson 1 and returning in time for the end of the school day. Students will need to bring a packed lunch. Entrance to the convention is free of charge. In order for the visit to be viable we will need a contribution of **£5.00** from students towards the cost of travel. We are asking parents for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit as without such contributions the trip cannot run. If you would like your child to participate, but will have difficulty in contributing, please let me know.

Payments can be made using the Tucasi online payment system via the school website or alternatively by cash or cheque. Please make your cheque payable to Helsby High School with your child's name written clearly on the back and returned, with the attached consent form, by **Friday 27 February**, to Mrs Cook in the 6th Form office.

Yours sincerely



I Duffell (Mr)
Director of 6th Form

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Please return to: Mrs Cook, 6th Form Secretary, Helsby High School, 6th Form office.

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Name of Student Form

- I do/do not give permission for my son/daughter to take part in the trip.

Please circle below as appropriate

I enclose £5.00 cash/cheque (payable to Helsby High School)	
I have paid £5.00 online	Date ___ / ___ / ___

Signature: Parent/Carer (print):

Emergency Contact No: Home Tel No.....

Medical Information (include any allergies or currently prescribed medication):

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