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Dear Parent/Carer

### Future Stars – Workshops with the University of East Anglia

As you may already know, we have a close working partnership with UEA who are able to offer us as an academy a lot of exciting opportunities for our students that help with future aspirations, especially geared towards considering university as an option. Your child has been selected to take part in three workshops run by the UEA entitled 'Future Stars'. The aims of this programme are as follows:

- For students to experience a positive introduction to university study and life.
  - To learn about university and possible future career pathways.
  - To discover how students learn at university.
  - To explore the UEA campus and student accommodation.
- The first session will take place in school on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**. This is to prepare them for the visit to the UEA.
- The second visit will take place at the UEA on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. More details around this are outlined below.
- The final visit will be a celebration of what the students have achieved and will take place within the academy on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**.

### On the day of the visit to the UEA (Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March) they will undertake the following activities:

- **Introduction** – Talk about the campus day programme followed by a talk by UEA sport and SU Clubs and Societies, as well as meeting student ambassadors
- **Climbing wall** – Led by qualified instructors
- **Pickle Ball** – A chance to try this sport.
- **Campus Tour** – Opportunity to see the UEA campus, teaching areas and student accommodation. Students will use a pocket guide with stickers to help them identify key areas

Please note that the times of the visit to the University campus will require us to leave the academy at 8.30 am. The return time will be just after 3.30 pm, so students will not be able to catch the bus home from school, and possibly not to school, depending on when their school bus arrives (therefore you may need to make the necessary transport arrangements). We will travel to the UEA by coach provided by UEA with one of their partner companies. Mrs Seaman, Student Support Leader, will accompany the students on the trip.

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Dress code for the day will require students to wear their TNHA PE uniform, so that they can take part in the climbing wall activity.

For the visit to the University, they will also need to bring a packed lunch and drink with them, unless they are FSM, in which case we will organise food and drink for them for the day.

If you agree to your child taking part in this opportunity, please can you complete the attached form and ask your child to deliver it to Mr Bristow, Mrs Seaman or myself (I am on the school gate as students enter each morning). During the visit to the University, the UEA may take photos of the students to use on social media. Please indicate on the consent form if you agree to this or not. **Consent Forms should be returned no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** Should you not wish your child to take part, please email me, so I am able to offer the place to another student. I thank you in advance.

I hope you agree this is an excellent opportunity for your child, but should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk](mailto:kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk).

Yours faithfully

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