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Dear Parents/Carers

Make it Count: An innovative learning skills programme

As you are aware, your child has now completed four workshops in school in partnership with UEA outreach providing an opportunity to build upon the Year 7 programme they engaged with and explore debating skills. We are pleased to be contacting you with the opportunity of a campus visit to UEA for further workshops and an opportunity to explore university life.

The Make it Count campus visit will include:

- A debating workshop to further develop skills
- A campus tour, including a chance to visit university accommodation
- A full-scale debate best emulating a real-life environment to experience
- An opportunity for personal skills development

Make it Count aims are for students to:

- Explore the ways in which they learn by developing a toolkit of lifelong learning skills
- Empower them to tackle school tasks and activities with greater confidence and resilience
- Experience a positive introduction to university study and life.

How can you help your child think about their future?

Now that your child has taken part in all the workshops, they are ready for the campus visit. We would like you to spend some time discussing with your child what they have learnt from the programme. Please ask them questions such as:-

- What did you learn from the workshops you completed in school? What activities did you do? Did you enjoy the tasks and why (not)?
- Please also begin to ask them questions surrounding the opportunities they could have in the future and get them thinking about their visit to the UEA. Please consider asking questions like:
- What do you think the campus will be like? Are you interested in seeing what the bedrooms look like? What do you think UEA students do at university? Would you like to go to university one day?

The trip to the UEA will take place on Thursday 27th March. Please note that the times of the visit to the university will require us to leave the academy at 8.15 am and we will not return until 3.45 pm, so students will not be able to catch the bus home from the academy, and possibly not to school, depending on when their school transport arrives at the academy (therefore you may need to make the necessary transport arrangements). We will travel to the UEA by a coach provided by the UEA with one of their partner companies. Mrs. Garton, Student Support Leader, will accompany the students on the trip.

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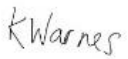
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Students will be expected to wear their TNHA uniform on the day of the visit and to bring a packed lunch and drink with them, unless they are FSM, in which case we will organise food and drink for them for the day.

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. Janes, Mrs Garton or myself. 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 Thursday 27th February**. Should you not wish your child to take part, please can you email me at your earliest convenience.

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 via email: kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K. Warnes
Director of PSHEE