

25th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 – Skills Discovery Project University of East Anglia

The Nicholas Hamond Academy and UEA Outreach are working together to give students in Year 9 the opportunity to develop their skills and find out a bit more about university by taking part in the 'Skills Discovery' project. This project has 3 parts, which are outlined below:

Skills Discovery: An Introduction - Wednesday 2nd April

During this in-school workshop, students will be introduced to the project and the 3 key skills that they will be working on – speaking, creativity and teamwork. They will complete mini activities around each of these skills to start to build their confidence.

Skills Discovery: Campus Visit - 24th April

On Thursday 24th April, students will visit the UEA. During this visit, they will be given a tour of campus and will take part in 3 workshops, where they will work on using the 3 key skills. After lunch, they will use what they have learned to prepare and present their ideas for a new university in front of a panel of judges.

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 by a coach provided by the UEA with one of their partner companies. Mrs Seaman, Student Support Leader, will accompany the students on the trip.

Dress code for the day will require students to wear their TNHA uniform. 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.

Skills Discovery: Reflection and Review - Wednesday 30th April

During this in-school workshop, students will reflect on how they used the 3 key skills on the campus day and will also spend some time looking forward and thinking about how these skills could be useful to them in the future. They will also get the opportunity to interview current students at the UEA about how they use these skills.

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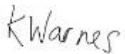
Want to find out how they got on? Ask your young person...

- What did they enjoy about this project?
- What were the key ideas their school came up with for the new university?
- How do they feel the key skills of creativity, teamwork and speaking could be useful to them now and in the future?

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 Friday 7th March.** Should you not wish your child to take part, please can you email me at your earliest convenience, 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 via Email: kate.warnes@attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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