



Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the success of our recent residential trip to London and Oxford, we are writing to inform you about an upcoming trip for Year 12 students to the **University of Nottingham** on **Thursday, 23rd April**.

The purpose of this visit is to broaden students' understanding of higher education options and to raise aspirations by giving them first-hand experience of university life. The University of Nottingham is part of the Russell Group, ranked within the 'Top 20' universities in the UK, and currently the top university for graduates entering highly skilled jobs. It offers a wide range of courses taught by leading academics. Further details of the university can be found here: <https://www.nottingham.ac.uk/>

The day is part of a suite of activities and interactions to support students as they explore their journeys beyond Sutton Girls, and the University of Nottingham will also be present at the **Post-18 Next Steps Evening** on the 5th May. During the visit, students will take part in a range of sessions delivered by university staff and current students. These will include options for students to attend the below sessions:

- **Future Healers**, for aimed at students considering healthcare-related courses
- **Budgeting**, exploring the financial aspects of university life and managing money as a student
- **Student Life**, providing insight into the academic and social experience of studying at university
- **Researching Degree Options**, helping students understand how to explore courses and make informed choices about higher education pathways

By engaging in these sessions, students will gain a clearer understanding of what university study involves, the variety of routes available to them, and the skills and planning required to succeed in higher education. We believe this experience will be valuable in helping students make confident, informed decisions about their future.

Students will be required to register at school at 08:15am on the morning of the 26th April; they will return to school at approximately 4pm that day. Students will be expected to provide their own lunch for this trip.

To cover the cost of the trip we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of **£20**. If we're unable to meet the cost of the trip it may be cancelled and any payments made would be refunded. To secure a place on the trip, payment and consent should be completed online via the School Comms app or website no later than **12th of April**.



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Please make sure the consent box is ticked. If your child receives the 16-19 Bursary please complete the consent via '*Nottingham University 2026 - Bursary*'. No payment will be taken upon selecting this option. If your daughter requires financial assistance, please contact Miss Whittingham to discuss available support.

If your child requires medication, you should already have made the school aware of this. However, if medication is required during the trip, please ensure:

- All medication is clearly labelled with the student's name and dosage instructions
- Students bring sufficient medication for the duration of the trip
- Any necessary medical forms, care plans or updates have been shared with the school prior to departure
- Students should always carry essential medication (such as inhalers or EpiPens) with them. If students do not bring this, they will be unable to attend the trip

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us; sixthform@suttcold.bham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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