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Headteacher: Mrs T Price BA (Hons) MA Ed

23rd September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 8 are being given the opportunity to take part in a 'Higher Horizons' taster day at Keele University. On **Wednesday 5th November**, all students will come to school as normal, wearing their full school uniform. They will then be driven to Keele University via coach for a 9:30am start.

To fully immerse themselves in student life, a meal voucher will be provided for all students to have the opportunity to budget like university students when purchasing their lunch at the Student Union. If students wish to bring their own lunch, then they can do so. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then please email hdalgleish@jamesbateman.staffs.sch.uk by the deadline, stating a preference of Ham, Cheese or Tuna.

This is a unique opportunity for our students to experience a taste of Further Education, designed to help them gain an insight into what they might want to do in the future.

As the day is funded by Higher Horizons and the school, no payment is needed.

If you would like your child to attend this exciting opportunity, then please select the permission box on Arbor which will also allow for your child's data to be shared with the University by **Friday 24th October**.

If you have any questions at all, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

Louise Perkin
Year 8 Progress Leader