



WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

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Dear Parent/Carer

Cambridge University Tour - Saturday 3rd February 2018



We have arranged the Westcliff Schools' tour of the University of Cambridge for selected members of Year 11 who may be considering an Oxbridge application. The tour will be conducted by Mr Stevens, experienced Oxbridge Co-ordinator from WHSB and current Old Westcliffians of both sexes now studying at Cambridge. We will be travelling by coach which will leave the School (Kenilworth Gardens bus stop) at **7.30am**. The tour of Cambridge is usually extremely well received by all those involved and feedback at Parents' Evenings suggests that it helped motivate students to set their sights on the highest levels of academic attainment. We have arranged a meeting in the morning with Prof. Corinna Russell, an Admissions Tutor at Emmanuel College. For the rest of the day we will be making a tour of some of the Colleges supported by Old Westcliffians. We intend departing from Cambridge at 3.30pm for an approximate return to School at **5.00pm**.



This trip is usually oversubscribed. All students who have paid by Friday 26th January 2018 are eligible but the students selected to attend will be determined by their achievement, based on students' current forecast grades.

Those on the tour will need to bring money for lunch and in case they wish to buy a snack from the coffee shop on arrival. In addition, we are obliged to make a **charge of £14** in order to cover the cost of transport and insurance.

As with most school trips we are only allowed to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost. This is not compulsory, but if insufficient voluntary contributions are raised to fund the visit, then it will be cancelled. In the event of anybody having any concerns about their ability to make a contribution or a query about how the cost is arrived at please contact, in the first instance Mrs Shirley Emery, Trips Administrator.

Parents who can prove they are in receipt of the following benefits will be exempt from paying the cost of the trip:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

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Please pay for this trip using ParentPay; **payment is due no later than Friday 26th January 2018.**

There is no requirement to wear uniform; however, students are reminded that they are present in Cambridge as representatives of the School. They should also bear in mind that much of the day will be spent outdoors, irrespective of prevailing weather conditions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Hayton', written in a cursive style.

Mr B Hayton
Head of Sixth Form