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Dear Year 12 Students and Families,

I am writing to invite you to attend our Higher Education Fair, taking place on Wednesday 4 February, from 4.30pm to 7.00pm.

This event follows on from our recent Sixth Form Information Evening and is designed to support Year 12 students as they begin more detailed planning for their next steps beyond Sixth Form. It provides an important opportunity for families to meet and speak directly with universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers, helping to build a clear understanding of the different pathways available, as well as the processes and commitment required from students.

During Period 5 that day, all Year 12 students will take part in a bespoke enrichment session, delivered by Carl Jackson. Carl is an independent careers consultant and trainer and is the owner of Manifest Coaching & Facilitation. Carl will be speaking on the theme of, 'Your words, your story: AI as a tool not a shortcut.' He will focus on strengths, skills, experience and the responsible use of AI. This will be suitable for all Year 12 students, regardless of their Futures plans. We are able to provide this event at no extra cost to families thanks to contributions to our Sixth Form Fund.

We hope that all Year 12 students, both Level 3 and Level 2 learners, will attend The Higher Education Fair with their families, as it acts as an important springboard for more detailed futures planning later in Year 12.

The evening events will begin with a short introduction in the Main Hall, followed by a presentation from Exeter University and an apprenticeship talk. There will also be 30 stalls set up in the Sports Hall featuring universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers. Please see the attached poster for some of the organisations attending.

Members of the Sixth Form Team, Senior Leadership Team and our Futures Leader, Mrs Helen Smith, will be available throughout the evening to offer guidance and answer any questions you may have.

I strongly encourage families to attend with their Year 12 students and make the most of this valuable opportunity to explore post-18 pathways and begin meaningful conversations about the future.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Mel Porter
Head of Sixth Form

