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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to share that we have officially launched our Oxbridge Society for Year 12 students at HGSA. This initiative is designed to support those who are considering an application to the University of Oxford or the University of Cambridge. Throughout the year, students will take part in weekly enrichment sessions every Thursday morning from 8.40am to 9.10am within the Sixth Form block. These sessions will include presentations, academic literature reviews, practice interviews and guidance on personal statement writing.

Students have already begun working with the newly formed SAT programme, Spires, which supports Oxbridge applicants across the Trust, and this will continue throughout the year. Alongside this, we run our own Sixth Form programme at HGSA, which saw tremendous success last year with Oxbridge applications, with 100% of students obtaining an interview, and 3 students being offered a place. A major contributing factor was the high level of student engagement, and I look forward to building on this strong foundation as students explore these exciting pathways.

As part of this programme, I am pleased to organise a fully funded visit to Oxford on Tuesday 10 March. This trip is generously supported by the SAT Trust and the University of Oxford. Students will be provided with lunch on the day, and should arrive at school at 7.15am for a prompt departure. Due to the amount of time spent outdoors and walking, I recommend that students wear comfortable clothing. Students will return to HGSA by 6.30pm. If there are any delays, you will be informed.

Please login to ParentPay to give consent for your child to attend this trip.

I am very much looking forward to accompanying the students on this visit and supporting them through every stage of their Oxbridge journey. If you have any questions or would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Wright

Head of Sixth Form