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ALL YEAR 7 PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Oxford and Cambridge Aspiration day - Thursday 7 February 2019

As you are aware our Year 7 Strategy is vitally important in raising aspirations at an early stage in our pupil's secondary school life as well as offering opportunities that will motivate and inspire successful young people.

On Wednesday 10 October 2018 our local Olympic Gymnast was a huge success, enjoyed and appreciated by all Year 7 pupils. Kristian Thomas delivered an inspired and motivating assembly that left a lasting impact upon us all.

Following on from the success of this, I am delighted to be able to inform you of an exceptional opportunity for your son/daughter to be part of. An aspiration day that will be led by School Liaison Officers and Undergraduates from different departments from two of the finest Universities in Great Britain, Oxford and Cambridge.

The Programme for the day will involve;

- introduction and outline;
- College, Apprenticeships and Universities;
- interactive icebreaker game – designed to bust some myths about university; particularly Oxford and Cambridge based on Million Pound Drop game show;
- an inspirational talk - what is university and why should I aspire to it;
- critical thinking and problem solving activities;
- what is it like to be a university student and what can be studied.

The week before this event Year 7 will have an assembly which will involve some wonderful photographs of Dormston staff on their graduation day along with information on where they attended University and what they studied, as well as past students and current teachers who went to Cambridge or Oxford. The Year group will also be working on Thinking Skills and 'how to think like a University Student' in Life Skills lessons to prepare them for the Aspiration Day.

I would be most grateful if you would talk to your son/daughter about this event and help them research their academic possibilities.

Yours sincerely

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