

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of the Personal Development programme, all Year 9 students are invited to attend a Higher Education Experience Day at Edge Hill University. This visit provides an excellent opportunity for students to tour a university campus and hear directly from staff and students about university life, helping them to consider future education pathways.

The Sutton Academy will cover the full cost of the visit. To allow your child to attend, parents/carers must complete the permission and medical forms via Arbor Pay no later than **Monday 15 June 2026**.

Venue

Edge Hill University, Ormskirk

Visit Dates

Monday 22 June - Year 9 Band One Tutor Groups; 9 S U T O N

Tuesday 23 June - Year 9 Band Two Tutor Groups; 9 A C D M Y G

Travel Arrangements

Students will travel to and from Edge Hill University by coach. Coaches will depart The Sutton Academy at **9.15am** and students are expected to return to the academy by **2.15pm**.

Refreshments

Students should bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day, as there will be no opportunity to purchase refreshments during the visit. Students who are entitled to free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch.

Behaviour Expectations

Students attending educational visits are ambassadors for The Sutton Academy and are expected to uphold the academy's high standards of behaviour at all times. Educational visits are considered an extension of the academy day, and expectations regarding conduct remain in place throughout the trip.

Where there are concerns regarding behaviour in the lead-up to the visit, the academy reserves the right to withdraw a student from attending. During the visit, if a student fails to follow academy expectations, parents/carers may be contacted and asked to collect their child. Any associated travel costs will be the responsibility of parents/carers.





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Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

The academy follows the Department for Education guidance regarding the use of mobile phones on educational visits. As visits are an extension of the academy day, academy rules relating to mobile devices remain in force.

The academy's expectation is that mobile phones, smart watches, headphones, and other electronic devices are "never used, seen or heard" unless students are given specific permission by a member of staff. The trip leader will identify designated times during the visit when students may use their phones. At all other times, mobile devices must remain out of sight and unused.

Failure to follow these expectations may result in parents/carers being contacted and sanctions being applied in line with the academy behaviour policy, including the temporary removal of mobile devices.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that this visit is both safe and successful for all students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Year 9 team.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C. Sidhu

Associate Assistant Principal

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