



Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been offered a fantastic opportunity to take part in a project in partnership with Higher Horizons, Stoke City FC and Staffordshire University. The programme is aimed at Year 10 learners to find out about careers within football and the pathways into them via Higher Education. Learners will use their core subject skills in three classroom sessions and take part in two football coaching sessions with Stoke City coaches as well as **visiting Staffordshire University and Stoke City FC on Thursday 19th March.**

We only have fifteen places available and have selected your child for this project based on their attitude to learning in several subjects linked to this project. The programme consists of an introduction, sports journalism, football analytics and football business. These sessions will include interactive activities that use English and Maths skills as well as looking at pathway routes into these sectors. Football coaching sessions will be delivered by Stoke City coaches giving students a flavour of a typical Football Education Academy course at FE level. The project completes with a visit day to both Stoke City FC and Staffordshire University which will consist of an additional coaching session as well as football pathways talk at Staffordshire University for a sports science taster session and campus tour. **We will aim to leave school at 8.45am by coach and plan to return to school for 3.10pm.**

Students do not need to wear school uniform, instead they will need to be in active wear. Students will also need to bring a packed lunch with them. Those who are eligible for Free School Meals will have a lunch provided for them.

The parental contribution for the trip/visit, including transport, is free.

To secure your child a place on this trip please sign up on the School Gateway App by Friday, 6th of March. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact information and medical details prior to the trip. You can inform us of any changes via the School Gateway App or at the Main office.

If you would like any further information about this project or would like to discuss this in more detail please let get in contact with school or email myself at daviesr@ruskin.cheshire.sch.uk. If you could please complete the consent form on gateway as soon as possible.

Please remember that a place on any school trip is subject to your child's continued good behaviour. In exceptional circumstances a place on a trip may be withdrawn, in which case any monies paid will be refunded in full. If you have any further queries regarding this trip, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss R.Davies

PE Lead

