



17th April 2026

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Dear Parent/Carer,

University of Essex – UCAS Superfair: Wednesday 10th June.

I am delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to attend a university 'Superfair' at Essex University. The trip will provide the students with an insight into university life and showcase the courses and institutions available through UCAS. This is an exciting opportunity for students which will provide an invaluable guide to their options beyond 18. There will also be an opportunity to connect with student ambassadors and find out what it is like to be a student at Essex University.

Students are expected to wear school uniform and are to behave in a way which reflects that they are representatives of the school. Students will need to take a packed lunch and refreshments for the day, as there will not be opportunity for them to buy lunch. Students in receipt of Sixth Form Bursary will have a lunch provided for them.

Students should arrive at school as normal and will have a personal statement prep session with Mrs Owen and Mrs Phillips until break time. After break they will be asked to come to SF1 where they will be briefed and registered. We will travel by coach to Colchester at approximately 11.25am and should return by 16.30pm traffic permitting.

The trip has been partly funded by Make Happen and partly funded by The Jack Petchey Foundation. We are very grateful for their support in helping to make this trip happen.

You will receive a notification from Evolve please ensure that consent is granted for this trip via Evolve/Southend Borough Council. Please ensure that you have consented to this trip by Friday 8th May. It is a compulsory trip as it is so useful to students' futures and will feed into their applications for their next steps after year 13.

I expect many of you will be undertaking campus visits with your child over the summer term and am sure that students will benefit from the opportunities provided by this visit and the chance to discuss their experiences with their peers. Above all, I am grateful for your continued support of your child in ensuring that they explore various options before making their final UCAS applications.

We will be running a parent and student information evening shortly to introduce the post 18 process; we will be in touch separately about this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Emily Owen
Assistant Headteacher – Head of Sixth Form