

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to invite Year 9 students to take part in an Aspiring Minds event at Winstanley College on **Monday 29th June 2026**.

This visit offers a valuable opportunity for students to experience a college environment first-hand, explore potential post-16 pathways, and begin thinking about their future education and career options. During the visit, students will take part in a range of engaging activities designed to raise aspirations, build confidence, and provide insight into life beyond secondary school. This experience supports our wider careers education programme by helping students make informed decisions about their next steps.

This trip is particularly beneficial for students who are starting to consider their options after Year 11, as well as those who would benefit from experiencing a new learning environment and developing their independence and confidence. It will also support students in understanding the expectations of college life and the opportunities available to them.

As places are limited, they will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will travel to and from Winstanley College by minibus, departing from the Deans Road entrance at **8:30am** and returning to school at approximately **1:00pm**. The schedule for the day will include a variety of activities such as campus tours, introductory sessions, and interactive workshops, giving students a well-rounded experience of college life.

Students must wear full school uniform. As they will return in time for lunch, normal lunch arrangements will apply. Consent for your child to participate must be completed via ParentPay. Places will only be confirmed once consent has been received.

We believe this will be a highly valuable and inspiring experience, supporting students as they begin to consider their future pathways and ambitions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

Miss K Aitken
Assistant Principal