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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thursday 11th June 2026

Over the next few weeks our year 10 students have been invited to take part in some taster sessions at our local Further Education partners. These sessions will involve year 10's going into colleges and having taster lessons in subjects they may wish to take when they leave us in just over a year's time.

These sessions give a fantastic insight into what college life is like, the standard and the make-up of lessons, help them get a feel for the campuses and get to meet current staff and students to ask questions and help make up their minds when it comes to application time in November/December.

Students became aware of these sessions during assemblies taken by representatives from our F.E partners and have chosen individually to apply for specific sessions at their college campuses of choice on the days set out below. These sessions will take place during school time and students will be transported there by coach or minibus and in all cases except those at Blackpool & Fylde College (morning only), lunch will be provided and they will return in time for the end of school.

Some of our year 10's applied for one, others have applied for two or three. Please can you liaise with your child to find out more about which ones they have applied to attend and what subjects they will be having tasters in and please fill in the reply slip at the bottom which covers consent to attend any of those listed below:

Tuesday 23rd June: 15 students to attend **Preston College** via school minibus:
9am departure 3 taster sessions, lunch provided and return by 14:30pm

Thursday 25th June: 90 students to attend **Blackpool & Fylde College** via coach:
9am departure 2 taster sessions in the morning back in time for normal lunch arrangements at 12pm.
(students who already attend B&FC for Compass Curriculum will not attend and go as normal in the afternoon)

Monday 6th July: 30 students to attend **Cardinal Newman College** via coach:
9am departure, 3 taster sessions selected by students given a specific QR code on a leaflet in form.
Lunch provided, students to return by 14:30pm

Tuesday 7th July: 90 students to attend **Blackpool Sixth Form College** via coach:
9am departure, 3 taster sessions throughout the day, lunch provided. Students have chosen in form whether to apply, what subjects to choose and what lunch they would like. 14:30pm return.

For further information please feel free to email Mr Hill (a.hill@armfield.fcat.org.uk)

Please can you complete the reply slip below to give permission for your child to attend the above event/s:

My child has applied to attend the year 10 taster events at: (please list below)

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I give my permission for them to be taken out of school on these days and attend the above events and supply the following important information:

Emergency contact on the day: Name:..... Phone Number:.....

Any specific dietary requirements :.....

Any medical/mobility needs on the day :.....

Signed : Date :

