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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 10 College Taster Days

I am writing to inform you about a series of college taster visits taking place this half term for Year 10 students at St Michael's Catholic Academy. These visits are an important part of our careers programme, providing students with the opportunity to experience a range of post-16 options before making their choices in Year 11.

The visits will take place at the following colleges:

- Hartlepool FE College Monday 22 June
- Stockton Sixth Form College Friday 26 June
- Middlesbrough College Monday 29 June
- Bede College Tuesday 30 June
- Stockton Riverside College Friday 3 July

Students must arrive at St Michael's at 8:40am for each visit, where they will be registered before departing at 9:00am. All visits will take place during the school day, and students will return to school by 3:20pm. Travel to all colleges will be via coach, with the exception of Bede College, where students will walk.

Students have already selected the courses they wish to try, and these have been allocated directly by the colleges. For safeguarding reasons, colleges are unable to make any changes to these allocations.

Lunch will be provided at each college. However, students are welcome to bring a packed lunch, snacks, or a small amount of money if they wish to use vending machines. Students are expected to be dressed appropriately for a college environment and may wear their own clothes. For some courses, specific clothing may be required, and I will share this information directly with students where necessary.

Students who require inhalers or EpiPens must carry these with them at all times. There will be qualified first aiders accompanying each visit to ensure that medical needs can be supported.

If you have not completed the 2025-26 annual indemnity consent for school trips and activities, you must also do so to enable your child to take part. **If consent is not provided, your child will not be able to attend the visits.** It is important that we hold the most up-to-date medical information for your child, please would you check in your Arbor Parent App. that the information is accurate and current.

These experiences are designed to broaden students' understanding of the opportunities available to them and to support them in making informed decisions about their futures. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Gilhooley
Careers Lead



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