12 June 2018 DH/RB

Dear Parent/Carer

Applying to Higher Education Information Evening – 6pm Wednesday 20 June 2018 Carre's Main School Hall

During the summer term Year 12 students will, with the help of the Sixth Form Team, be making decisions regarding their future after leaving the Sixth Form. Some students know definitely that they will be applying via UCAS for a place in Higher Education. Others will be undecided. In order to inform parents about this vital decision-making process and the UCAS application procedure I will be holding a meeting for parents. Students are welcome to attend the event. The evening will cover the following issues:

- Why go to University?
- Alternative options to Higher Education including apprenticeships and employment.
- The financial implications of Higher Education.
- The UCAS application procedure and key dates.
- How to choose the most appropriate course and institution.
- The personal statement and school reference.
- Question and Answer session.

Please complete and return the reply slip at the end of this letter regarding your intention to attend this event.

We have organised a number of events this term for all SJSF Year 12 students to help them to plan for their future career. We hope that you will support us and ensure that your son/daughter attends in order to take part in all these events. They include:

SJSF visits Friday 29 June:

- Nottingham University
- Lincoln College
- Bishop Grosseteste

All Year 12 students across the SJSF are expected to select and go on one of the Open Day visits. If your son/daughter is unable to attend please let Ms Brook, Sixth Form Administrator, know.

SJSF Work Experience Monday 16 July - Friday 20 July

All Year 12 students will take part in a work experience during the final week of the summer term. The great majority of students have managed to secure a placement. It will not be acceptable for any student to do nothing during that week. If your son/daughter is in a position where they have not yet been successful, it is vital that they make a real effort to continue their search and make contact with companies or organisations as soon as possible. You may have friends or family that could help with an introduction into their place of work? I hope that you will be able to encourage

your son/daughter in securing a work experience placement, which provides an invaluable opportunity for them to develop essential transferrable skills that can be evidenced on a CV in the future.

Sleaford Joint Sixth Form Career's Fair / Apprenticeship / UCAS Information Wednesday 11 July

This is a whole day event. We have invited a wide range of speakers to give presentations on Higher Education courses, apprenticeships and employment. In addition, we have a representative from the University of Nottingham to give a presentation to students on making a successful university application including the section that students find the most challenging - the personal statement. All students will have the opportunity to spend time at the 'Careers Fair' where over 60 different exhibitors from all aspects of the world of work and Higher Education will set up stalls for students to visit. Exhibitors will include, for example: NHS, Kirk's Vets, Ernst Young, Siemens, Frontier Outreach Gap Year, BBC, Q Hotels, Jaguar Land Rover, Not Going To Uni and Qube Global Software. In addition a variety of Higher Education establishments will be represented, including the universities of Leeds, Sheffield, Cambridge, Newcastle, Loughborough, East Anglia, Northumbria and Lincoln. Local colleges Grantham, Lincoln and Riseholme will have stands at the event and students will have the opportunity to find out about careers in the public services including the Army, Police, RAF and Royal Navy.

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Yours faithfully
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Mrs D Hickmore Director of Sixth Form (RCT)
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Please return to: Ms R Brook, Sixth Form Office, Carre's Grammar School
I will/will not* be attending the Higher Education information evening on Wednesday 20 June 2018 at 6pm. (* please delete as appropriate)
I will require 1 2 3 seats (please circle)

Name of Student Form