



# Icknield Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to offer your child a unique opportunity to be part of the *Reading University Scholars' Programme* 2018/19.

We have worked in partnership with the university previously, and are keen to extend the *Scholars' Programme* to more students this year than ever before. The *Reading Scholars' Programme* is a supportive and motivational course during which our students will visit Reading University five times between December 2018 and November 2019.

During these visits, your child will learn about the options available to them in further education (not just university courses), what life on a university campus is like and will also be given a mentor in the form of a Reading Undergraduate student. This mentor will support your son/daughter in their studies this year, and will be there to offer advice (they use an e-mentoring system where they stay in touch using email) throughout the year and beyond.

I have selected our ten students from Year 10 based on me knowing them, and that they have the right attitude and approach to really benefit from taking part. The programme is *completely free of charge*; we will pay for all transport costs and all events will happen during the hours of the school day.

The dates for this year's events are currently:

- Monday 17 December 2018
- Monday 11 February 2019 or Wednesday 13 February 2019
- Thursday 4 April 2019
- Tuesday 9 July 2019
- Thursday 3 October 2019

Should you have any further questions about this programme, or would like to discuss it further, please contact me on the school telephone number or by email on:

[matt.ford@icknield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:matt.ford@icknield.oxon.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully

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