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Dear Parent/Guardian

NCOP – Next steps for year 12.

The next steps for our selected year 12 students involved in the NCOP project will be coaching.

The NCOP Coaching programme

- Twenty eight student ambassadors from six universities have been trained for two days by Kaizen (<http://wearekaizen.co.uk/about/>) on how to coach young people.
- Kaizen will then spend a day with the young people (Year 12) to prepare them for the coaching process, and to find out about them individually so that they can make an informed decision about who best to match them with.
- Matching criteria might include such things such as gender, ethnicity, religion, out of school interests, subject interests, status (e.g. refugee/LAC), and geography (distance from the coaches' university or home to the school the young person attends).
- The matching process will take place at an evening event hosted by Kaizen when the young people and the coaches will be brought together for the first time.
- Subsequently the coach will meet the young person/people they have been matched with on the school premises about once a fortnight in term time. In the context of NCOP and the young people's progression journey, the main focus of the coaching will naturally be the process of applying to university, but it will be up to the coach and coachee to agree on what the young person wants to work on. The conversations between the coach and coachee are confidential, although the coach will discuss with their supervisory coaches any concerns they have in dealing with issues that arise and what might need to be raised with the school.
- We envisage the relationship lasting up until around Easter next year when there will be an official event to mark the end of the coaching programme. The current year 11 NCOP cohort will then become the focus for a new coaching programme.

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KEY EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

13th June - Year 12 - Coachee Training - 10am - 4pm - Kingston College

The plan is that NCOP organisers will provide under-graduate student coaches to meet students at CBSC and travel to Kingston College with them (via public transport). They will need to have their free travel passes with them. They will make their way to Kingston College for 10.00am. They will be dismissed from the college at 4pm to make their own way home. NCOP staff will be available to make sure they are happy with their planned route home. NB – a text will be sent before the event of the exact time and meeting place for year 12 students and the coaches.

27th June - Year 12 - Coaches/Coachee Matching Event - Western Hub (Hounslow & Sutton) - 5.30pm - 9pm - Kingston University

Our Year 12 students will already be familiar with the route and should be able to use their free travel passes. Their coaches/mentors will be there at the end to ensure that they all know where they are going and can get home ok.

Please note this is not a school organised trip and is part of the NCOP project. Students will be travelling independently to and from the events. If you have any concerns about this please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss alternatives.

More information about the NCOP project can be found here:
<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/sas/ncop/>

And here <http://aimhigherlondonsouth.org.uk/ncop/>

Yours Sincerely

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