

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **The Uni Connect programme**

The Uni Connect programme brings together 29 partnerships of universities, colleges and other local partners to deliver outreach programmes to young people within selected state schools aged 13 - 18.

Uni Connect focuses on 13-18 year olds living in particular geographic areas. The level of participation of young people aged 18 and 19 in higher education in England varies across the country. Uni Connect uses research on areas with an unexplained gap in participation to determine where investment can be targeted to boost the numbers of young people from these backgrounds going into all forms of higher education.

Uni Connect are working with Kettering Science Academy and are able to provide many opportunities for the students through a variety of activities including podiatry traineeships, community radio broadcasting, resilience workshops, confidence and aspiration raising sessions, STEAM Northants, car crash careers and funding transport to university and UCAS events for individual students.

As the partnership between Kettering Science Academy and Uni Connect continues, I am delighted to inform you that Ms Andrea Sze will start work at Kettering Science Academy as our Schools Coordinator. She will be based at the school on a part-time basis, and will be a key university contact at the school, coordinating engagement with externally delivered activities and will be working with staff and young people in the school, providing accurate and impartial information.

If a student is taking part in an outreach or recruitment activity, to ensure this and any further activities they take part in are useful, effective and reaching the right young people, certain data needs to be gathered. Please see the attached privacy notice that explains what data is shared by Kettering Science Academy and how the data is used.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Davies, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

Yours sincerely

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