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Dear parent/carer,

RE: Year 13 Student Finance Talk

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support at the start of this new school year. Our Year 13 students have made a brilliant start to the new academic year, quickly settling into our school routines and expectations, allowing them to make an excellent start to their last year here at St. Mary's. Your support in ensuring that your child's return to school in the Sixth Form has been so successful, and it has been hugely appreciated and highly valued.

I am writing to you today to inform that we are offering a talk on Student Finance for all Year 13 students and their parents/carers on **Wednesday 6th November 2024** from **4.30 pm – 5.00 pm** in school. This talk will be run by specialists in student finance from Newcastle University. The talk will give an overview of student loans, tuition fees, living costs, how to apply and repayment. It also covers where to find information bursaries, scholarships, special support grants and tips for budgeting. In addition, at the end of the session, there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have on student finance ahead of your child's potential UCAS applications and the Student Finance England applications opening in February 2025.

The talk, which will be taking place in the Main Hall of the school, is open to parents/carers and students in Year 13. If you wish to indicate you / your child are attending, please complete the following online form by the **end of Tuesday 5th November**.

<https://forms.office.com/e/6q5HKSJtuR>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mr Turnbull
Assistant Headteacher - Sixth Form

