



“Be Inspired & Achieve Together”

14th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Year 8 Media and Journalism Project, visit to Nottingham Trent University 12th October 2022

I am delighted to announce that this year we will be working jointly with the Nottingham Trent University team and setting up a journalism project for a group of 30 students. This is an exciting opportunity for our Year 8 students who have a keen interest in learning about media and journalism.

Nottingham Trent University has one of the biggest journalism departments in the country with hundreds of students studying on their undergraduate and masters courses. Their graduates go on to work for some of the most recognisable media brands in the world including the BBC and Sky, and many national newspapers.

The project will begin with a visit to the city campus at Nottingham Trent University on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**. Students will be given a tour of the university's industry-standard facilities, including the impressive Newton building, before taking part in a journalism skills workshop led by a journalism tutor. There will also be the chance to meet and speak with current university students about their experiences.

The university's senior lecturer in journalism, Jonny Greatrex will then follow up on our visit with a series of in-school sessions to support pupils as they produce a student-led news publication for Arnold Hill. The aim of the project is to use journalism to boost the skills, confidence, aspirations, and media literacy of the students who take part. Students are expected to be committed to an interest in the media and journalism throughout the duration of the project.

The cost of the visit is £10.00; this includes return travel by coach.

Students will attend their morning lessons as normal and are expected to wear their full school uniform. After they have eaten lunch students will meet at 12.30pm in the Year 8 line up area for registration, and we will leave school promptly at 12.45pm. Depending on the traffic on our journey home, we expect to return to the Academy by 3.30pm. Students will then make their way safely home following their usual arrangements. A member of our staff will remain with the group until all of the students have either left or been collected.

If your child would like to be considered for a place on this visit we require **both** of the following **by Friday 23rd September** :

1. Payment of £10 through [SCOPAY](#) AND;
2. A parental consent form completed electronically using the link below

<https://forms.gle/NW9P9Jg2XfUZSp738>

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding you can request assistance with the cost of this visit by sending an email to finance@arnoldhillacademy.co.uk

There are a limited number of places available and should the visit be oversubscribed, we will select names randomly after the closing date. If a place for your child is confirmed, you will be notified in writing. If we are unable to confirm a place for your child, we will refund your payment and write to you to offer them a place on the reserve list. We appreciate that this may sometimes result in disappointment but we are limited by staffing constraints, costs to parents, venue capacity and external factors outside of our control.

Any monies paid may be non-refundable should your child withdraw or be removed from the visit and we are unable to fill the place. We reserve the right to exclude from this visit, at any point, any student whose behaviour gives us cause for concern.

Yours faithfully

Jordan Phillips
Head of Year 8