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Dear Families

Event: "Why go to university?" - University of Suffolk talk with input from local high schools and Thurston Sixth

**Dates: Thursday 1 May 2025, 18:30 at Thurston Sixth (Beyton Campus) or
Thursday 8 May 2025, 18:30 at Stowupland Sixth Form Centre**

Our three high schools are committed to the local offer of high-quality post-16 education and are working together, and with the University of Suffolk, to make this a reality for our students.

We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for students in Year 10, and their families, to find out more about attending university, what the benefits are and what support is available to reach this destination, overcoming any challenges, and how to succeed and thrive in the environment.

The evening will be led by colleagues at the University of Suffolk, who will be joined by some of their Student Ambassadors, who will speak about the university experience, the benefits and how to address some of the challenges it may appear to present.

Members of the Thurston Sixth team will also be available to discuss what support is given to students in Years 12 and 13 to help make the transition to university or alternative pathways which include degree level apprenticeships. Colleagues from Stowmarket and Stowupland High Schools and Thurston Community College will also be able to advise students and parents/carers about the support available throughout their GCSE studies to make informed choices about successful future pathways.

We hope this evening will be of interest to you and your child, it might be that they are already thinking about a career which requires a degree, that they have never thought about attending university or are quite uncertain about their future; it will be useful for everyone!

You are welcome to attend either evening, regardless of which school your child attends, the same presentation will be repeated on both evenings. We request that you complete this [form](#) in order to allow us to plan to expected numbers. If you have any questions about the evening, please contact your child's school directly.

Yours sincerely

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