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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Year 5 Experience Day

As University Academy Long Sutton (UALS) continues to thrive, the school has seen a significant and sustained increase in applications, with admissions increasingly filled with first-choice preferences and the Academy now becoming oversubscribed. In response to this positive development, it is both timely and appropriate to further strengthen community engagement and offer prospective students and families the opportunity to experience first-hand the distinctive ethos, values, and opportunities available at UALS.

Transitioning from primary to secondary education is a pivotal and sometimes challenging time for families, as they navigate the important decision of selecting the right school for their child. A Year 5 Experience Day is proposed as an effective and supportive initiative to assist families in making well-informed choices about their child's future educational setting.

Aims of the Year 5 Experience Day:

- **To promote the Academy's strengths:** Through a carefully planned programme of engaging, interactive, and enjoyable activities, the day will showcase the high-quality teaching, excellent facilities, and diverse curriculum that UALS offers.
- **To strengthen community and primary school partnerships:** By inviting local primary schools to participate, UALS will continue to nurture positive relationships within the wider educational community and demonstrate its commitment to collaborative working.
- **To support informed decision-making:** Providing prospective students and their families with early insight into life at UALS will help alleviate anxieties surrounding the transition process, giving them confidence and clarity when it comes time to select their preferred secondary school.
- **To celebrate the Academy's inclusive and aspirational ethos:** The day will reflect the welcoming, supportive, and aspirational environment for which UALS is known, ensuring that every child feels valued and inspired.

In addition to providing an enjoyable and memorable experience for Year 5 pupils, this initiative aligns with the Academy's strategic priorities of broadening outreach, maintaining high demand for places, and ensuring that the local community is fully aware of the excellent opportunities available to their children.

In conclusion, the proposed Year 5 Experience Day represents a valuable opportunity to celebrate and promote the Academy's ongoing success, whilst playing a meaningful role in supporting families during an important stage in their child's educational journey.

Yours faithfully

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