



The Astley Cooper School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher: Edward Gaynor

Over the last few years, The Astley Cooper School has been working with Hertfordshire University through the 'Aspire Higher' programme. The programme seeks to promote higher education participation by providing support and delivering outreach programmes for students in secondary schools. Previously the programme has provided or made available:

- Support in the classroom for Year 11 students with intervention sessions
- University campus visits for Year 10 students
- Funding for exam preparations sessions
- Year 11 and Year 13 'Results Day' support
- Year 9 Pathfinder day
- Staff and parent/carer training
- Residential trips to University
- Theatre performance tickets
- Support in our school Careers Fair
- School assembly sessions

After the current lockdown, we are beginning to see more projects being offered from Aspire Higher online and I would like to draw your attention to the following.

Fantastic Subjects

This is a virtual event for Year 10 and Year 11 students on 25 February from 4:00 to 6:30 pm titled 'Fantastic Subjects and Where to Find Them'.

This event will give students an insight into a wide range of different subjects available at university. Whether they are considering university or not, there will be some surprising and interesting subjects they might not have heard of.

Students can sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3983ATD>

Wednesday Webinars

From now until March 2021, we will be delivering a bi-weekly webinars for all parents and carers with a child in Year 9 -13.

The topics we will covered will be:

Date	Topic
24 February 2021	Student Finance
10 March 2021	Routes into HE
24 March 2021	Labour Market information and The Pay Index

To sign up please register on event bright using the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wednesday-webinar-aspire-higher-tickets-137200938701>

We do hope you find these sessions useful and we will let you know of other events and sessions available in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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