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Pennaeth Mr M Vickery Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

.....has been selected for a More Able and Talented (MAT) workshop at Theatre Clwyd on Tuesday 11th December. The workshop is called 'Talk about my MAT future' and is aimed at the top performing Year 9 students who have the potential to attend a Russell Group or Sutton Trust university.

The Russell Group represent 24 of the most prestigious universities in the country. They are committed to maintaining the best research and offering an outstanding teaching and learning experience. The Sutton Trust is an educational charity which aims to improve social mobility and address educational disadvantage. The Sutton Trust 30 includes the top 30 universities which are the most highly selective but actively look to attract students from disadvantaged, less wealthy backgrounds. There is a considerable overlap between these two groups.

The workshop will include MAT students from across Wrexham and Flintshire. This is a fantastic opportunity to motivate and raise the aspirations of our most able students. The workshop will equip students with advanced communication skills; develop understanding of presentation and interview skills; and boost confidence and self-esteem.

We will be travelling by minibus, leaving school at 8.30 am and returning by 3.30. As we will be leaving before the start of the school day and arriving home after the end of the school day, alternative transport arrangements will need to be made for those students who use school transport. Students will need to wear full, correct school uniform and bring a packed lunch and a drink.

All students attending also need to complete a preparation task in advance of the workshop day. This needs to be given to me on Monday 10th December. If you would like your child to attend, please could you complete the accompanying form and return it to me with the preparation task on Monday 10th December.

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Name..... Form.....

I **would/would not** (delete as appropriate) like my child to attend the MAT workshop at Theatre Clwyd on Tuesday 11th December.

I understand that students who usually use school transport to and from school will need to have alternative transport arrangements in place for this day.

I will ensure that my child completes the preparation task in advance and returns it to school on Monday 10th December.

Signed.....

